

**PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2017**

**REFUNDING ISSUE  
SERIAL BONDS**

**See “RATING” herein  
BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY**

*In the opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, Bond Counsel to the District, under existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance with certain tax certifications described herein, (i) interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and (ii) interest on the Bonds is not treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations under the Code, and is not included in the adjusted current earnings of certain corporations for purposes of calculating the alternative minimum tax imposed on such corporations. In addition, in the opinion of Bond Counsel to the District, under existing statutes, interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal income taxes of New York State and its political subdivisions, including The City of New York. See “Tax Matters” herein.*

*The District will not designate the Bonds as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” pursuant to the provisions of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.*

**HEWLETT-WOODMERE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**\$11,975,000\***

**SCHOOL DISTRICT REFUNDING SERIAL BONDS – 2017  
(the “Bonds”)**

**Dated: Date of Delivery**

**Due: November 1, 2017-2024**

The Bonds are general obligations of Hewlett-Woodmere Union Free School District, Nassau County, New York (the “District”), and all of the taxable real property within the District is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Bonds and interest thereon, subject to certain statutory limitations imposed by Chapter 97 of the New York Laws of 2011, as amended (the “Tax Levy Limit Law”). (See “*Tax Levy Limit Law*” herein.)

The Bonds will be dated their date of delivery, will bear interest from such date payable November 1, 2017 and semiannually thereafter on each May 1 and November 1 until maturity and will mature on November 1 in the years and in the amounts as set forth on the inside cover page hereof. The Bonds are not subject to optional redemption prior to maturity. (See “*Optional Redemption*” herein.)

The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, which will act as the securities depository for the Bonds. Individual purchases may be made in book-entry form only, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the Bonds. Payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made by the District to DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its participants for subsequent disbursement to the beneficial owners of the Bonds as described herein. (See “*Book-Entry-Only System*” herein.)

Capital Markets Advisors, LLC has served as Municipal Advisor to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

The Bonds are offered when, as, and if issued by the District and accepted by the purchaser, subject to the final approving opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, New York, New York, Bond Counsel, and certain other conditions. It is expected that delivery of the Bonds will be made on October 17, 2017.

THIS PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT IS IN A FORM “DEEMED FINAL” BY THE DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECURITY AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15c2-12 (THE “RULE”). FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE CITY’S AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE FOR THE NOTES AS DESCRIBED IN THE RULE, SEE “DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING” HEREIN.

Dated: September \_\_, 2017

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\*Preliminary, subject to change.

This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained in it are subject to completion and amendment in a final Official Statement. This Preliminary Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, and there may not be any sale of the Bonds offered by this Preliminary Official Statement, in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to the registration or qualification under the securities laws of that jurisdiction.

The Bonds will mature on November 1 in the years and amounts as set forth below:

| <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> |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 2017        | \$ 240,000               | %                    | %            | 2021        | \$ 1,915,000             | %                    | %            |
| 2018        | 165,000                  |                      |              | 2022        | 1,940,000                |                      |              |
| 2019        | 1,855,000                |                      |              | 2023        | 1,970,000                |                      |              |
| 2020        | 1,885,000                |                      |              | 2024        | 2,005,000                |                      |              |

\* The principal amounts of the Bonds are subject to adjustment following the sale of the Bonds, pursuant to the terms of the accompanying Notice of Sale.

**HEWLETT-WOODMERE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**2016-17 BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Scott McInnes  
President**

Cheryl May ..... Vice President  
Jonathan Altus ..... Trustee  
Melissa Gates. .... Trustee  
Mitchell A. Greebel ..... Trustee  
Daniella R. Simon ..... Trustee  
Stephen B. Witt ..... Trustee

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Dr. Ralph Marino, Jr..... Superintendent of Schools  
Louis S. Frontario..... Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Laurie SanPhillipo..... District Treasurer  
Barbara Randazzo..... District Clerk

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**BOND COUNSEL**

**HAWKINS DELAFIELD & WOOD LLP  
New York, New York**

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**MUNICIPAL ADVISOR**



**CAPITAL MARKETS ADVISORS, LLC  
Hudson Valley \* Long Island \* New York City \* Southern Tier \* Western New York  
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No dealer, broker, salesman or other person has been authorized by the District to give any information or to make any representations, other than those contained in this Official Statement and if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the foregoing. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Bonds by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation or sale. The information set forth herein has been obtained by the District from sources which are believed to be reliable but it 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 circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the District since the date hereon.

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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

**HEWLETT-WOODMERE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**Relating to**

**\$11,975,000\***

**SCHOOL DISTRICT REFUNDING SERIAL BONDS - 2017  
(the "Bonds")**

This Official Statement, which includes the cover page, inside cover page and appendices hereto, presents certain information relating to Hewlett-Woodmere Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, in the State of New York (the "District", "County" and "State," respectively) in connection with the sale of \$11,975,000\* School District Refunding Serial Bonds – 2017 (the "Bonds").

All quotations from and summaries and explanations of provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State and acts and proceedings of the District contained herein do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the official compilations thereof and all references to the Bonds and the proceedings of the District relating thereto are qualified in their entirety by reference to the definitive form of the Bonds and such proceedings.

**THE BONDS**

***Description of the Bonds***

The Bonds will be dated their date of delivery, will bear interest from such date payable November 1, 2017 and semiannually thereafter on each May 1 and November 1 until maturity and will mature on November 1 in the years and in the amounts as set forth on the inside cover page hereof. The Bonds are not subject to optional redemption prior to maturity.

The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Individual purchases may be made in book-entry form only, in the principal amount of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Bonds.

Principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made by the District to DTC, which will in turn remit such principal of and interest on to its Participants (defined herein), for subsequent disbursement to the Beneficial Owners (defined herein) of the Bonds as described herein. The Bonds may be transferred in the manner described on the Bonds and as referenced in certain proceedings of the District referred to therein.

The record date for payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds will be the fifteenth calendar day of the month preceding each interest payment date.

***Authorization and the Refunding Plan for the Bonds***

The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution, the statutes of the State, including, among others, the Local Finance Law, including particularly Section 90.00, and the Education Law. The Bonds are being issued pursuant to a refunding bond resolution duly adopted by the Board of Education (the "Board") on August 8, 2017.

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\* Preliminary, subject to change.

The Bonds are being issued to refund up to \$11,305,000 outstanding principal of the District’s School District Serial Bonds – 2009 which mature in the years 2019 to 2024, inclusive (the “Refunded Bonds”). The Refunded Bonds were issued in the original principal amount of \$24,800,000. Under the Refunding Plan, the Refunded Bonds are to be called and redeemed on November 1, 2018. The net proceeds of the Bonds (after payment of the underwriting fee and other costs of issuance relating to the Bonds) will be used to purchase non-callable, direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America (the “Government Obligations”) which, together with remaining cash proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, will be placed in an irrevocable trust fund (the “Escrow Fund”) to be held by Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, (the “Escrow Holder”), a bank located and authorized to do business in the State, pursuant to the terms of an escrow contract by and between the District and the Escrow Holder, dated as of the delivery date of the Bonds (the “Escrow Contract”). The Government Obligations so deposited will mature in amounts which, together with the cash so deposited, will be sufficient to pay the principal of, interest on and applicable redemption premium of the Refunded Bonds on the date of their redemption.

The holders of the Refunded Bonds will have a first lien on all investment income from, and maturing principal of the Government Obligations, along with other available monies held in the Escrow Fund. The Escrow Contract shall terminate upon final payment by the Escrow Holder to the paying agents/fiscal agent for the Refunded Bonds amounts from the Escrow Fund adequate for the payment, in full, of the Refunded Bonds, including interest and the redemption premium payable with respect thereto.

The Refunding Plan will permit the District to realize, as a result of the issuance of the Bonds, cumulative dollar and present value debt service savings.

Under the Refunding Plan, the Refunded Bonds will continue to be general obligations of the District. However, inasmuch as the Government Obligations held in the Escrow Fund will be sufficient to meet all required payments of principal, interest and redemption premium requirements when required in accordance with the Refunding Plan, it is not anticipated that any other source of payment will be required.

Refunded Bonds:

| <u>Maturity Date</u> | <u>Principal*</u>   | <u>Interest Rate</u> | <u>Redemption Date/Price</u> | <u>CUSIP</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| November 1, 2019     | \$ 1,705,000        | 3.250%               | November 1, 2018 @ 100%      | 428246 EU2   |
| November 1, 2020     | 1,770,000           | 4.000                | November 1, 2018 @ 100%      | 428246 EV0   |
| November 1, 2021     | 1,845,000           | 4.000                | November 1, 2018 @ 100%      | 428246 EW8   |
| November 1, 2022     | 1,915,000           | 4.000                | November 1, 2018 @ 100%      | 428246 EX6   |
| November 1, 2023     | 1,995,000           | 4.000                | November 1, 2018 @ 100%      | 428246 EY4   |
| November 1, 2024     | <u>2,075,000</u>    | 4.250                | November 1, 2018 @ 100%      | 428246 EZ1   |
| Total:               | <u>\$11,305,000</u> |                      |                              |              |

\* Preliminary, subject to change.

**Sources and Uses of Proceeds**

|                                   |        |    |
|-----------------------------------|--------|----|
| Sources:                          |        |    |
| Refunding Bond Proceeds:          |        |    |
| Par Amount                        |        | \$ |
| Original Issue Premium (Discount) |        |    |
|                                   | Total: |    |
| Uses:                             |        |    |
| Refunding Escrow Deposits:        |        | \$ |
| Delivery Date Expenses:           |        |    |
| Costs of Issuance and Contingency |        |    |
| Underwriter’s Discount            |        |    |
|                                   | Total: | \$ |

**Verification of Mathematical Computations**

Causey Demgen & Moore P.C. will verify based upon the information provided to them, the mathematical accuracy, as of the date of the closing of the Bonds, of: (1) the computations contained in the provided schedules to determine that the anticipated receipts from the Government Obligations and cash deposits listed in the provided schedules, to be held in escrow, will be sufficient to pay, when due, the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and (2) the computations of the yield on both the Government Obligations and the Bonds contained in the provided schedules to be used by Bond Counsel in its determination that the interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for Federal income tax purposes.

**Optional Redemption**

The Bonds will be subject to redemption prior to maturity.

**Nature of Obligation**

Each Bond when duly issued and paid for will constitute a contract between the District and the holder thereof.

The Bonds will be general obligations of the District and will contain a pledge of the faith and credit of the District for the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. For the payment of such principal and interest the District has power and statutory authorization to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable real property in the District without limitation as to rate or amount.

Under the Constitution of the State, the District is required to pledge its faith and credit for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and the State is specifically precluded from restricting the power of the District to levy taxes on real estate therefor. Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011, as amended, (the “Tax Levy Limit Law”) imposes a limitation on the power of local governments and school districts, including the District, to increase their annual tax levy. The Tax Levy Limit Law also provides the procedural method to overcome that limitation. However, the Tax Levy Limit Law expressly provides an exclusion from the annual tax levy limitation for any taxes levied to pay the local share of debt service on bonds or notes issued to finance voter approved capital expenditures, or the refinancing or refunding of such bonds or notes. As the Bonds are being issued to refinance obligations issued to finance voter approved capital expenditures, the Bonds qualify for such exclusion to the annual tax levy limitation. (See “*The Tax Levy Limit Law*” herein.)

## REMEDIES UPON DEFAULT

Neither the Bonds, nor the proceedings with respect thereto, specifically provide any remedies which would be available to owners of the Bonds should the District default in the payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds, nor do they contain any provisions for the appointment of a trustee to enforce the interests of the owners of the Bonds upon the occurrence of any such default. The Bonds are general obligation contracts between the District and the owners for which the faith and credit of the District are pledged and while remedies for enforcement of payment are not expressly included in the District's contract with such owners, any permanent repeal by statute or constitutional amendment of a bondholder's remedial right to judicial enforcement of the contract should, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, be held unconstitutional.

