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## PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED OCTOBER 11, 2017

### REFUNDING (SERIAL) BONDS

Ratings: See "Ratings" herein

*In the opinion of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Bond Counsel, based upon an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions, and assuming among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual or corporate alternative minimum taxes, although it is included in adjusted current earnings when calculating corporate alternative minimum taxable income. Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York). Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds. See "Tax Matters" herein.*

*The Bonds will not be designated by the District as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.*

### CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF JAMESTOWN CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NEW YORK

**\$10,005,000\***

### SCHOOL DISTRICT REFUNDING (SERIAL) BONDS, 2017 (the "Bonds")

**Date of Issue:** Date of Delivery

**Maturity Dates:** May 15, 2018-2023

The Bonds are general obligations of the City School District of the City of Jamestown, in Chautauqua County, New York (the "District"), and will contain a pledge of the faith and credit of the District for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and, unless paid from other sources, the Bonds are payable from ad valorem taxes which may be levied upon all the taxable real property within the District, without limitation as to rate or amount.

The Bonds will not be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity.

The Bonds will be issued as registered bonds, registered to the Depository Trust Company ("DTC").

The Bonds will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC in New York, New York, which will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Individual purchases will be made in book-entry-only form, in the principal amount of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. Purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Bonds. Payments of 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 distribution to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds.

The Bonds will be dated their date of delivery, which is expected to be November 6, 2017, and will bear interest from that date until maturity at the annual rate or rates as shown on the inside cover page hereof, payable semiannually on each May 15 and November 15 until maturity commencing November 15, 2017. The Bonds will mature on May 15 each year, as shown on the inside cover page hereof.

The Bonds are offered when, as, and if issued by the District and accepted by the Underwriter, subject to the final approving opinion of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, New York, New York, Bond Counsel, and certain other conditions. Certain legal matters will be passed upon by the Underwriter by its counsel, Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP. Capital Markets Advisors, LLC has served as Municipal Advisor to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. It is expected that delivery of the Bonds in book-entry form will be made on or about November 6, 2017 (the "Delivery Date").

THE DISTRICT DEEMS THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO BE FINAL FOR PURPOSES OF SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15c2-12 (THE "RULE"), EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN OMITTED HEREFROM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID RULE AND THAT WILL BE SUPPLIED WHEN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT IS UPDATED FOLLOWING THE SALE OF THE OBLIGATIONS HEREIN DESCRIBED. THE DISTRICT WILL COVENANT IN AN UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE DISCLOSURE FOR THE BONDS AS DEFINED IN THE RULE. SEE "DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING," HEREIN.

RAMIREZ & Co., Inc.

\*Preliminary, subject to change.

The Bonds mature on May 15 in each year, not subject to prior redemption, as set forth below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>CUSIP #**</u>
2018	\$105,000			470592
2019	2,070,000			470592
2020	2,135,000			470592
2021	2,220,000			470592
2022	2,310,000			470592
2023	1,165,000			470592

\* Preliminary, subject to change.

\*\* CUSIP numbers have been assigned by an independent company not affiliated with the District and are included solely for the convenience of the holders of the Bonds. Neither the District or the Underwriter are responsible for the selection or uses of these CUSIP numbers and no representation is made to their correctness on the Bonds or as indicated above.

**CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF JAMESTOWN  
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**Board of Education**

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The Underwriter has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. The Underwriter has reviewed the information in the Official Statement in accordance with, and as part of, its responsibility to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Underwriter does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFERING, THE UNDERWRITER MAY OVER-ALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICE OF THE BONDS AT A LEVEL ABOVE THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZATION, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME. THE UNDERWRITER MAY OFFER AND SELL THE BONDS TO CERTAIN DEALER BANKS AND BANKS ACTING AS AGENTS AT PRICES LOWER THAN THE PUBLIC OFFERING PRICES STATED ON THE INSIDE COVER PAGE OF THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND SAID PUBLIC OFFERING PRICES MAY BE CHANGED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE UNDERWRITER.