Upon default in the payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds at the suit of the owner, a Court has the power, in proper and appropriate proceedings, to render judgment against the District. The present statute limits interest on the amount adjudged due to contract creditors to nine per centum per annum from the date due to the date of payment. As a general rule, property and funds of a municipal corporation serving the public welfare and interest have not been judicially subjected to execution or attachment to satisfy a judgment. A Court also has the power, in proper and appropriate proceedings, to order payment of a judgment on such bonds or notes from funds lawfully available therefor or, in the absence thereof, to order the District to take all lawful action to obtain the same, including the raising of the required amount in the next annual tax levy. In exercising its discretion as to whether to issue such an order, the Court may take into account all relevant factors, including the current operating needs of the District and the availability and adequacy of other remedies. Upon any default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds, the owners of such Bonds could, among other remedies, seek to obtain a writ of mandamus from a Court ordering the governing body of the District to assess, levy and collect an ad valorem tax, upon all taxable property of the District subject to taxation by the District sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same shall come due and payable (and interest from the due date to date of payment) and otherwise to observe the covenants contained in the Bonds and the proceedings with respect thereto all of which are included in the contract with the owners of the Bonds. The mandamus remedy, however, may be impracticable and difficult to enforce. Further, the right to enforce payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws and equitable principles, which may limit the specific enforcement of certain remedies.

In 1976, the New York Court of Appeals, the State's highest court, held in *Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York*, 40 N.Y.2d 731 (1976), that the New York State legislation purporting to postpone the payment of debt service on New York City obligations was an unconstitutional moratorium in violation of the New York State constitutional faith and credit mandate included in all municipal debt obligations. While that case can be viewed as a precedent for protecting the remedies of Bondholders, there can be no assurance as to what a Court may determine with respect to future events, including financial crises as they may occur in the State and in municipalities of the State, that require the exercise by the State of its emergency and police powers to assure the continuation of essential public services. (See also, *Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York*, 41 N.Y.2d 644 (1977), where the Court of Appeals described the pledge as a direct Constitutional mandate.)

As a result of the Court of Appeals decision, the constitutionality of that portion of Title 6-A of Article 2 of the Local Finance Law enacted at the 1975 Extraordinary Session of the State legislature authorizing any county, city, town or village with respect to which the State has declared a financial emergency to petition the State Supreme Court to stay the enforcement against such municipality of any claim for payment relating to any contract, debt or obligation of the municipality during the emergency period, is subject to doubt. In any event, no such emergency has been declared with respect to the District.

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2 of the State Constitution, the District is required to provide an annual appropriation of monies for the payment of due and payable principal of and interest on indebtedness. Specifically this constitutional provision states: "If at any time the respective appropriating authorities shall fail to make such appropriations, a sufficient sum shall be set apart from the first revenues thereafter received and shall be applied to such purposes. The fiscal officer of any county, city, town, village or school district may be required to set aside and apply such revenues as aforesaid at the suit of any holder of obligations issued for any such indebtedness." This constitutes a specific non-exclusive constitutional remedy against a defaulting municipality or school district; however, it does not apply in a context in which monies have been appropriated for debt service but the



appropriating authorities decline to use such monies to pay debt service. However, Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State also provides that the fiscal officer of any county, city, town, village or school district may be required to set apart and apply such revenues at the suit of any holder of any obligations of indebtedness issued with the pledge of the faith of the credit of such political subdivision. In *Quirk v. Municipal Assistance Corp.*, 41 N.Y.2d 644 (1977), the Court of Appeals described this as a "first lien" on revenues, but one that does not give holders a right to any particular revenues. It should thus be noted that the pledge of the faith and credit of a political subdivision in the State is a pledge of an issuer of a general obligation bond or note to use its general revenue powers, including, but not limited to, its property tax levy, to pay debt service on such obligations, but that such pledge may or may not be interpreted by a court of competent jurisdiction to include a constitutional or statutory lien upon any particular revenues. The Constitutional provision providing for first revenue set asides does not apply to tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes or bond anticipation notes.

While the courts in the State have historically been protective of the rights of holders of general obligation debt of political subdivisions, it is not possible to predict what a future court might hold.

In prior years, certain events and legislation affecting a holder's remedies upon default have resulted in litigation. While courts of final jurisdiction have generally upheld and sustained the rights of bondholders and/or noteholders, such courts might hold that future events, including a financial crisis as such may occur in the State or in political subdivisions of the State, may require the exercise by the State or its political subdivisions of emergency and police powers to assure the continuation of essential public services prior to the payment of debt service.

### **SECTION 99-B OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW**

Section 99-b of the State Finance Law (the "SFL") provides for a covenant between the State and the purchasers and the holders and owners from time to time of the bonds and notes issued by school districts in the State for school purposes that it will not repeal, revoke or rescind the provisions of Section 99-b of the SFL, or amend or modify the same so as to limit, impair or impede the rights and remedies granted thereby.

Said section provides that in the event a holder or owner of any bond or note issued by a school district for school purposes shall file with the State Comptroller, a verified statement describing such bond or note and alleging default in the payment thereof or the interest thereon or both, it shall be the duty of the State Comptroller to immediately investigate the circumstances of the alleged default and prepare and file in his office a certificate setting forth his determinations with respect thereto and to serve a copy thereof by registered mail upon the chief fiscal officer of the school district which issued the bond or note. Such investigation by the State Comptroller shall set forth a description of all such bonds and notes of the school district found to be in default and the amount of principal and interest thereon past due.

Upon the filing of such a certificate in the office of the State Comptroller, he shall thereafter deduct and withhold from the next succeeding allotment, apportionment or payment of such State aid or assistance due to such school district such amount thereof as may be required to pay (a) the school district's contribution to the State Teachers' Retirement System, and (b) the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes of such school district then in default. In the event such State aid or assistance initially so withheld shall be insufficient to pay said amounts in full, the State Comptroller shall similarly deduct and withhold from each succeeding allotment, apportionment or payment of such State aid or assistance due such school district such amount or amounts thereof as may be required to cure such default. Allotments, apportionments and payments of such State aid so deducted or withheld by the State Comptroller for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds and notes shall be forwarded promptly to the paying agent or agents for the bonds and notes in default of such school district for the sole purpose of the payment of defaulted principal of and interest on such bonds or notes. If any such successive allotments, apportionments or payment of such State aid so deducted or withheld shall be less than the amount of all principal and interest on the bonds and notes in default with respect to which the same was so deducted or withheld, then the State Comptroller shall promptly forward to each paying agent an amount in the proportion that the amount of such bonds and notes in default payable to such paying agent bears to the total amount of the principal and interest then in default on such bonds and notes of such school district. The State Comptroller shall promptly notify the chief fiscal officer of such school district of any payment or payments made to any paying agent or agents of defaulted bonds or notes pursuant to said section of the SFL.

### ***No Past Due Debt***

No principal or interest payment on District indebtedness is past due. The District has never defaulted in the payment of the principal of and/or interest on any indebtedness.

### ***Bankruptcy***

The Federal Bankruptcy Code (Chapter IX) allows public bodies, such as municipalities, recourse to the protection of a Federal Court for the purpose of adjusting outstanding indebtedness. Title 6-A of the Local Finance Law specifically authorizes any municipality in the State or its emergency control board to file a petition under any provision of Federal bankruptcy law for the composition or adjustment of municipal indebtedness. While this Local Finance Law provision does not apply to school districts, there can be no assurance that it will not become applicable in the future. As such, the undertakings of the District should be considered with reference, specifically, to Chapter IX, and, in general, to other bankruptcy laws affecting creditors' rights and municipalities. Bankruptcy proceedings by the District if authorized by the State in the future could have adverse effects on bondholders and/or noteholders including (a) delay in the enforcement of their remedies, (b) subordination of their claims to those supplying goods and services to the District after the initiation of bankruptcy proceedings and to the administrative expenses of bankruptcy proceedings and (c) imposition without their consent of a reorganization plan reducing or delaying payment of the Bonds.

The above references to said Chapter IX are not to be construed as an indication that the State will consent in the future to the right of the District to file a petition with any United States district court or court of bankruptcy under any provision of the laws of the United States, now or hereafter in effect for the composition or adjustment of municipal indebtedness or that the District is currently considering or expects to resort to the provisions of Chapter IX if authorized to do so in the future.

### **BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM**

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

DTC, the world's largest 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 2 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments from over 85 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, in turn, is owned by a number of Direct Participants of DTC and Members of the National Securities Clearing Corporation, Government Securities Clearing Corporation, MBS Clearing Corporation, and Emerging Markets Clearing Corporation, (NSCC, GSCC, MBSCC, and EMCC, also subsidiaries of DTCC), as well as by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange LLC, and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com).

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

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

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

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

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

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

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

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

Source: The Depository Trust Company

## **MARKET MATTERS AFFECTING FINANCINGS OF THE MUNICIPALITIES OF THE STATE**

There are certain potential risks associated with an investment in the Bonds, and investors should be thoroughly familiar with this Official Statement, including its appendices, in order to make an informed investment decision. Investors should consider, in particular, the following factors:

The District's credit rating could be affected by circumstances beyond the District's control. Economic conditions such as the rate of unemployment and inflation, termination of commercial operations by corporate taxpayers and employers, as well as natural catastrophes, could adversely affect the assessed valuation of District property and its ability to maintain fund balances and other statistical indices commensurate with its current credit rating. As a consequence, a decline in the District's credit rating could adversely affect the market value of the Bonds.

If and when an owner of any of the Bonds should elect to sell all or a part of the Bonds prior to maturity, there can be no assurance that a market will have been established, maintained and continue in existence for the purchase and sale of any of those Bonds. The market value of the Bonds is dependent upon the ability of holder to potentially incur a capital loss if such Bonds are sold prior to its maturity.

There can be no assurance that adverse events including, for example, the seeking by another municipality in the State or elsewhere of remedies pursuant to the Federal Bankruptcy Act or otherwise, will not occur which might affect the market price of and the market for the Bonds. In particular, if a significant default or other financial crisis should occur in the affairs of the State or any of its municipalities, public authorities or other political subdivisions thereby possibly further impairing the acceptability of obligations issued by those entities, both the ability of the District to arrange for additional borrowing(s) as well as the market for and market value of outstanding debt obligations, including the Bonds, could be adversely affected.

The District is dependent in part upon financial assistance from the State in the form of State aid as well as grants and loans to be received ("State Aid"). The District's receipt of State aid may be delayed as a result of the State's failure to adopt its budget timely and/or to appropriate State Aid to municipalities and school districts. Should the District fail to receive all or a portion of the amounts of State Aid expected to be received from the State in the amounts and at the times anticipated, occasioned by a delay in the payment of such moneys or by a reduction in State Aid or its elimination, the District is authorized pursuant to the Local Finance Law ("LFL") to provide operating funds by borrowing in anticipation of the receipt of such uncollected State Aid, however, there can be no assurance that, in such event, the District will have market access for any such borrowing on a cost effective basis. The elimination of or any substantial reduction in State Aid would likely have a materially adverse effect upon the District requiring either a counterbalancing increase in revenues from other sources to the extent available or a curtailment of expenditures. (See also "*State Aid*" herein.)

Future amendments to applicable statutes whether enacted by the State or the United States of America affecting the treatment of interest paid on municipal obligations, including the Notes, for income taxation purposes could have an adverse effect on the market value of the Bonds (see "*Tax Matters*" herein).

The enactment of the Tax Levy Limit Law, which imposes a tax levy limitation upon municipalities, school districts and fire districts in the State, including the District, without providing exclusion for debt service on obligations issued by municipalities and fire districts, may affect the market price and/or marketability for the Bonds. (See "*The Tax Levy Limit Law*" herein.)

Federal or State legislation imposing new or increased mandatory expenditures by municipalities, school districts and fire districts in the State, including the District could impair the financial condition of such entities, including the District and the ability of such entities, including the District to pay debt service on the Bonds.

## **LITIGATION**

In common with other school districts, the District from time to time receives notices of claim and is party to litigation. In the opinion of the Attorney for the District, unless otherwise set forth herein and apart from matters

provided for by applicable insurance coverage, there are no claims or actions pending which, if determined against the District, would have an adverse material effect on the financial condition of the District.

## **TAX MATTERS**

### ***Opinion of Bond Counsel***

In the opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, Bond Counsel to the District, under existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance with certain tax certifications described herein, (i) interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and (ii) interest on the Bonds is not treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations under the Code; such interest, however, is not included in the adjusted current earnings of certain corporations for purposes of calculating the alternative minimum tax imposed on such corporations. The Tax Certificate of the District (the “Tax Certificate”), which will be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds will contain provisions and procedures relating to compliance with applicable requirements of the Code. In rendering its opinion, Bond Counsel has relied on certain representations, certifications of fact, and statements of reasonable expectations made by the District in connection with the Bonds, and Bond Counsel has assumed compliance by the District with certain ongoing provisions and procedures set forth in the Tax Certificate relating to compliance with applicable requirements of the Code to assure the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income under Section 103 of the Code.

In addition, in the opinion of Bond Counsel to the District, under existing statutes, interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal income taxes of New York State and its political subdivisions, including The City of New York.

Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any other Federal or state tax consequences with respect to the Bonds. Bond Counsel renders its opinion under existing statutes and court decisions as of the issue date, and assumes no obligation to update, revise or supplement its opinion after the issue date to reflect any action hereafter taken or not taken, or any facts or circumstances that may hereafter come to its attention, or changes in law or in interpretations thereof that may hereafter occur, or for any other reason. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion on the effect of any action hereafter taken or not taken in reliance upon an opinion of other counsel on the exclusion from gross income for Federal income tax purposes of interest on the Bonds, or under state and local tax law.

### ***Certain Ongoing Federal Tax Requirements and Certifications***

The Code establishes certain ongoing requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds in order that interest on the Bonds be and remain excluded from gross income under Section 103 of the Code. These requirements include, but are not limited to, requirements relating to use and expenditure of gross proceeds of the Bonds, yield and other restrictions on investments of gross proceeds, and the arbitrage rebate requirement that certain excess earnings on gross proceeds be rebated to the Federal government. Noncompliance with such requirements may cause interest on the Bonds to become included in gross income for Federal income tax purposes retroactive to their issue date, irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs or is discovered. The District, in executing the Tax Certificate, will certify to the effect that the District will comply with the provisions and procedures set forth therein and that it will do and perform all acts and things necessary or desirable to assure the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income under Section 103 of the Code.

### ***Certain Collateral Federal Tax Consequences***

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

Prospective owners of the Bonds should be aware that the ownership of such obligations may result in collateral Federal income tax consequences to various categories of persons, such as corporations (including S corporations and foreign corporations), financial institutions, property and casualty and life insurance companies, individual

recipients of Social Security and railroad retirement benefits, individuals otherwise eligible for the earned income tax credit, and taxpayers deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry obligations the interest on which is excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes. Interest on the Bonds may be taken into account in determining the tax liability of foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax imposed by Section 884 of the Code.

### ***Original Issue Discount***

“Original issue discount” (“OID”) is the excess of the sum of all amounts payable at the stated maturity of a Bond (excluding certain “qualified stated interest” that is unconditionally payable at least annually at prescribed rates) over the issue price of that maturity. In general, the “issue price” of a maturity means the first price at which a substantial amount of the Bonds of that maturity was sold (excluding sales to bond houses, brokers, or similar persons acting in the capacity as underwriters, placement agents, or wholesalers). In general, the issue price for each maturity of Bonds is expected to be the initial public offering price set forth in this Official Statement. Bond Counsel further is of the opinion that, for any Bonds having OID (a “Discount Bond”), OID that has accrued and is properly allocable to the owners of the Discount Bonds under Section 1288 of the Code is excludable from gross income for Federal income tax purposes to the same extent as other interest on the Bonds.

In general, under Section 1288 of the Code, OID on a Discount Bond accrues under a constant yield method, based on periodic compounding of interest over prescribed accrual periods using a compounding rate determined by reference to the yield on that Discount Bond. An owner’s adjusted basis in a Discount Bond is increased by accrued OID for purposes of determining gain or loss on sale, exchange, or other disposition of such Discount Bond. Accrued OID may be taken into account as an increase in the amount of tax-exempt income received or deemed to have been received for purposes of determining various other tax consequences of owning a Discount Bond even though there will not be a corresponding cash payment.

Owners of Discount Bonds should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the treatment of original issue discount for Federal income tax purposes, including various special rules relating thereto, and the state and local tax consequences of acquiring, holding, and disposing of Discount Bonds.

### ***Bond Premium***

In general, if an owner acquires a Bond for a purchase price (excluding accrued interest) or otherwise at a tax basis that reflects a premium over the sum of all amounts payable on the Bond after the acquisition date (excluding certain “qualified stated interest” that is unconditionally payable at least annually at prescribed rates), that premium constitutes “bond premium” on that Bond (a “Premium Bond”). In general, under Section 171 of the Code, an owner of a Premium Bond must amortize the bond premium over the remaining term of the Premium Bond, based on the owner’s yield over the remaining term of the Premium Bond, determined based on constant yield principles (in certain cases involving a Premium Bond callable prior to its stated maturity date, the amortization period and yield may be required to be determined on the basis of an earlier call date that results in the lowest yield on such bond). An owner of a Premium Bond must amortize the bond premium by offsetting the qualified stated interest allocable to each interest accrual period under the owner’s regular method of accounting against the bond premium allocable to that period. In the case of a tax-exempt Premium Bond, if the bond premium allocable to an accrual period exceeds the qualified stated interest allocable to that accrual period, the excess is a nondeductible loss. Under certain circumstances, the owner of a Premium Bond may realize a taxable gain upon disposition of the Premium Bond even though it is sold or redeemed for an amount less than or equal to the owner’s original acquisition cost. Owners of any Premium Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding the treatment of bond premium for Federal income tax purposes, including various special rules relating thereto, and state and local tax consequences, in connection with the acquisition, ownership, amortization of bond premium on, sale, exchange, or other disposition of Premium Bonds.

### ***Information Reporting and Backup Withholding***

Information reporting requirements apply to interest on tax-exempt obligations, including the Bonds. In general, such requirements are satisfied if the interest recipient completes, and provides the payor with, a Form W-9, “Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification,” or if the recipient is one of a limited class of exempt recipients.

A recipient not otherwise exempt from information reporting who fails to satisfy the information reporting requirements will be subject to “backup withholding,” which means that the payor is required to deduct and withhold a tax from the interest payment, calculated in the manner set forth in the Code. For the foregoing purpose, a “payor” generally refers to the person or entity from whom a recipient receives its payments of interest or who collects such payments on behalf of the recipient.

If an owner purchasing a Bond through a brokerage account has executed a Form W-9 in connection with the establishment of such account, as generally can be expected, no backup withholding should occur. In any event, backup withholding does not affect the excludability of the interest on the Bonds from gross income for Federal income tax purposes. Any amounts withheld pursuant to backup withholding would be allowed as a refund or a credit against the owner’s Federal income tax once the required information is furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

### ***Miscellaneous***

Tax legislation, administrative actions taken by tax authorities, or court decisions, whether at the Federal or state level, may adversely affect the tax-exempt status of interest on the Bonds under Federal or state law or otherwise prevent beneficial owners of the Bonds from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. In addition, such legislation or actions (whether currently proposed, proposed in the future, or enacted) and such decisions could affect the market price or marketability of the Bonds.

Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding the foregoing matters.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

Legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds are subject to the approving opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, New York, New York, Bond Counsel. Bond Counsel’s opinion will be in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix D.

## **DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING**

At the time of the delivery of the Bonds, the District will provide an executed copy of its “Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure” substantially as set forth in Appendix E.

### ***Compliance History***

On September 11, 2014, the District filed a material event notice with EMMA regarding the current ratings of the bond insurer of past bonds issued by the District. Since the fall of 2008, there have been over forty ratings actions on bond insurers by Moody’s, Standard & Poor’s (S&P) and Fitch Ratings (Fitch). Due to widespread knowledge of the downgrades to the bond insurer, material event notices were not filed in each instance.

On September 11, 2014, the District filed a material event notice with EMMA regarding the late filing in 2009 of its audit report and financial update document.

The District has reviewed and modified its continuing disclosure practices to endure that all annual filings and material event notices are filed in a timely manner and, to the extent necessary, has also corrected any past failures to file.

## **RATING**

The District has applied to Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. (“Moody’s”) for a rating on the Bonds.

The District’s underlying credit rating by Moody’s is “Aa1”.

Such ratings reflect only the view of such organization, and an explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained only from such rating agency, at the following address: Moody's Investors Service, Inc., 7 World Trade Center at 250 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10007. There can be no assurance that such rating will continue for any specified period of time or that such rating will not be revised or withdrawn, if in the judgment of Moody's circumstances so warrant. Any such change or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of such Bonds or the availability of a secondary market for the Bonds.

### **MUNICIPAL ADVISOR**

Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, Great Neck and New York, New York, (the "Municipal Advisor") is an independent municipal advisor registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The Municipal Advisor has served as the independent financial advisor to the County in connection with this transaction.

In preparing the Official Statement, the Municipal Advisor has relied upon governmental officials, and other sources, who have access to relevant data to provide accurate information for the Official Statement. The Municipal Advisor has not been engaged, nor has it undertaken, to independently verify the accuracy of such information. The Municipal Advisor is not a public accounting firm and has not been engaged by the County to compile, review, examine or audit any information in the Official Statement in accordance with accounting standards. The Municipal Advisor is not a law firm and does not provide legal advice with respect to this or any debt offerings of the County. The Municipal Advisor is an independent advisory firm and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, trading or distributing municipal securities or other public securities and therefore will not participate in the underwriting of the Bonds.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Periodic public reports relating to the financial condition of the District, its operations and the balances, receipts and disbursements of the various Funds of the District are available for public inspection at the business office of the District.

Any statements in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion or estimates, whether or not expressly so stated, are intended as such and not as representations of fact. No representation is made that any of such statements will be realized. This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or agreement between the District and the Purchasers or holders of any of the Notes.

Capital Markets Advisors, LLC may place a copy of this Official Statement on its website at [www.capmark.org](http://www.capmark.org). Unless this Official Statement specifically indicates otherwise, no statement on such website is included by specific reference or constitutes a part of this Official Statement. Capital Markets Advisors, LLC has prepared such website information for convenience, but no decisions should be made in reliance upon that information. Typographical or other errors may have occurred in converting original sourced documents to digital format, and neither the District nor Capital Markets Advisors, LLC assumes any liability or responsibility for errors or omissions on such website. Further, Capital Markets Advisors, LLC and the District disclaims any duty or obligation either to update or to maintain the information or any responsibility or liability for any damages caused by viruses in the electronic files on the website. Capital Markets Advisors, LLC and the District also assumes no liability or responsibility for any errors or omissions or for any updates to dated website information.

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Additional information may be obtained upon request from Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, the District's Municipal Advisor, (516) 487-9818 or from the District's Assistant Superintendent for Business (516) 792-4803.

HEWLETT-WOODMERE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott McInnes  
President of the Board of Education

Dated: September \_\_, 2017

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**APPENDIX A**  
**THE DISTRICT**

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## **THE DISTRICT**

### ***General Information***

The District is located in the southwestern portion of Nassau County within the Town of Hempstead, encompasses an area of approximately 4 square miles and has a population currently estimated by the 2014 U.S. Census at 19,628. The incorporated Villages of Hewlett Bay Park, Hewlett Neck, Hewlett Harbor, Woodsburgh and minor portions of Lynbrook and Valley Stream are located within the boundaries of the District.

The District is suburban in character and is composed primarily of residential properties. Median household income, per capita income and housing values are well above County, State and U.S. averages. According to the assessment rolls of the District, over 90% of the taxable property within the District is residential with the remaining classified as commercial or utility. The District's close proximity to New York City (mid-town Manhattan is approximately 20 miles west of the District) affords residents of the District with many diverse employment opportunities.

The Long Island Railroad (MTA) provides commuter rail transportation to New York City. Municipal bus lines connect with Jamaica, Mineola, Hempstead, Rockville Centre, Freeport and other surrounding communities. The District is also served by State, County, Town and Village road systems. Air transportation is provided by nearby John F. Kennedy International Airport and LaGuardia Airport.

The area is provided with water service by the New York American Water. Gas and electric services are supplied by PSEG Long Island and National Grid. Police protection is supplied by the Nassau County Police Department and fire protection is supplied by local volunteer units. Sewage disposal is provided by Nassau County.