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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT  
RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF  
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF JAMESTOWN  
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**\$10,005,000\***  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT REFUNDING (SERIAL) BONDS, 2017**  
**(the "Bonds")**

This Official Statement (the "Official Statement"), which includes the cover page, inside cover page, and appendices hereto, presents certain information relating to the City School District of the City of Jamestown, Chautauqua County, State of New York (the "District," "County" and "State" respectively), in connection with the sale of \$10,005,000\* 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***

The Bonds are dated their date of delivery and will bear interest from such date until maturity at the annual rate or rates as specified on the inside cover page hereof, payable semiannually on each May 15 and November 15 until maturity commencing November 15, 2017. The Bonds will mature on May 15 in each year, as specified on the inside cover page hereof. The Bonds are not subject to optional redemption prior to maturity. (See "Optional Redemption for the Bonds" herein.)

The Bonds will be issued as registered bonds, registered to DTC.

The Bonds will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC in New York, New York, which will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Individual purchases will be made in book-entry-only form, in the principal amount of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. Purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Bonds. Payments of 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 distribution to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds.

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

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\*Preliminary, subject to change.

### ***Authority for and the Refunding Plan***

The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution, the laws of the State, including the Local Finance Law and a refunding bond resolution duly adopted by the Board of Education of the District (the “Board”) on September 26, 2017. A refunding financial plan has been prepared and is described below (the “Refunding Plan”).

The amount of the Refunded Bonds, set forth below, may be changed by the District in its sole discretion due to market or other factors considered relevant by the District at the time of pricing of the Bonds and no assurance can be given that any particular maturity thereof will be refunded.

All proceeds of the Refunded Bonds have been previously expensed.

The Bonds are being issued to refund \$4,685,000 of the outstanding principal of the \$13,750,000 School District (Serial) Bonds, 2008 and to refund \$5,665,000 of the outstanding principal of the \$14,385,000 School District (Serial) Bonds, 2008 Series B as listed below (the “Refunded Bonds”):

2008:

<b>Maturity</b>	<b>Coupon</b>	<b>Maturity Value</b>	<b>Call Date</b>	<b>Call Price</b>	<b>CUSIP BASE 470592</b>
5/15/2019	4.000%	\$ 1,100,000	05/15/2018	100.00%	JF4
5/15/2020	4.000%	1,145,000	05/15/2018	100.00%	JG2
5/15/2021	4.000%	1,195,000	05/15/2018	100.00%	JH0
5/15/2022	4.000%	<u>1,245,000</u>	05/15/2018	100.00%	JJ6
		\$4,685,000			

2008 B:

<b>Maturity</b>	<b>Coupon</b>	<b>Maturity Value</b>	<b>Call Date</b>	<b>Call Price</b>	<b>CUSIP BASE 470592</b>
6/15/2019	4.250%	\$ 1,045,000	06/15/2018	100.00%	JV9
6/15/2020	4.250%	1,085,000	06/15/2018	100.00%	JW7
6/15/2021	4.250%	1,130,000	06/15/2018	100.00%	JX5
6/15/2022	4.250%	1,175,000	06/15/2018	100.00%	JY3
6/15/2023	4.250%	<u>1,230,000</u>	06/15/2018	100.00%	JZ0
		\$5,665,000			

Under current market conditions, the District expects to refund all of the Refunded Bonds as shown above. The net proceeds of the Bonds (after payment of 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 Manufactures & Trader’s 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, and interest on the Refunded Bonds on the dates of their redemption. The Refunding Plan requires the Escrow Holder, pursuant to the refunding bond resolution of the District and the Escrow Contract, to pay the Refunded Bonds at the earliest date on which the Refunded Bonds may be called for redemption prior to maturity.

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 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 and interest when required in accordance with the Refunding Plan, it is not anticipated that any other source of payment will be required.