### ***District Organization***

Subject to the provisions of the State Constitution, the District operates pursuant to the Education Law, the Local Finance Law, other laws generally applicable to the District, and any special laws applicable to the District. Under such laws, there is no authority for the District to have a charter or adopt local laws.

The legislative power of the District is vested in the Board of Education. Under current law, an election is held within the District boundaries on the third Tuesday of May each year to elect members of the Board of Education. They are generally elected for staggered terms of three years.

In early July of each year, the Board of Education meets for the purpose of reorganization. At that time, the Board elects a President and Vice President, and appoints a District Clerk and District Treasurer.

### ***Financial Organization***

Pursuant to the Local Finance Law, the President of the Board of Education is the chief fiscal officer of the District. However, certain of the financial functions of the District are the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

### ***Budgetary Procedures***

The District's fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. Starting in the fall or winter of each year, the District's financial plan and enrollment projection are reviewed and updated and the first draft of the next year's proposed budget is developed by the central office staff. During the winter and early spring the budget is developed and refined in conjunction with the school building principals and department supervisors. The District's budget is subject to the provisions of the Tax Levy Limit Law, which imposes a limitation on the amount of real property taxes that a school district may levy, and by law is submitted to voter referendum on the third Tuesday of May each year. (See "*The Tax Levy Limit Law*" herein).

On May 17, 2016, a majority of the voters of the District approved the District's budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year. A summary of the District's adopted budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year may be found in Appendix B herein.

On May 16, 2017, a majority of the voters of the District approved the District’s budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year. A summary of the District’s adopted budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year may be found in Appendix B herein.

***Financial Statements and Accounting Procedures***

The financial accounts of the District are maintained in accordance with the New York State Uniform System of Accounting for School Districts. Such accounts are audited annually by independent auditors, and are available for public inspection upon request.

***School Enrollment Trends***

The following table presents the past and projected school enrollment for the District.

| <u>Fiscal Year<br/>Ended June 30:</u> | <u>Actual<br/>Enrollment</u> | <u>Fiscal Year<br/>Ended June 30:</u> | <u>Projected<br/>Enrollment</u> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2013                                  | 3,058                        | 2017                                  | 3,083                           |
| 2014                                  | 3,083                        | 2018                                  | 3,096                           |
| 2015                                  | 3,083                        | 2019                                  | 3,100                           |
| 2016                                  | 3,069                        | 2020                                  | 3,087                           |

Source: District Officials.

***District Facilities***

The District currently operates the following facilities:

**School Statistics**

| <u>Name</u>                     | <u>Capacity</u> | <u>Years Built</u> | <u>Grades</u>          |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Hewlett Elementary              | 553             | 1929               | 2-5                    |
| Ogden Elementary School         | 457             | 1953               | 2-5                    |
| Woodmere Middle School          | 879             | 1961               | 6-8                    |
| George W. Hewlett High School   | 1,311           | 1954               | 9-12                   |
| Franklin Early Childhood Center | 631             | 1936               | Pre K-1                |
| Recreational Building           | 31              | 1915               | Senior Center          |
| Woodmere Educational Center     | 59              | 1917               | Admin./Community Svcs. |
| Maintenance Building            | N/A             | 2002               | Maintenance/Operations |

Source: District Officials

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## ***Employees***

The District provides services through 671 employees who are represented by the following units of organized labor.

| <u>Number of Employees</u> | <u>Organization</u>   | <u>Expiration Date</u>            |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 305                        | Hewlett-Woodmere Faculty Association<br>Hewlett-Woodmere Administrators and Supervisors Association | 6/30/17 <sup>(1)</sup><br>6/30/20 |
| 38                         | Hewlett-Woodmere Secretaries Association  | 6/30/20                           |
| 53                         | U.P.S.E.U. (Bldgs. & Grounds/Cafeteria/Comp. Tech.)   | 6/30/21                           |
| 65                         | U.P.S.E.U. (Aides, Monitors, Teachers Assts. & Security Aides)                                      | 6/30/17                           |
| 183                        | U.P.S.E.U. (Computer Technicians)   | 6/30/21                           |
| 9                          | Non-Union (Full-Time)   | N/A                               |
| 18                         |   |                                   |

(1) Contract negotiations are currently in progress.

## ***Employee Pension Benefits***

New York State Certified employees (teachers and administrators) are members of the New York State Teachers Retirement System ("TRS"). Payments to the TRS are generally deducted from State aid payments. All non-NYS certified/civil service employees of the District eligible for pension or retirement benefits under the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State of New York are members of the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System ("ERS"). Both the TRS and ERS are non-contributory with respect to members hired prior to July 1, 1976. Other than as discussed below, all members of the respective systems hired on or after July 1, 1976 with less than 10 year's full-time service contribute 3% of their gross annual salary toward the cost of retirement programs.

On December 10, 2009, the Governor signed in to law a new Tier 5. The law is effective for new ERS and TRS employees hired after January 1, 2010 and before March 31, 2012. New ERS employees will now contribute 3% of their salaries and new TRS employees will contribute 3.5% of their salaries. There is no provision for these employee contributions to cease after a certain period of service.

On March 16, 2012, Governor Cuomo signed into law Chapter 18 of the Laws of 2012, which legislation provides for a new Tier 6 for employees hired after April 1, 2012. The new pension tier has progressive employee contribution rates between 3% and 6% and such employee contributions continue so long as the employee continues to accumulate pension credits; it increases the retirement age for new employees from 62 to 63 and includes provisions allowing early retirement with penalties. Under Tier 6, the pension multiplier will be 1.75% for the first 20 years of service and 2% thereafter; vesting will occur after 10 years; the time period for calculation of final average salary is increased from three years to five years; and the amount of overtime to be used to determine an employee's pension is capped at \$15,000, indexed for inflation, for civilian and non-uniform employees and at 15% of base pay for uniformed employees outside of New York City. It also includes a voluntary, portable, defined contribution plan option for new non-union employees with salaries of \$75,000 or more.

Under current law, the employer pension payments for a given fiscal year are based on the value of the pension fund on the prior April 1 thus enabling the District to more accurately include the cost of the employer pension payment in its budget for the ensuing year. In addition, the District is required to make a minimum contribution of 4.5% of payroll every year, including years in which the investment performance of the fund would make a lower payment possible. The annual employer pension payment is due on February 1 of each year.

Due to poor performance of the investment portfolio of TRS and ERS during the recent financial crisis, the employer contribution rates for required pension payments to the TRS and ERS increased substantially. To help mitigate the impact of such increases, legislation was enacted that permitted school districts to amortize a portion of its annual employer pension payment to the ERS only. Under such legislation, school districts that choose to amortize were

required to set aside and reserve funds with the ERS for certain future rate increases. The District has not amortized any of its employer pension payments pursuant to this legislation.

In addition, in Spring 2013, the State and TRS approved a Stable Contribution Option (“SCO”) that gives school districts the ability to better manage the spikes in Actuarially Required Contribution rates (“ARCs”). ERS followed suit and modified its existing ERS SCO. Each plan allows school districts to pay the SCO amount in lieu of the ARC amount, which is higher, and defer the difference in payment amounts.

The primary benefit of participation in the SCO plans is the elimination of the uncertainty in the volatility of future pension contribution ARCs in the near term, thereby providing school districts with significant assistance in its ability to create a stable and reliable fiscal plan. The District has not amortized any of its employer pension payments as part of the SCO and expects to continue to pay all payments in full when due.

### ***Other Post-Employment Benefits***

The District provides post-retirement healthcare benefits to various categories of former employees. These costs may be expected to rise substantially in the future. School Districts and Boards of Cooperative Education Services, unlike other municipal units of government in the State, have been prohibited from reducing retiree health benefits or increasing health care contributions received or paid by retirees below the level of benefits or contributions afforded to or required from active employees. This protection from unilateral reduction of benefits had been extended annually by the New York State Legislature until recently when legislation was enacted to make permanent these health insurance benefit protections for retirees. Legislative attempts to provide similar protection to retirees of other local units of government in the State have not succeeded as of the date hereof. Nevertheless, many such retirees of all varieties of municipal units in the State do presently receive such benefits.

GASB Statement No. 45 (“GASB 45”) of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”), requires state and local governments to account for and report their costs associated with post-retirement healthcare benefits and other non-pension benefits (“OPEB”). GASB 45 generally requires that employers account for and report the annual cost of the OPEB and the outstanding obligations and commitments related to OPEB in essentially the same manner as they currently do for pensions. Under previous rules, these benefits have generally been administered on a pay-as-you-go basis and have not been reported as a liability on governmental financial statements. Only current payments to existing retirees were recorded as an expense.

GASB 45 requires that state and local governments adopt the actuarial methodologies to determine annual OPEB costs. Annual OPEB cost for most employers will be based on actuarially determined amounts that, if paid on an ongoing basis, generally would provide sufficient resources to pay benefits as they come due.

Under GASB 45, based on actuarial valuation, an annual required contribution (“ARC”) will be determined for each state or local government. The ARC is the sum of (a) the normal cost for the year (the present value of future benefits being earned by current employees) plus (b) amortization of the unfunded accrued liability (benefits already earned by current and former employees but not yet provided for), using an amortization period of not more than 30 years. If a municipality contributes an amount less than the ARC, a net OPEB obligation will result, which is required to be recorded as a liability on its financial statements.

GASB 45 does not require that the unfunded liability actually be amortized nor that it be advance funded, only that the municipality or school district account for its unfunded accrued liability and compliance in meeting its ARC. The District hired an actuarial firm for the actuarial valuation which calculated an ARC of \$4,681,208 for June 30, 2016 and an unfunded actuarial accrued liability of \$75,604,783 as of July 1, 2015. The District is in compliance with the requirements of GASB 45.

Actuarial valuation will be required every 2 years for OPEB plans with more than 200 members, every 3 years if there are less than 200 members.



### ***Investment Policy Permitted Investments***

Pursuant to State law, including Sections 10 and 11 of the General Municipal Law (the “GML”), the District is generally permitted to deposit moneys in banks or trust companies located and authorized to do business in the State. All such deposits, including special time deposit accounts and certificates of deposit, in excess of the amount insured under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, are required to be secured in accordance with the provisions of and subject to the limitations of Section 10 of the GML.

The District may also temporarily invest moneys in: (1) obligations of the United States of America; (2) obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America; (3) obligations of the State of New York; (4) with the approval of the New York State Comptroller, in tax anticipation notes or revenue anticipation notes issued by any municipality, school district, or district corporation, other than those notes issued by the District; (5) certificates of participation issued in connection with installment purchase contracts entered into by political subdivisions of the State pursuant to Section 109-b(10) of the GML; (6) obligations of a New York public benefit corporation which are made lawful investments for municipalities pursuant to the enabling statute of such public benefit corporation; or (7) in the case of moneys held in certain reserve funds established by the District pursuant to law, in obligations of the District.

All of the foregoing instruments and investments are required to be payable or redeemable at the option of the owner within such times as the proceeds will be needed to meet expenditures for purposes for which the moneys were provided and, in the case of instruments or investments purchased with the proceeds of bonds or notes, shall be payable or redeemable in any event, at the option of the owner, within two years of the date of purchase. Unless registered or inscribed in the name of the District, such instruments and investments must be purchased through, delivered to and held in the custody of a bank or trust company in the State pursuant to a written custodial agreement as provided in Section 10 of the GML.

The Board of Education of the District has adopted an investment policy and such policy conforms with applicable laws of the State governing the deposit and investment of public moneys. All deposits and investments of the District are made in accordance with such policy.

## **FINANCIAL FACTORS**

District finances are operated primarily through its General Fund. All taxes and most other revenues are paid into this fund and all current operating expenditures are made from it. (A statement of revenues and expenditures for the five year period ending June 30, 2016 is contained in the Appendix B). As reflected in the Appendices, the District derives the bulk of its annual revenues from a tax on real property and from State aid. Capital improvements are generally financed by the issuance of bonds and bond anticipation notes.

### ***Real Property Taxes***

The District derives the major portion of its revenues from a tax on real property (See “*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-General Fund*” in Appendix B, herein). Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011, as amended; which imposes a tax levy limitation upon the municipalities, school districts and fire districts in the State, including the District. (See “*The Tax Levy Limit Law*” herein). Property taxes accounted for 80.2% of total general fund revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, while State aid accounted for 3.9%.