### ***Sources and Uses of Proceeds of the Bonds***

Sources:

Par Amount  
Net Original Issue Premium/Discount

Total:

Uses:

Refunding Escrow Deposit:  
Costs of Issuance and Contingency

Total:

### ***Verification of Mathematical Computations***

Causey, Demgen, & Moore P.C. will verify from 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, to be held in escrow, will be sufficient to pay, when due, the principal of, and interest on the Refunded 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. Causey, Demgen, & Moore P.C. will express no opinion on the assumptions provided to them, nor as to the exclusion from taxation of the interest on the Bonds.

### ***Certificated Bonds***

DTC may discontinue providing its services with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the District and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law, or the District may terminate its participation in the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC at any time. In the event that such book-entry-only system is discontinued, the following provisions will apply: the Bonds will be issued in fully registered form in denominations of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof for any single maturity. Principal of the Bonds when due will be payable upon presentation at the principal corporate trust office of a bank or trust company located and authorized to do business and act as a fiscal agent in the State, to be named by the District. Interest on the Bonds will remain payable semiannually on May 15 and November 15 in each year to maturity commencing November 15, 2017. Such interest will be payable by check drawn on the fiscal agent and mailed to the registered owner on each interest payment date at the address as shown on the registration books of the fiscal agent as of the last business day of the calendar month preceding each such interest payment date. Bonds may be transferred or exchanged at no cost to the registered owner at any time prior to maturity at the office of the fiscal agent for the Bonds of the same if any other authorized denomination or denominations in the same aggregate principal amount upon the terms set forth in the Bond Certificate executed by the President of the Board of Education authorizing the sale of the Bonds and fixing the details thereof and in accordance with the local Finance Law. The fiscal agent shall

not be obligated to make any such transfer or exchange of Bonds between the last business day of the calendar month preceding an interest payment date and such interest payment date.

### **OPTIONAL REDEMPTION**

The Bonds will not be subject to optional 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.

Holders of any series of notes or bonds of the District may bring an action or commence a proceeding in accordance with the civil practice law and rules to enforce the rights of the holders of such series of notes or bonds.

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 as required by the Constitution and laws of the State. For the payment of such principal and interest, the District has power and statutory authorization to levy ad valorem taxes on all real property within the District subject to such taxation by the District, without limit as to rate or amount.

Although the State Legislature is restricted by Article VIII, Section 12 of the State Constitution from imposing limitations on the power to raise taxes to pay “interest on or principal of indebtedness theretofore contracted” prior to the effective date of any such legislation, the New York State Legislature may from time to time impose additional limitations or requirements on the ability to increase a real property tax levy or on the methodology, exclusions or other restrictions of various aspects of real property taxation (as well as on the ability to issue new indebtedness). On June 24, 2011, Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 was signed into law by the Governor (the “Tax Levy Limitation Law”). The Tax Levy Limitation Law applies to local governments and school districts in the State (with certain exceptions) and imposes additional procedural requirements on the ability of municipalities and school districts to levy certain year-to-year increases in real property taxes.

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 is required to raise real estate taxes, and without specification, other revenues, if such levy is necessary to repay such indebtedness. While the Tax Levy Limitation Law imposes a statutory limitation on the District’s power to increase its annual tax levy with the amount of such increase limited by the formulas set forth in the Tax Levy Limitation Law, it also provides the procedural method to surmount that limitation. See “Tax Information - Tax Levy Limitation Law,” herein.

The Constitutionally-mandated general obligation pledge of municipalities and school districts in New York State has been interpreted by the Court of Appeals, the State’s highest court, in Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York, 40 N.Y.2d 731 (1976), as follows:

“A pledge of the city’s faith and credit is both a commitment to pay and a commitment of the city’s revenue generating powers to produce the funds to pay. Hence, an obligation containing a pledge of the City’s “faith and credit” is secured by a promise both to pay and to use in good faith the city’s general revenue powers to produce sufficient funds to pay the principal and interest of the obligation as it becomes due. That is why both words, “faith” and “credit” are used and they are not tautological. That is what the words say and this is what the courts have held they mean . . . So, too, although the Legislature is given the duty to restrict municipalities in order to prevent abuses in taxation, assessment, and in contracting of indebtedness, it may not constrict the City’s power to levy taxes on real estate for the payment of interest on or principal of indebtedness previously contracted . . . While phrased in permissive language, these provisions, when read together with the requirement of the pledge and faith and credit, express a constitutional imperative: debt obligations must be paid, even if tax limits be exceeded”.



In addition, the Court of Appeals in the Flushing National Bank (1976) case has held that the payment of debt service on outstanding general obligation bonds and notes takes precedence over fiscal emergencies and the police power of political subdivisions in New York State.

The pledge has generally been understood as a promise to levy property taxes without limitation as to rate or amount to the extent necessary to cover debt service due to language in Article VIII Section 10 of the Constitution which provides an exclusion for debt service from Constitutional limitations on the amount of a real property tax levy, insuring the availability of the levy of property tax revenues to pay debt service. As the Flushing National Bank (1976) Court noted, the term “faith and credit” in its context is “not qualified in any way”. Indeed, in Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corp., 40 N.Y.2d 1088 (1977) the Court of Appeals described the pledge as a direct constitutional mandate. In Quirk v. Municipal Assistance Corp., 41 N.Y.2d 644 (1977), the Court of Appeals stated that, while holders of general obligation debt did not have a right to particular revenues such as sales tax, “with respect to traditional real estate tax levies, the bondholders are constitutionally protected against an attempt by the State to deprive the city of those revenues to meet its obligations.” According to the Court in Quirk, the State Constitution “requires the city to raise real estate taxes, and without specification other revenues, if such a levy be necessary to repay indebtedness.”

In addition, the Constitution of the State requires that every county, city, town, village, and school district in the State provide annually by appropriation for the payment of all interest and principal on its serial bonds and certain other obligations, and that, if at any time the respective appropriating authorities shall fail to make such appropriation, a sufficient sum shall be set apart from the first revenues thereafter received and shall be applied to such purposes. In the event that an appropriating authority were to make an appropriation for debt service and then decline to expend it for that purpose, this provision would not apply. However, the Constitution of the State does also provide that the fiscal officer of any county, city, town, village, or school district may be required to set apart and apply such first revenues at the suit of any holder of any such obligations.

In Quirk v. Municipal Assistance Corp., 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 New York 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 not be interpreted by a court of competent jurisdiction to include a constitutional or statutory lien upon any particular revenues.

While the courts in New York 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.

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

In such scenario, DTC 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 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC’s participants (“Direct Participants”) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants’ accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (“DTCC”). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC

system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly (“Indirect Participants”). 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) and [www.dtc.org](http://www.dtc.org).

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

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC’s MMI 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 principal and interest payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the 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-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, bond certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

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

THE DISTRICT CANNOT AND DOES NOT GIVE ANY ASSURANCE THAT DTC DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC WILL DISTRIBUTE TO THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE BONDS (1) PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST OR REDEMPTION PREMIUM ON THE BONDS (2) CONFIRMATIONS OF THEIR OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN THE BONDS OR (3) OTHER NOTICES SENT TO DTC OR CEDE & CO., ITS PARTNERSHIP NOMINEE, AS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE BONDS, OR THAT THEY WILL DO SO ON A TIMELY BASIS, OR THAT DTC, DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS WILL SERVE AND ACT IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

THE DISTRICT WILL NOT HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATION TO DTC, THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS, THE INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC OR THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS WITH RESPECT TO (1) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC; (2) THE PAYMENT BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC OF ANY AMOUNT DUE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER IN RESPECT OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OR INTEREST OR REDEMPTION PREMIUM ON THE BONDS; (3) THE DELIVERY BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC OF ANY NOTICE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER THAT IS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED TO BE GIVEN TO OWNERS; OR (4) ANY CONSENT GIVEN OR OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY DTC AS THE REGISTERED HOLDER OF THE BONDS.