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The following table sets forth total general fund revenues and real property tax revenues during the last five audited fiscal years and the amount budgeted for the two most recent fiscal years.

**Property Taxes**

| Fiscal Year<br><u>Ended June 30:</u> | Total<br><u>Revenues<sup>(1)</sup></u> | Real Property<br><u>Taxes<sup>(2)</sup></u> | Real Property<br>Taxes to<br><u>Revenues</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 2012                                 | \$101,551,593                          | \$83,035,384                                | 81.8%  |
| 2013                                 | 103,799,623                            | 84,628,898                                  | 81.5   |
| 2014                                 | 107,046,700                            | 87,713,485                                  | 81.9   |
| 2015                                 | 109,565,752                            | 90,160,958                                  | 82.3   |
| 2016                                 | 111,524,540                            | 91,234,784                                  | 81.8   |
| 2017 (Adopted Budget)                | 116,354,132                            | 98,538,802                                  | 84.7   |
| 2018 (Adopted Budget)                | 116,449,996                            | 97,538,802                                  | 83.8   |

(1) General Fund.

Source: Audited Financial Statements and Adopted Budgets for the District. This summary is not audited.

***State Aid***

The District receives appropriations from the State of State aid for operating, building and other purposes at various times throughout its fiscal year, pursuant to formulas and payment schedules set forth by statute. While the State has a constitutional duty to maintain and support a system of free common schools that provides a “sound basic education” to children of the State, there can be no assurance that the State appropriation for State aid to school districts will be continued in future years, either pursuant to existing formulas or in any form whatsoever. State aid appropriated and apportioned to the school districts can be paid only if the State has such monies available for such payment.

The following table sets forth total general fund revenues and State aid revenues during the last five fiscal years, and the amount budgeted for the two most recent fiscal years.

**State Aid**

| Fiscal Year<br><u>Ended June 30:</u> | Total<br><u>Revenues<sup>(1)</sup></u> | Total<br><u>State Aid</u> | State Aid<br><u>To Revenues</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2012                                 | \$101,551,593                          | \$ 6,355,395              | 6.3%                            |
| 2013                                 | 103,799,623                            | 6,668,299                 | 6.4                             |
| 2014                                 | 107,046,700                            | 7,063,496                 | 6.6                             |
| 2015                                 | 109,565,752                            | 7,634,679                 | 7.0                             |
| 2016                                 | 111,524,540                            | 8,152,576                 | 7.3                             |
| 2017 (Adopted Budget)                | 116,354,132                            | 9,818,139                 | 8.4                             |
| 2018 (Adopted Budget)                | 116,449,996                            | 10,441,067                | 9.0                             |

(1) General Fund.

Source: Audited Financial Statements and Adopted Budgets of the District. Summary itself is not audited

In addition to the amount of State Aid budgeted annually by the District, the State makes payments of STAR aid representing tax savings provided by school districts to their taxpayers under the STAR Program (See “*STAR – School Tax Exemption*” herein). The District has received timely STAR aid from the State for the current fiscal year.

There can be no assurance that the State appropriation for State aid to school districts will be continued in future years, either pursuant to existing formulas or in any form whatsoever. State aid appropriated and apportioned to the District can be paid only if the State has such monies available therefore. The availability of such monies and the timeliness of such payment could be affected by a delay in the adoption of the State budget or other circumstances including State fiscal stress. In any event, State aid appropriated and apportioned to the District can be paid only if the State has such monies available therefore.

Potential reductions in Federal aid received by the State. The State receives a substantial amount of Federal aid for education. Many of the policies that drive this Federal aid are subject to change under the current presidential administration and Congress. However, the State's current financial projections concerning Federal aid, and the assumptions on which they are based, are subject to revision as more information becomes available about the proposals for Federal tax policy and legislation, health care, including amendments to the Affordable Care Act, infrastructure, taxation, the Budget Control Act of 2011 (as amended), Federal regulatory reform, and other issues that may arise.

Reductions in Federal funding levels could have a materially adverse impact on the State budget. In addition to the potential fiscal impact of policies that may be proposed and adopted by the new administration and Congress, the State budget may be adversely affected by other actions taken by the Federal government, including audits, disallowances, and changes to Federal participation rates or other medicaid rules.

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

Should the District fail to receive State aid expected from the State in the amounts and at the times expected, occasioned by a delay in the payment of such monies or by a mid-year reduction in State aid, the District is authorized by the Local Finance Law to provide operating funds by borrowing in anticipation of the receipt of uncollected State aid.

### ***Recent Events Affecting New York School Districts***

*School district fiscal year (2009-10):* Total State aid for the 2009-10 fiscal year was maintained at the 2008-09 levels in part due to the use of Federal aid made available as part of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 ("ARRA"). During said fiscal year, the District's receipt of State aid was delayed as a result of several initiatives adopted by then Governor Paterson in response to the State's ongoing and worsening fiscal crisis. Despite such delays, the District did receive all of the State aid due to it for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010.

*School district fiscal year (2010-11):* The total reduction in State aid for the 2010-11 fiscal year was approximately \$2.1 billion; however, this amount was partially offset by \$726 million in Federal aid for education, including funding from ARRA and other federal initiatives. As a result, the net State aid reduction totaled approximately \$1.4 billion.

*School district fiscal year (2011-12):* The total reduction in State aid for the 2011-12 fiscal year was \$1.3 billion or 6.1 percent from the previous year, and all aid has been received on time.

*School district fiscal year (2012-13):* The State Legislature adopted the State budget on March 30, 2012. The budget includes an increase of \$751 million in State aid for school districts.

*School district fiscal year (2013-14):* The State Legislature adopted the State budget on March 29, 2013. The budget includes an increase of \$1.0 billion in State aid for school districts.

*School district fiscal year (2014-15):* The State Legislature adopted the State budget on March 31, 2014. The budget includes an increase of \$1.1 billion in State aid for school districts.

*School district fiscal year (2015-16):* The State Legislature adopted the State budget on March 31, 2015. The budget includes an increase of \$1.4 billion in State aid for school districts, that is tied to changes in the teacher evaluation and tenure process. School districts must obtain approval of their revised teacher evaluation plans by November 15, 2015 in order to receive their allotted increase in State aid.

*School district fiscal year (2016-17):* The State Legislature adopted the State budget on March 31, 2016. The budget includes an increase of \$991 million in State aid for school districts over the 2015-16 budget, \$863 million of which consists of traditional operating aid. In addition to the \$408 million of expense based aid, the Governor's budget

includes a \$266 million increase in Foundation Aid and a \$189 million restoration to the Gab Elimination Adjustment. The majority of the remaining increase includes a \$100 million in Community Schools Aid, a newly adopted aid category, to support school districts that wish to create community schools. The funds may only be used for certain purposes such as providing health, mental health and nutritional services to students and their families.

*School district fiscal year (2017-2018):* The State's 2017-2018 Enacted Budget provides for school aid of approximately \$25.8 billion, an increase of \$1.1 billion in school aid spending from the 2016-2017 school year. The majority of the increases have been targeted to high need school districts. Expense-based aids to support school construction, pupil transportation, BOCES and special education were continued in full, as is the State's usual practice. Transportation aid increased by 5.5% and building aid increased by 4.8%. The State 2017-18 Enacted Budget continues to link school aid increases for 2017-18 and 2018-19 to teacher and principal evaluation plans approved by September 1 of the current year in compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d. In addition, the State 2017-18 Enacted Budget allows the Governor to reduce aid to school districts mid-year if receipts from the Federal government are less than what was expected. The Legislature then will have 90 days to approve the Governor's plan.

The District believes that it would mitigate the impact of any delays or the reduction in State aid by reducing expenditures, increasing revenues, appropriating other available funds on hand, and/or by any combination of the foregoing. (See also "*Market Factors Affecting Financings of the State and Municipalities of the State*" herein).

### ***General Fund Operations***

Appendix B sets forth the General Fund operations for the last five fiscal years which are derived from Audited Financial Statements on file in the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations.

### ***Other Revenues***

In addition to property taxes and State Aid, the District receives other revenues from miscellaneous sources as shown in Appendix B.

### ***The State Comptroller's Fiscal Stress Monitoring System***

The New York State Comptroller has reported that New York State's school districts and municipalities are facing significant fiscal challenges. As a result, the Office of the State Comptroller ("OSC") has developed a Fiscal Stress Monitoring System ("FSMS") to provide independent, objectively measured and quantifiable information to school district and municipal officials, taxpayers and policy makers regarding the various levels of fiscal stress under which the State's school districts and municipalities are operating.

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

The most current applicable report of the State Comptroller designates the District as "No Designation."

See the State Comptroller's official website for more information on FSMS. Reference to this website implies no warranty of accuracy of information therein.

## TAX INFORMATION

### *Real Property Tax Assessments and Rates*

#### Real Property Tax Assessments and Rates: (Fiscal Year Ending June 30:)

|                         | <u>2013</u>   | <u>2014</u>   | <u>2015</u>   | <u>2016</u>   | <u>2017</u>   |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Assessed Value          | \$ 10,562,448 | \$ 10,136,276 | \$ 9,822,561  | \$ 9,121,804  | \$ 8,603,767  |
| Equalization Rate       | 0.33%         | 0.33%         | 0.31%         | 0.31%         | 0.29%         |
| Full Value              | 3,200,741,818 | 3,071,598,788 | 3,164,568,065 | 3,145,449,655 | 2,966,816,207 |
| Tax Levy <sup>(2)</sup> | 97,017,010    | 97,017,010    | 99,053,905    | 97,538,802    | 97,538,802    |
| Tax Rate <sup>(1)</sup> | 8,878.73      | 9,571.27      | 10,084.33     | 10,069.29     | 11,336.76     |

(1) Per \$1,000 Assessed Value.

(2) Excludes Library Taxes

Source: New York State Comptroller's Office; New York State Office of Real Property Services

### ***Tax Limit***

The Constitution does not limit the amount that may be raised by the District-wide tax levy on real estate in any fiscal year. However, the Tax Levy Limit Law imposes a statutory limit on the amount of real property taxes that a school district may levy. (See "*The Tax Levy Limit Law*" herein).

### ***The Tax Levy Limit Law***

On June 24, 2011, Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 (herein referred to as the "Tax Levy Limit Law" or "Law") was signed by the Governor. The Tax Levy Limit law was amended in June 2015 by Chapter 20 of the Laws of 2015, which extended the expiration date of the law to 2020. The Tax Levy Limit Law modified previous law by imposing a limit on the amount of real property taxes that a school district may levy.

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

Under the Tax Levy Limit Law, there is now a limitation on the amount of tax levy growth from one fiscal year to the next. Such limitation is the lesser of (i) 2% or (ii) the annual percentage increase in the consumer price index, subject to certain exclusions as mentioned below and as described in the Law. A budget with a tax levy that does not exceed such limit will require approval by at least 50% of the voters. Approval by at least 60% of the voters will be required for a budget with a tax levy in excess of the limit. In the event the voters reject the budget, the tax levy for the school district's budget for the ensuing fiscal year may not exceed the amount of the tax levy for the prior fiscal year. School districts will be permitted to carry forward a certain portion of their unused tax levy limitation from a prior year.

The Law permits certain significant exclusions to the tax levy limit for school districts. These include taxes to pay the local share of debt service on bonds or notes issued to finance voter approved capital expenditures, and the refinancing or refunding of such bonds or notes, such as the Bonds, certain pension cost increases, and other items enumerated in the Law. However, such exclusion does NOT apply to taxes to pay debt service on tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes, budget notes and deficiency notes; and any obligations issued to finance deficits and certain judgments, including tax certiorari refund payments.