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

*Source: The Depository Trust Company.*

## **MARKET FACTORS**

The financial condition of the District as well as the market for the Bonds could be affected by a variety of factors, some of which are beyond the District's control. There can be no assurance that adverse events in the State, including, for example, the seeking by a municipality 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. If a significant default or other financial crisis should occur in the affairs of the State or at any of its agencies or political subdivisions thereby further impairing the acceptability of obligations issued by borrowers within the State, both the ability of the District to arrange for additional borrowings and the market for and market value of outstanding debt obligations, including the Bonds, could be adversely affected.

The District is dependent, in part, on financial assistance from the State. However, 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. The 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. In any event, State aid appropriated and apportioned to the District can be paid only if the State has such monies available therefor.

Should the District fail to receive monies expected from the State in the amounts and at the times expected, the District is permitted to issue revenue anticipation notes in anticipation of the receipt of delayed State aid.

## **TAX MATTERS**

In the opinion of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP (“Bond Counsel”), based upon an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings, and court decisions, and assuming, among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “Code”) and is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York). Bond Counsel is of the further opinion that interest on the Bonds is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual or corporate alternative minimum taxes, although Bond Counsel observes that such interest is included in adjusted current earnings when calculating corporate alternative minimum taxable income. A complete copy of the proposed form of opinion of Bond Counsel is set forth in Appendix D hereto.

The Code imposes various restrictions, conditions and requirements relating to the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations such as the Bonds. The District has covenanted to comply with certain restrictions designed to insure that interest on the Bonds will not be included in federal gross income. Failure to comply with these covenants may result in interest on the Bonds being included in gross income for federal income tax purposes, possibly from the date of original issuance of the Bonds. The opinion of Bond Counsel assumes compliance with these covenants. Bond Counsel has not undertaken to determine (or to inform any person) whether any actions taken (or not taken) or events occurring (or not occurring) after the date of issuance of the Bonds may adversely affect the value of, or the tax status of interest on, the Bonds. Further, no assurance can be given that pending or future legislation or amendments to the Code, if enacted into law, or any proposed legislation or amendments to the Code, will not adversely affect the value of, or the tax status of interest on, the Bonds.

Certain requirements and procedures contained or referred to in the Arbitrage Certificate, and other relevant documents may be changed and certain actions (including, without limitation, economic defeasance of the Bonds) may be taken or omitted under the circumstances and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in such documents. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to any of the Bonds or the interest thereon if any such change occurs or action is taken or omitted.

Although Bond Counsel is of the opinion that interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is excluded from income taxes imposed by the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York), the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual, amount, or receipt of interest on, the Bonds may otherwise affect an Owner’s federal or state tax liability. The nature and extent of these other tax consequences will depend upon the particular tax status of the Owner or the Owner’s other items of income or deduction. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any such other tax consequences.

Current and future legislative proposals, if enacted into law, clarification of the Code or court decisions may cause interest on the Bonds to be subject, directly or indirectly, to federal income taxation or to be subject to or exempted from state income taxation, or otherwise prevent Beneficial Owners from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. Legislation has been proposed which generally limits the exclusion from gross income of interest on obligations like the Bonds to some extent for taxpayers who are individuals and whose income is subject to higher marginal income tax rates. Other proposals have been made that could significantly reduce the benefit of, or otherwise affect, the exclusion from gross income of interest on obligations like the Bonds. The introduction or enactment of any such legislative proposals, clarification of the Code or court decisions may also affect, perhaps significantly, the market price for, or marketability of, the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding any pending or proposed federal or state tax legislation, regulations or litigation, and regarding the impact of future legislation, regulations or litigation, as to which Bond Counsel expresses no opinion.

## **DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING DELIVERY OF THE BONDS**

### ***Legal Matters***

Legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds are subject to the approving opinion of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Bond Counsel. Bond Counsel's opinion will be in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix D.

Certain legal matters will be passed on for the Underwriter by its counsel Hawkins Delafield & Wood, LLP.

### **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" (the "Undertaking"). Said Undertaking will constitute a written agreement or contract of the District for the benefit of holders of and owners of beneficial interests in the Bonds, to provide, or cause to be provided to the Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") System implemented by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established pursuant to Section 15B(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or any successor thereto or to the functions of such Board contemplated by the Undertaking,:

- (1) (i) certain annual financial information, in a form generally consistent with the information contained or cross-referenced in this Official Statement under the headings "Litigation" and in Appendix A under the headings: "The District", "Financial Factors", "Tax Information", "District Indebtedness" and "Economic and Demographic Data"; and in Appendix B, on or prior to the 180th day following the end of each fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 and (ii) the audited financial statement, if any, of the District for each fiscal year commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 unless such audited financial statement, if any, shall not then be available in which case the unaudited financial statement shall be provided and an audited financial statement shall be provided within 30 days after it becomes available and in no event later than 360 days after the end of each fiscal year;
- (2) timely notice, not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of such event, of the occurrence of any of the following events:
  - (i) principal and interest payment delinquencies; (ii) non-payment related defaults, if material; (iii) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties; (iv) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties; (v) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform; (vi) 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 Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds; (vii) modifications to rights of Bondholders, if material; (viii) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers; (ix) defeasances; (x) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material; (xi) rating changes; (xii) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the District; (xiii) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the District, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; and (xiv) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material.

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

(3) in a timely manner, not in excess of ten (10 ) days, notice of a failure to provide the annual financial information by the date specified.

The District's Undertaking shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the principal of, redemption premiums, if any, and interest on the Bonds shall have been paid in full or in the event that those portions of the Rule which require the Undertaking, or such provision, as the case may be, do not or no longer apply to the Bonds. The sole and exclusive remedy for breach or default under the Undertaking is an action to compel specific performance of the undertakings of the District, and no person or entity, including a Holder of the Bonds, shall be entitled to recover monetary damages thereunder under any circumstances. Any failure by the District to comply with the Undertaking will not constitute a default with respect to the Bonds.

The District reserves the right to amend or modify the Undertaking under certain circumstances set forth therein; provided that any such amendment or modification will be done in a manner consistent with Rule 15c2-12, as amended.

### ***Prior Disclosure History***

Certain municipal bond insurance companies have had a variety of ratings changes over the past five years. The District filed event notices for the changes associated with Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp ("AGM"). And Financial Guaranty Insurance Company on EMMA on July 2, 2014.

Additionally, due to a clerical error, the District's event notice filed on January 24, 2013 included a Moody's rating change for AGM but did not include the Moody's rating change for Assured Guaranty Corp ("AGC") which Moody's rated different than AGM. On July 23, 2014 the District filed an event notice for the AGC rating change which occurred on January 17, 2013.

### **RATINGS**

Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") has assigned the District an underlying rating of "A3" and enhanced rating of "A2" to the uninsured outstanding bonded indebtedness of the District, including the Bonds.

Such rating reflects 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, NY 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 those bonds.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

So far as any statements made in this Official Statement involve matters of opinion or estimates, whether or not so expressly stated, they are set forth as such and not as representations of fact, and no representation is made that any of the opinions or estimates will be realized. Neither this Official Statement nor any statement which may have been made orally or in writing is to be construed as a contract with the holders of the Bonds. Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP and Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP expresses no opinion on the accuracy or completeness of any documents prepared by or on behalf of the District for use in connection with the offer and sale of the Bonds, including this Official Statement.

## **UNDERWRITING**

The Bonds are being purchased by Samuel A. Ramirez & Co., Inc. or its successor in interest (the “Underwriter”) for reoffering to the public. The Underwriter will purchase all of the Bonds, if any are purchased, at a price equal to \$\_\_\_\_\_, being the par amount of the Bonds, plus a premium of \$\_\_\_\_\_, less an underwriter’s discount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. The Underwriter is initially offering the Bonds to the public at the public offering yields indicated on the inside cover page, but the Underwriter may offer and sell the Bonds to certain dealers, institutional investors and others (including sales for deposit into investment trusts, certain of which may be sponsored or managed by the Underwriter) at yields higher than the public offering yields stated on the cover page hereof and the public offering yields may be changed from time to time by the Underwriter.