### ***Real Property Tax Rebate***

Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2014 (“Chapter 59”), included provisions which provided a refundable personal income tax credit to real property taxpayers in school districts and certain municipal units of government. Real property owners in school districts are eligible for this credit in the 2014 and 2015 taxable years of those property owners. Real property taxpayers in certain other municipal units of government are eligible for this credit in the 2015 and 2016 taxable years of those real property taxpayers. The eligibility of real property taxpayers for the tax credit in each year depends on such jurisdiction’s compliance with the provisions of the Tax Levy Limit Law. School districts budgets must have complied in their 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 fiscal years. Other municipal units of government must have had their budgets in compliance for their 2015 and 2016 fiscal years. Such budgets must have been within the tax cap limits set by the Tax Levy Limit Law for the real property taxpayers to be eligible for this personal income tax credit. The affected jurisdictions included counties, cities (other than any city with a population of one million or more and its counties), towns, villages, school districts (other than the dependent school districts of New York City, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Yonkers, the latter four of which are indirectly affected by applicability to their respective city) and independent special districts.

Certain additional restrictions on the amount of the personal income tax credit are set forth in Chapter 59 in order for the tax cap to qualify as one which will provide the tax credit benefit to such real property taxpayers. The refundable personal income tax credit amount is increased in the second year if compliance occurs in both taxable years.

For the second taxable year of the program, the refundable personal income tax credit for real property taxpayers is additionally contingent upon adoption by the school district or municipal unit of a state approved “government efficiency plan” which demonstrates “three year savings and efficiencies of at least one per cent per year from shared services, cooperation agreements and/or mergers or efficiencies”.

Municipalities, school districts and independent special districts must provide certification of compliance with the requirements of the new provisions to certain state officials in order to render their real property taxpayers eligible for the personal income tax credit.

While the provisions of Chapter 59 do not directly further restrict the taxing power of the affected municipalities, school districts and special districts, they do provide an incentive for such tax levies to remain within the tax cap limits established by the Tax Levy Limit Law. The District complied with the provision of Chapter 59 and its taxpayers received the rebates provided in 2015 and 2016.

An additional real property tax rebate program applicable solely to school districts was enacted by Chapter 20 of the Laws of 2015, signed into law by the Governor on June 26, 2015 which generally extends the provisions of the program through 2019 and includes continued tax cap compliance.

### ***Real Estate Property Tax Collection Procedure***

In Nassau County, property taxes for the school districts are levied by the County, and are collected by the town tax receivers. Such taxes are due and payable in equal installments on October 1 and April 1, but may be paid without penalty by November 10 and May 10, respectively. The town tax receiver pays to each school district the amounts collected therefor on the first day of each month from October 1 to June 1. Penalties on unpaid taxes are 1% per month from the date such taxes are due and payable. A 1% discount for prepayment of second half taxes is given if received by November 10. Any such discount is a town charge.

On or before June 1, the town tax receiver files a report of any uncollected school district taxes with the County. The County thereafter on or before June 15 pays to each school district the amount of its uncollected taxes. Thus, each school district should receive its full levy prior to the end of its fiscal year. In some recent years, the District has experienced delays in its receipt of uncollected school district taxes from the County.

## ***STAR - School Tax Exemption***

The STAR (School Tax Relief) program provides State-funded exemptions from school property taxes to homeowners for their primary residences. Homeowners over 65 years of age with household adjusted gross incomes, less the taxable amount of total distributions from individual retirement accounts and individual retirement annuities (“STAR Adjusted Gross Income”) of \$86,000 or less, increased annually according to a cost of living adjustment, are eligible for a “full value” exemption of the first \$65,300 for the 2016-17 school year (adjusted annually). Other homeowners with household STAR Adjusted Gross income not in excess of \$500,000 are eligible for a \$30,000 “full value” exemption on their primary residence. School districts receive full reimbursement from the State for real property taxes exempted pursuant to the STAR program by the first business day in January of each year.

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

The State 2017-18 Enacted Budget includes changes to Chapter 60. STAR checks are now expected to be mailed out prior to the date that school taxes are payable. The amount of the check will be based on the previous year’s amount adjusted by the levy growth factor used for the property tax cap. Any changes that must be made based on the final STAR credit compared to the estimate used will be factored into the subsequent year’s STAR credit check or taxpayers also may account for those changes in their State income taxes.

Approximately 9% of the District’s 2016-2017 school tax levy was exempted by the STAR program and the District has received full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State. Approximately 9% of the District’s 2017-2018 school tax levy was exempted by the STAR program and the District expects to receive full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State in January 2018. (See “*State Aid*” herein).

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***Ten of the Largest Taxpayers***

The following table presents the taxable assessments of ten of the District's largest taxpayers for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

| <b>Taxable Assessments</b>   |                           |                           |   |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| <u>Name</u>                  | <u>Nature of Business</u> | <u>Assessed Valuation</u> | <u>% of Total Assessed Value <sup>(1)</sup></u> |
| Long Island Water            | Public Utility            | \$170,093                 | 1.98%   |
| National Grid                | Public Utility            | 148,721                   | 1.73  |
| Peninsula Center LLC         | Apartments                | 102,068                   | 1.19  |
| Verizon                      | Public Utility            | 85,788                    | 1.00  |
| Garden Town Apartment        | Apartments                | 84,815                    | 0.99  |
| Fairfield Hewlett LLC        | Apartments                | 67,479                    | 0.78  |
| Chateau Woodmere Corp.       | Apartments                | 50,464                    | 0.59  |
| 1040 Central Ave. Realty LLC | Apartments                | 44,799                    | 0.52  |
| 510-530 Dubois Ave. Owners   | Apartments                | 44,308                    | 0.51  |
| Hewlett Park Apt Owners Inc. | Apartments                | <u>43,226</u>             | <u>0.50</u>                                     |
|                              |                           | <u>\$841,761</u>          | <u>9.78%</u>                                    |

(1) The District's assessed value for the 2016-2017 fiscal year is \$8,603,767

**DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS**

***Constitutional and Statutory Requirements***

The New York State Constitution and Local Finance Law limit the power of the District (and other municipalities and school districts of the State) to issue obligations and to contract indebtedness. Such constitutional and statutory limitations include the following, in summary form, and are generally applicable to the District and the Bonds:

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

The District may contract indebtedness only for a District purpose and shall pledge its faith and credit for the payment of principal of and interest thereon.

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

General. The District is further subject to constitutional limitation by the general constitutionally imposed duty on the State Legislature to restrict the power of taxation and contracting indebtedness to prevent abuses in the exercise of such power; however, the State Legislature is prohibited by a specific constitutional provision from restricting the power of the District to levy taxes on real estate for the payment of interest on or principal of indebtedness theretofore contracted. There is no constitutional limitation on the amount that may be raised by the District by tax on real estate



in any fiscal year to pay principal of and interest on all indebtedness. However, the Tax Levy Limit Law imposes a statutory limitation on the power of the District to increase its annual tax levy (See "*The Tax Levy Limit Law*" herein).

### ***Statutory Procedure***

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

The District is generally required by such laws to submit propositions for the expenditure of money for capital purposes to the qualified electors of the District. Upon approval thereby, the Board of Education may adopt a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in anticipation of the bonds. No down payment is required in connection with the issuance of District obligations. With respect to certain school building construction projects, the District is not permitted to spend in excess of \$100,000 until the plans and specifications for such project have been approved by the Commissioner of Education of the State.

The Local Finance Law also provides a twenty-day statute of limitations after publication of a bond resolution, together with a statutory form of notice which, in effect, estops legal challenges to the validity of obligations authorized by such bond resolution except for alleged constitutional violations. The District has complied with such procedure with respect to the Bonds.

The Board of Education, as the finance board of the District, also has the power to authorize the sale and issuance of bonds and notes, including the Bonds. However, such finance board may delegate the power to sell the Bonds, to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District, pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

Debt Limit. Pursuant to the Local Finance Law, the District has the power to contract indebtedness for any school district purpose authorized by the Legislature of the State of New York provided the aggregate principal amount thereof shall not exceed ten per centum of the full valuation of the taxable real estate of the District and subject to certain enumerated deductions such as State aid for building purposes. The constitutional and statutory method for determining full valuation consists of taking the assessed valuation of taxable real estate for the last completed assessment roll and applying thereto the ratio (equalization rate) which such assessed valuation bears to the full valuation; such ratio is determined by the State Board of Real Property Services. The Legislature also is required to prescribe the manner by which such ratio shall be determined by such authority.

The following table sets forth the computation of the debt limit of the District and its debt contracting margin:

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**Statutory Debt Limit and Net Indebtedness**

The debt limit as of September 14, 2017 for the District is \$296,681,620. This is calculated by taking 10% of the current full value of the District.

**Statutory Debt Limit and Net Indebtedness**

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Full Valuation of Taxable Real Property                   | \$2,966,816,207          |
| Debt-Contracting Limit (10% of Full Valuation)            | 296,681,620              |
| Outstanding Indebtedness <sup>(1)</sup> (Principal Only): |                          |
| Bonds Outstanding   | 6,145,000                |
| Refunded Bonds <sup>(2)</sup>                             | 11,305,000*              |
| Principal This Issue                                      | 11,975,000*              |
| Less Exclusion for Estimated Building Aid <sup>(3)</sup>  | <u>0</u>                 |
| <br>Total Net Indebtedness                                | <br><u>29,425,000</u>    |
| <br>Net Debt-Contracting Margin                           | <br><u>\$267,256,620</u> |
| <br>Percentage of Debt-Contracting Limit Exhausted        | <br><u>9.92%</u>         |

- (1) Tax anticipation and revenue anticipation notes are not included in the computation of the statutory debt limit of the District.
- (2) These bonds are expected to be refunded with a portion of the proceeds of the Bonds. All future payments of both principal and interest will be provided for from an Escrow Deposit Fund (See “*Refunding Financial Plan*” herein); however, the Local Finance Law of the State does not provide for the exclusion of such debt from the District’s debt statement.
- (3) Pursuant to the Provisions of Chapter 760 of the Laws of New York State of 1963, the School District receives aid on existing debt. Because the School District has not applied for an Exclusion Certificate, no exclusions are listed in the Debt Statement Summary.

\* Preliminary, subject to change.

**Revenue and Tax Anticipation Notes**

The District has not found it necessary to borrow in anticipation of revenues or taxes since the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

**Bond Anticipation Notes**

At June 30, 2017, the District did not have any bond anticipation notes outstanding.

**Trend of Capital Indebtedness**

**Direct Capital Indebtedness Outstanding**

**As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

|                          | <u>2013</u>         | <u>2014</u>         | <u>2015</u>         | <u>2016</u>         | <u>2017<sup>(1)</sup></u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Bonds:                   | \$32,680,000        | \$29,580,000        | \$26,385,000        | \$23,585,000        | \$20,700,000              |
| Bond Anticipation Notes: | <u>0</u>            | <u>0</u>            | <u>0</u>            | <u>0</u>            | <u>0</u>                  |
| Totals                   | <u>\$32,680,000</u> | <u>\$29,580,000</u> | <u>\$26,385,000</u> | <u>\$23,585,000</u> | <u>\$20,700,000</u>       |

(1) Unaudited.

***Overlapping and Underlying Indebtedness***

In addition to the District, other political subdivisions have the power to issue bonds and to levy taxes or cause taxes to be levied on taxable real property in the District. The real property taxpayers of the District are responsible for a proportionate share of outstanding debt obligations of these subdivisions. Such taxpayers' share of overlapping and underlying debt is based on the amount of the District's equalized property values taken as a percentage of each separate unit's total values. The following table presents the amount of overlapping and underlying debt and the District's share of this debt. Authorized but unissued debt has not been included.

**Statement of Direct and Overlapping Indebtedness**

| <u>Issuer</u>                            | <u>Net Debt<br/>Outstanding</u> | <u>As of</u> | <u>District Share</u> | <u>Amount Applicable<br/>to District</u> |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--|
| County of Nassau                         | \$4,079,175,475                 |              | 1.53%                 | \$62,411,385                             |
| Town of Hempstead                        | 407,531,190                     |              | 3.42%                 | 13,937,567                               |
| Village of:                              |                                 |              |                       |  |
| - Hewlett Bay Park                       | 0                               |              | 100%                  | 0  |
| - Hewlett Harbor                         | 0                               |              | 100%                  | 0  |
| - Hewlett Neck                           | 0                               |              | 100%                  | 0  |
| - Woodsburgh                             | 521,000                         |              | 100%                  | <u>521,000</u>                           |
| Total Net Overlapping Debt               |                                 |              |                       | \$ 76,869,952                            |
| Total Net Direct Debt                    |                                 |              |                       | <u>29,425,000</u>                        |
| Total Net Direct and<br>Overlapping Debt |                                 |              |                       | <u>\$106,294,952</u>                     |

Note: The Villages of Valley Stream and Lynbrook also have properties that lie within the boundaries of the District. However, the small amount of property within the District that is attributable to these villages is not statistically relevant.

***Debt Ratios***

The following table sets forth certain ratios relating to the District's indebtedness, inclusive of the Bonds, as of September 14, 2017.

**Debt Ratios**

|                               | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Debt Per<br/>Capita <sup>(1)</sup></u> | <u>Debt to<br/>Full Value <sup>(2)</sup></u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---|--|
| Net Direct Debt               | \$ 29,425,000 | \$ 1,499                                  | 0.99%  |
| Net Direct & Overlapping Debt | 106,294,952   | 5,415                                     | 3.58   |

- (1) The population of the District is 19,628 according to the U.S. Census Bureau.
- (2) The District's full value of taxable real property for fiscal year 2016-2017 is \$2,966,816,207.

***Authorized and Unissued Debt***

At June 30, 2017, the District had no authorized but unissued obligations.

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***Debt Service Schedule***

The following table sets forth all principal and interest payments presently required on all outstanding long-term bond indebtedness of the District, exclusive of the Bonds.

**Bond Principal and Interest Maturity Table**

| Fiscal Year<br>Ending<br><u>June 30th</u> | <u>Principal</u>    | <u>Interest</u>    | Total<br><u>Debt Service</u> |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 2018 <sup>(1)</sup>                       | \$ 3,015,000        | \$ 820,238         | \$ 3,835,238                 |
| 2019                                      | 3,155,000           | 700,459            | 3,855,489                    |
| 2020                                      | 3,280,000           | 572,956            | 3,852,956                    |
| 2021                                      | 3,420,000           | 431,100            | 3,851,100                    |
| 2022                                      | 1,845,000           | 276,300            | 2,121,300                    |
| 2023                                      | 1,915,000           | 201,100            | 2,116,100                    |
| 2024                                      | 1,995,000           | 122,900            | 2,117,900                    |
| 2025                                      | <u>2,075,000</u>    | <u>41,500</u>      | <u>2,116,500</u>             |
|   | <u>\$20,700,000</u> | <u>\$3,166,553</u> | <u>\$23,866,583</u>          |

***Lease Financing Obligations***

The following is a summary of the District’s lease financing obligations.

| <u>Description of Issue</u> | <u>Issue Year</u> | <u>Final<br/>Maturity</u> | <u>Interest Rate</u> | Principal Amount<br>Outstanding at<br><u>June 30, 2017</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Energy Performance Contract | 2009              | 2024                      | 4.487%               | \$2,772,008.05   |

**ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA**

***Employment and Unemployment***

The following tables provide information concerning employment and unemployment in the Town, County, and State. Data provided is not necessarily representative of the District.

**Civilian Labor Force  
(In Thousands)**

|        | <u>2012</u> | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2016</u> |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Town   | 111.0       | 111.5       | 110.4       | 112.7       | 112.7       |
| County | 693.6       | 695.1       | 689.3       | 699.6       | 699.0       |
| State  | 9,612.2     | 9,623.1     | 9,570.7     | 9,591.2     | 9,584.5     |

Source: New York State Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Information not seasonally adjusted.

**Yearly Average Unemployment Rates**

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Town</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>State</u> |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| 2012        | 6.3%        | 7.0           | 8.5          |
| 2013        | 5.4         | 5.9           | 7.7          |
| 2014        | 4.4         | 4.8           | 6.3          |
| 2015        | 3.9         | 4.2           | 5.3          |
| 2016        | 3.6         | 3.9           | 4.8          |

**Monthly Unemployment Rates**

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Town</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>State</u> |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| August 2016  | 3.6%        | 4.0           | 4.9          |
| September    | 3.9         | 4.1           | 4.8          |
| October      | 3.7         | 3.9           | 4.5          |
| November     | 3.5         | 3.7           | 4.5          |
| December     | 3.4         | 3.6           | 4.9          |
| January 2017 | 3.9         | 4.1           | 5.0          |
| February     | 4.1         | 4.3           | 4.4          |
| March        | 3.4         | 3.7           | 4.2          |
| April        | 3.4         | 3.7           | 4.3          |
| May          | 3.5         | 3.8           | 4.5          |
| June         | 3.8         | 4.1           | 4.9          |
| July         | 3.9         | 4.3           | 4.9          |

Source: New York State Department of Labor statistics. Information not seasonally adjusted.

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**APPENDIX B**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARIES**

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**HEWLETT-WOODMERE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK  
Statement of Budgeted Revenues and Expenditures - General Fund  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:**

|                           | 2016-2017<br>Adopted<br>Budget [1] | 2017-2018<br>Adopted<br>Budget [2] |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                           | <u>                    </u>        | <u>                    </u>        |
| <u>REVENUES</u>           |                                    |                                    |
| Real Property Taxes       | \$98,538,802                       | \$97,538,802                       |
| State Aid                 | 9,818,139                          | 10,441,067                         |
| Other Revenue             | 5,120,785                          | 5,120,785                          |
| Appropriated Fund Balance | <u>2,876,406</u>                   | <u>3,349,342</u>                   |
| <br>Total Revenues        | <br><u><u>\$116,354,132</u></u>    | <br><u><u>\$116,449,996</u></u>    |
| <br><u>EXPENDITURES</u>   |                                    |                                    |
| General Support           | \$13,644,698                       | \$13,152,492                       |
| Instruction               | 65,523,610                         | 66,834,001                         |
| Pupil Transportation      | 5,623,254                          | 7,062,326                          |
| Community Services        | 10,000                             | 10,000                             |
| Employee Benefits         | 23,978,449                         | 22,851,681                         |
| Interfund Transfers       | 2,179,000                          | 2,179,000                          |
| Debt Service              | <u>4,395,121</u>                   | <u>4,360,496</u>                   |
| <br>Total Expenditures    | <br><u><u>\$115,354,132</u></u>    | <br><u><u>\$116,449,996</u></u>    |

- (1) The budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year was approved by voters of the District on May 17, 2016.
- (2) The budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year was approved by voters of the District on May 16, 2017.

Source: Annual budget of the Hewlett-Woodmere Union Free School District.

**HEWLETT-WOODMERE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK**  
**Comparative Balance Sheet - General Fund**  
**Fiscal Years Ended June 30:**

|   | <u>2015</u>                | <u>2016</u>                |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b><u>ASSETS</u></b>                      |                            |                            |
| Cash                                      | \$79,825,338               | \$85,554,774               |
| Taxes Receivable                          | 3,133,875                  | 3,149,950                  |
| State and Federal Aid Receivable          | 228,452                    | 258,702                    |
| Due from Other Funds                      | 2,800,048                  | 5,014,763                  |
| Due From Other Governments                | 1,224,295                  | 1,346,148                  |
| Accounts Receivables                      | 134,706                    | 322,062                    |
| Prepaid Expenditures                      | 131                        | 131                        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                       | <b><u>\$87,346,845</u></b> | <b><u>\$95,646,530</u></b> |
| <b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>                 |                            |                            |
| Accounts Payable                          | \$2,029,138                | \$2,385,754                |
| Accrued Liabilities                       | 356,732                    | 502,403                    |
| Bond Interest and Matured Bonds           | 23,582                     | 23,582                     |
| Due to Other Governments                  | 3,181,645                  | 2,175,958                  |
| Due to Other Funds                        | 101,456                    | 13,634,783                 |
| Other Liabilities                         | 0                          | 373                        |
| Due to Teachers' Retirement System        | 7,659,268                  | 6,119,119                  |
| Due to Employees' Retirement System       | 506,303                    | 333,881                    |
| Deferred Revenue                          | 276,745                    | 320,865                    |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                  | <b><u>14,134,869</u></b>   | <b><u>25,496,718</u></b>   |
| <b><u>FUND BALANCE</u></b>                |                            |                            |
| Nonspendable                              | 131                        | 0                          |
| Restricted                                | 65,565,307                 | 59,591,010                 |
| Assigned                                  | 3,244,450                  | 3,630,247                  |
| Unassigned                                | 4,402,088                  | 6,928,555                  |
| <b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>                 | <b><u>73,211,976</u></b>   | <b><u>70,149,812</u></b>   |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b> | <b><u>\$87,346,845</u></b> | <b><u>\$95,646,530</u></b> |

Source: Audited Financial Statements of the District. Summary itself is not audited.

**HEWLETT-WOODMERE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - General Fund**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30:**

| Year Ended June 30:  | 2012                | 2013                | 2014                | 2015                | 2016                |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>REVENUES</b>  |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Real Property Taxes  | \$83,035,384        | \$84,628,898        | \$87,713,485        | \$90,160,958        | \$91,234,784        |
| Other Tax Items-Including STAR   | 9,136,787           | 9,330,561           | 9,394,418           | 9,161,645           | 9,211,990           |
| Charges for Services   | 1,298,638           | 1,090,237           | 1,408,803           | 1,305,120           | 1,918,061           |
| Use of Money and Property  | 280,313             | 244,828             | 259,052             | 278,956             | 267,416             |
| Sale of Property and<br>Compensation for Loss  | 16,792              | 330,689             | 149,470             | 9,370               | 44,696              |
| Miscellaneous  | 1,427,272           | 1,496,764           | 1,001,908           | 939,658             | 583,849             |
| State Sources  | 6,355,395           | 6,668,299           | 7,063,496           | 7,634,679           | 8,152,576           |
| Federal Sources  | 1,012               | 9,347               | 56,068              | 75,366              | 111,168             |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>  | <b>101,551,593</b>  | <b>103,799,623</b>  | <b>107,046,700</b>  | <b>109,565,752</b>  | <b>111,524,540</b>  |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>  |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| General Support  | 11,842,829          | 12,362,326          | 13,023,528          | 12,684,745          | 12,928,853          |
| Instruction  | 54,792,431          | 54,715,351          | 54,359,512          | 54,282,086          | 56,005,113          |
| Pupil Transportation   | 4,560,701           | 4,591,113           | 4,628,248           | 4,642,555           | 4,945,904           |
| Community Services   | 435,202             | 426,800             | 326,211             | 300,785             | 314,939             |
| Employee Benefits  | 19,071,748          | 19,461,167          | 21,519,359          | 23,392,222          | 22,104,341          |
| Debt Service   | 4,809,861           | 4,796,475           | 4,770,339           | 4,778,332           | 4,231,696           |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>  | <b>95,512,772</b>   | <b>96,353,232</b>   | <b>98,627,197</b>   | <b>100,080,725</b>  | <b>100,530,846</b>  |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues<br>Over Expenditures                                     | 6,038,821           | 7,446,391           | 8,419,503           | 9,485,027           | 10,993,694          |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses):  |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Operating Transfers In   | 450,000             | 450,000             | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   |
| Operating Transfers Out  | (1,522,633)         | (1,149,854)         | (1,761,760)         | (1,363,000)         | (14,052,136)        |
| <b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>   | <b>(1,072,633)</b>  | <b>(699,854)</b>    | <b>(1,761,760)</b>  | <b>(1,363,000)</b>  | <b>(14,052,136)</b> |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues<br>and Other Sources Over<br>Expenditures and Other Uses | 4,966,188           | 6,746,537           | 6,657,743           | 8,122,027           | (3,058,442)         |
| Fund Balances (Deficits) -<br>Beginning of Year  | 46,719,479          | 51,685,667          | 58,432,206          | 65,089,949          | 73,211,976          |
| Adjustments, net   | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   | (3,722)             |
| <b>Fund Balances - End of Year</b>   | <b>\$51,685,667</b> | <b>\$58,432,204</b> | <b>\$65,089,949</b> | <b>\$73,211,976</b> | <b>\$70,149,812</b> |

Source: Audited Financial Statements of the District. Summary, itself is not audited.