## **MUNICIPAL ADVISOR**

Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, Orchard Park, 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 municipal advisor to the District 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 District 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 District. 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**

Additional information may be obtained from the District’s Director of Finance & Business Affairs, Vernon Connors, 197 Martin Road, Jamestown, NY 14701, (716) 483-4497, email: vernon.d.connors@jamestown.wnyc.org or from the District’s Municipal Advisor, Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, (716) 662-3910.

This Official Statement is submitted only in connection with the sale of the Bonds by the District and may not be reproduced or used in whole or in part for any other purpose.

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

Statements in this Official Statement, and the documents included by specific reference, that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements, which are based on the District management’s beliefs as well as assumptions made by, and information available to, the District management and staff. Because the statements are based on expectations about future events and economic performance and are not statements of fact, actual results may differ materially from those projected. Important factors that could cause future results to differ include legislative and regulatory changes, changes in the economy, and other factors discussed in this and other documents that the District files with the repositories. When used in District documents or oral presentation, the words “anticipate”, “estimate”, “expect”, “objective”, “projection”, “forecast”, “goal”, or similar words are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

References herein to the Constitution of the State and various State and federal laws are only brief outlines of certain provisions thereof and do not purport to summarize or describe all of such provisions.

Concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds, the District will furnish a certificate to the effect that as of the date of the Official Statement, the Official Statement did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements herein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, subject to a limitation as to information in the Official Statement obtained from sources other than the District.

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This Official Statement has been duly executed and delivered by the President of the Board of Education.

City School District of the City of Jamestown

By: /s/ Paul Abbott  
Paul Abbott  
President of the Board of Education

DATED: October \_\_, 2017



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

## **THE DISTRICT**

### ***General Information***

The District is located at the southeastern end of Chautauqua Lake in Chautauqua County and has an area of approximately 19 square miles with an estimated population of 29,355. The District incorporates all of the City of Jamestown, a major portion of the Town of Kiantone, and lesser portions of the Towns of Busti, Ellicott and Carroll.

The City of Jamestown has become the business and financial center for southwestern New York State and a considerable portion of northwestern Pennsylvania. It has long been known as a furniture and woodworking center but in recent years has been successful in attracting diversified industries as well.

The District's proximity to Chautauqua Lake and the world renowned Chautauqua Institution further enhances the region as a popular summertime resort area.

Transportation needs are adequately provided for by the nearby Chautauqua Airport, the Southern Tier Expressway, as well as numerous modern highways, two railway systems and bus transportation.

### ***District Organization***

The Board of Education, which is the policy-making body of the District, consists of seven members with overlapping three-year terms so that as nearly an equal number as possible is elected to the Board each year. The President and the Vice President are selected by the Board members.

The administrative officers of the District, whose duty it is to implement the policies of the Board of Education and who are appointed by the Board, include the Superintendent of Schools, the School District Clerk, the District Treasurer, the School District Attorney and the Director of Finance and Business Affairs.

### ***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 Director of Finance and Business Affairs.

### ***District Facilities***

The District operates eleven schools; statistics relating to each are shown below.

**TABLE 1**  
**School Statistics**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Grades</u></b>	<b><u>Capacity</u></b>	<b><u>Year Built</u></b>	<b><u>Year of Construction</u></b>
Bush Elementary	K – 4	402	1955	1997
Fletcher Elementary	K – 4	552	1936	1997
Lincoln Elementary	K – 4	702	1922	1992
Love Elementary	K – 4	423	1927	1996
Ring Elementary	K – 4	530	1957	1997
Rogers Elementary <sup>(1)</sup>	K – 4	439	1974	1997
Jefferson Middle	5-8	607	1976	1993
Persell Middle	5-8	476	1954	1997
Washington Middle	5-8	659	1974	1993
Jamestown High School	9-12	1,674	1934	1998
Technology Academy	9-12	201	1929	2003

(1) Closed for instructional purposes on June 30, 2012, the District uses the property for storage purposes

Source: District Officials.