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**APPENDIX C**  
**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

**Can be accessed on the Electronic Municipal Market Access (“EMMA”) website  
of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (“MSRB”)  
at the following link:**

**<https://emma.msrb.org/ER1016821-ER796267-ER1197487.pdf>**

**The audited financial statements referenced above are hereby incorporated into the  
attached Official Statement.**

**\* Such Financial Statements and opinion are intended to be representative only as of the date thereof. R.S. Abrams & CO., LLP has not been requested by the District to further review and/or update such Financial Statements or opinion in connection with the preparation and dissemination of this Official Statement.**

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**APPENDIX D**

**FORM OF APPROVING LEGAL OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL**

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APPENDIX D  
FORM OF OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL

October 17, 2017

The Board of Education of  
the Hewlett-Woodmere Union Free School District  
County of Nassau, New York

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as Bond Counsel to the Hewlett-Woodmere Union Free School District (the "School District"), in the County of Nassau, New York, a school district of the State of New York, in connection with the authorization, sale, and issuance of the \$11,975,000 School District Refunding Serial Bonds-2017 (the "Bonds"), dated and delivered on the date hereof.

We have examined a record of proceedings relating to the Bonds for purposes of this opinion. In such examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity with originals of all documents submitted to us as copies thereof.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, and in reliance thereon, as of the date hereof, we are of the following opinions:

1. The Bonds are valid and legally binding general obligations of the School District for which the School District has validly pledged its faith and credit and, unless paid from other sources, all the taxable real property within the School District is subject to the levy of ad valorem real estate taxes to pay the Bonds and interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount. The enforceability of rights or remedies with respect to such Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other laws affecting creditors' rights or remedies heretofore or hereafter enacted.

2. Under existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance with certain tax certifications described herein, (i) interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and (ii) interest on the Bonds is not treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations under the Code. Bond counsel expresses no opinion as to whether interest on the Bonds (or any portion thereof) is included in the adjusted current earnings of certain corporations for purposes of calculating the alternative minimum tax imposed on such corporations. A portion of the Bonds bears interest that is susceptible of inclusion in adjusted current earnings of corporations for alternative minimum tax purposes while interest on the remaining portion of the Bonds is not so includable. These two portions of the Bonds are not being separately identified by the District. Failing such identification, all corporate holders of the Bonds should treat the interest they receive as includable in adjusted current earnings of corporations for purposes of calculating the alternative minimum taxable income of such corporations. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding this issue.

The Code establishes certain requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that the interest on the Bonds be and remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code. These requirements include, but are not limited to, requirements relating to the use and expenditure of proceeds of the Bonds, restrictions on the investment of proceeds of the Bonds prior to expenditure and the requirement that certain earnings be rebated to the federal government. Noncompliance with such requirements may cause the interest on the Bonds to become subject to federal income taxation retroactive to their date of issuance, irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs or is ascertained.

On the date of issuance of the Bonds, the School District will execute a Tax Certificate relating to the Bonds containing provisions and procedures pursuant to which such requirements can be satisfied. In executing the Tax Certificate, the School District represents that it will comply with the provisions and procedures set forth therein and that it will do and perform all acts and things necessary or desirable to assure that the interest on the Bonds will, for federal income tax purposes, be excluded from gross income.

In rendering the opinion in this paragraph 2, we have relied upon and assumed (i) the material accuracy of the School District's representations, statements of intention and reasonable expectations, and certifications of fact contained in the Tax Certificate with respect to matters affecting the status of the interest on the Bonds, and (ii) compliance by the School District with the procedures and representations set forth in the Tax Certificate as to such tax matters.

3. Under existing statutes, interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal income taxes of New York State and its political subdivisions, including The City of New York.

Except as stated in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, we express no opinion regarding any other federal, state or local tax consequences with respect to the Bonds or the ownership or disposition thereof. Further, we express no opinion as to the effect of any action hereafter taken or not taken in reliance upon an opinion of other counsel on the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Bonds, or under state and local tax law.

We render our opinion under existing statutes and court decisions as of the date of issuance of the Bonds, and we assume no obligation to update, revise or supplement this opinion after the issue date to reflect any action hereafter taken or not taken, or any facts or circumstances, or any change in law or in interpretations thereof, or otherwise, that may hereafter arise or occur, or for any other reason.

We give no assurances as to the adequacy, sufficiency or completeness of the Preliminary Official Statement and/or Official Statement relating to the Bonds or any proceedings, reports, correspondence, financial statements or other documents, containing financial or other information relative to the School District which have been or may hereafter be furnished or disclosed to purchasers of ownership interests in said Bonds.

Very truly yours,

**APPENDIX E**

**FORM OF DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING FOR THE BONDS**

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## APPENDIX E

### FORM OF DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

#### UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

##### Section 1. Definitions

“Annual Information” shall mean the information specified in Section 3 hereof.

“EMMA” shall mean Electronic Municipal Market Access System implemented by the MSRB.

“GAAP” shall mean generally accepted accounting principles as in effect from time to time in the United States.

“Holder” shall mean any registered owner of the Securities and any beneficial owner of Securities within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

“Issuer” shall mean the Hewlett-Woodmere Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, a school district of the State of New York.

“MSRB” shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established in accordance with the provisions of Section 15B(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or any successor thereto or to the functions of the MSRB contemplated by this Agreement.

“Purchaser” shall mean the financial institution referred to in the Certificate of Award, executed by the President of the Board of Education as of September 26, 2017.

“Rule” shall mean Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR Part 240, §240.15c2-12), as amended, as in effect on the date of this Undertaking, including any official interpretations thereof issued either before or after the effective date of this Undertaking which are applicable to this Undertaking.

“Securities” shall mean the Issuer’s **\$11,975,000 School District Refunding Serial Bonds-2017**, dated October 17, 2017, maturing in various principal amounts on November 1 in each of the years 2017 to 2024, inclusive, and delivered on the date hereof.

Section 2. Obligation to Provide Continuing Disclosure. (a) The Issuer hereby undertakes, for the benefit of Holders of the Securities, to provide or cause to be provided either directly or through Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, 11 Grace Avenue, Suite 308, Great Neck, New York to the EMMA System:

- (i) no later than six (6) months following the end of each fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the Annual Information relating to such fiscal year, together with audited financial statements of the Issuer for such fiscal year if audited financial statements

are then available; provided, however, that if audited financial statements are not then available, unaudited financial statements shall be provided with the Annual Information no later than six (6) months following the end of each fiscal year, and audited financial statements, if any, shall be delivered to the EMMA System within sixty (60) days after they become available and in no event later than one (1) year after the end of each fiscal year; provided, however, that the unaudited financial statement shall be provided for any fiscal year only if the Issuer has made a determination that providing such unaudited financial statement would be compliant with federal securities laws, including Rule 10b-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17 (a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933; and

(ii) in a timely manner, not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of such event, notice of any of the following events with respect to the Securities:

- (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 of determinations with respect to the tax status of the Securities, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Securities;
- (7) modifications to rights of Securities holders, if material;
- (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) defeasances;
- (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Securities, if material;
- (11) rating changes;
- (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer;

Note to clause (12): For the purposes of the event identified in clause (12) above, the event is considered to occur when any of the following

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

- (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Issuer or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, 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; and
- (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material.

- (iii) in a timely manner, not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of such event, notice of a failure to provide by the date set forth in Section 2(a)(i) hereof any Annual Information required by Section 3 hereof.

(b) Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information in addition to that required hereby in the manner set forth herein or in any other manner. If the Issuer disseminates any such additional information, the Issuer shall have no obligation to update such information or include it in any future materials disseminated hereunder.

(c) Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from providing notice of the occurrence of certain other events, in addition to those listed above, if the Issuer determines that any such other event is material with respect to the Securities; but the Issuer does not undertake to commit to provide any such notice of the occurrence of any material event except those events listed above.

Section 3. Annual Information. (a) The required Annual Information shall consist of the financial information and operating data for the preceding fiscal year, in a form generally consistent with the information contained or cross-referenced in the Issuer's final official statement relating to the Securities under the heading: "LITIGATION" and in Appendix A under the headings: "DESCRIPTION OF THE DISTRICT," "DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS," "FINANCIAL FACTORS," "BUDGETARY PROCEDURES," "FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES," "INVESTMENT POLICY," "EMPLOYEE PENSION BENEFITS," and "OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS"; and in Appendix B.

(b) All or any portion of the Annual Information may be incorporated in the Annual Information by cross reference to any other documents which are (i) available to the public on the EMMA System or (ii) filed with the SEC. If such a document is a final official statement, it also must be available from the EMMA System.

(c) Annual Information for any fiscal year containing any modified operating data or financial information (as contemplated by Section 7(e) hereof) for such fiscal year shall explain, in narrative form, the reasons for such modification and the effect of such modification on the Annual Information being provided for such fiscal year. If a change in accounting principles is included in any such modification, such Annual Information shall present a comparison between the financial statements or information prepared on the basis of the modified accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles.

Section 4. Financial Statements. The Issuer's annual financial statements for each fiscal year, if prepared, shall be prepared in accordance with New York State regulatory requirements or GAAP as in effect from time to time. Such financial statements, if prepared, shall be audited by an independent accounting firm.

Section 5. Remedies. If the Issuer shall fail to comply with any provision of this Undertaking, then any Holder of Securities may enforce, for the equal benefit and protection of all Holders similarly situated, by mandamus or other suit or proceeding at law or in equity, this Undertaking against the Issuer and any of the officers, agents and employees of the Issuer, and may compel the Issuer or any such officers, agents or employees to perform and carry out their duties under this Undertaking; provided that the sole and exclusive remedy for breach of this Undertaking shall be an action to compel specific performance of the obligations of the Issuer hereunder and no person or entity shall be entitled to recover monetary damages hereunder under any circumstances. Failure to comply with any provision of this Undertaking shall not constitute an event of default on the Securities.

Section 6. Parties in Interest. This Undertaking is executed to assist the Purchaser to comply with (b)(5) of the Rule and is delivered for the benefit of the Holders. No other person shall have any right to enforce the provisions hereof or any other rights hereunder.

Section 7. Amendments. Without the consent of any holders of Securities, the Issuer at any time and from time to time may enter into any amendments or changes to this Undertaking for any of the following purposes:

- (a) to comply with or conform to any changes in Rule 15c2-12 (whether required or optional);
- (b) to add a dissemination agent for the information required to be provided hereby and to make any necessary or desirable provisions with respect thereto;
- (c) to evidence the succession of another person to the Issuer and the assumption of any such successor of the duties of the Issuer hereunder;



- (d) to add to the duties of the Issuer for the benefit of the Holders, or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Issuer;
- (e) to modify the contents, presentation and format of the Annual Information from time to time to conform to changes in accounting or disclosure principles or practices and legal requirements followed by or applicable to the Issuer or to reflect changes in the identity, nature or status of the Issuer or in the business, structure or operations of the Issuer or any mergers, consolidations, acquisitions or dispositions made by or affecting any such person; provided that any such modifications shall comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 or Rule 15c2-12 as in effect at the time of such modification; or
- (f) to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision hereof which may be inconsistent with any other provision hereof, or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under this Undertaking which, in each case, comply with Rule 15c2-12 or Rule 15c2-12 as in effect at the time of such amendment or change;

provided that no such action pursuant to this Section 7 shall adversely affect the interests of the Holders in any material respect. In making such determination, the Issuer shall rely upon an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel.

Section 8. Termination. This Undertaking shall remain in full force and effect until such time as all principal, redemption premiums, if any, and interest on the Securities shall have been paid in full or the Securities shall have otherwise been paid or legally defeased pursuant to their terms. Upon any such legal defeasance, the Issuer shall provide notice of such defeasance to the EMMA System. Such notice shall state whether the Securities have been defeased to maturity or to redemption and the timing of such maturity or redemption.

In addition, this Agreement, or any provision hereof, shall be null and void in the event that those portions of the Rule which require this Agreement, or such provision, as the case may be, do not or no longer apply to the Securities, whether because such portions of the Rule are invalid, have been repealed, or otherwise.

Section 9. Undertaking to Constitute Written Agreement or Contract. This Undertaking shall constitute the written agreement or contract for the benefit of Holders of Securities, as contemplated under Rule 15c2-12.

Section 10. Governing Law. This Undertaking shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York determined without regard to principles of conflict of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly authorized, executed and delivered this Undertaking as of **October 17, 2017**.

**HEWLETT-WOODMERE UNION FREE SCHOOL  
DISTRICT**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Board of Education  
and Chief Fiscal Officer