## ***Employees***

The District provides services with 830 full or part-time employees represented by the following organizations.

**TABLE 2**  
**Employees**

<b><u>Number Of Employees</u></b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Expiration Date</u></b>
458	Jamestown Teachers' Association	6/30/2018
138	Association of Jamestown Paraprofessionals	6/30/2017*
16	Jamestown Principals' Association	6/30/2018
50	Jamestown Educational Support Personnel	6/30/2021
29	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers	6/30/2017*
110	Jamestown Support Staff Association	6/30/2018
7	Jamestown Coordinators' Association	6/30/2018
22	Administrators/Confidential/Independents	6/30/2017*

\* Under Negotiations

Source: District Officials.

## ***Employee Pension Benefits***

All non-teaching and non-certified administrative employees of the School District eligible for pension or retirement benefits under the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State of New York are members of the New York and Local Employees' Retirement System ("ERS").

Teachers and certified administrators are members of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System ("TRS"). Payments to the Teachers' Retirement System are deducted from the School District's State aid payments.

Both the ERS and the TRS are non-contributing with respect to members hired prior to July 27, 1976. The Retirement Systems are non-contributory with respect to members working ten or more years. All members working less than ten years must contribute 3% of gross annual salary toward the cost of retirement programs. Employees hired on or after April 1, 2013 have a variable contribution amount. See further details herein.

The following table details the actual contributions to ERS and TRS for the past three audited fiscal years and 2017 & 2018 budgeted contributions:

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>ERS</u></b>	<b><u>TRS</u></b>
2018 <i>Budgeted</i>	\$1,432,062	\$2,943,882
2017 <i>Budgeted</i>	1,420,031	3,408,155
2016	1,673,717	4,073,739
2015	1,775,826	5,570,229
2014	1,792,238	5,141,830

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

Under the new system, a contribution for a given fiscal year is based on the valuation of the pension fund on the prior April 1 of the calendar year preceding the contribution due date instead of the following April 1 in the year of contribution so that the exact amount may now be included in a budget.

On December 10, 2009, pension reform legislation was signed into law. The legislation creates a new Tier V pension level, the most significant reform of the State's pension system in more than a quarter-century. Key components of Tier V include:

- Raising the minimum age of which most civilians can retire without penalty from 55 to 62 and imposing a penalty of up to 38 percent for any civilian who retires prior to age 62.
- Requiring employees to continue contributing three percent of their salaries toward pension costs so long as they accumulate additional pension credits.
- Increasing the minimum years of service required to draw a pension from five years to 10 years.
- Capping the amount of overtime that can be considered in the calculation of pension benefits for civilians at \$15,000 per year, and for police and firefighters at 15 percent of non-overtime wages.

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

- Raising the minimum age an individual can retire without penalty from 55 to 57 years.
- Contributing 3.5 percent of their annual wages to pension costs rather than 3.0 percent and continuing this increased contribution so long as they accumulate additional pension credits.
- Increasing the two percent multiplier threshold for final pension calculations from 20 to 25 years.

On March 16, 2012, Governor Cuomo signed into law the new Tier 6 pension program, effective for new ERS and TRS employees hired after April 1, 2012. The Tier 6 legislation provides for increased employee contribution rates of between 3% and 6%, an increase in the retirement age from 62 years to 63 years, a readjustment of the pension multiplier, and a change in the time period for final average salary calculation from 3 years to 5 years. Tier 6 employees will vest in the system after ten years of employment and will continue to make employee contributions throughout employment.

Pension reform legislation enacted in 2003 and 2004 changed the cycle of ERS billing to match budget cycles of the District. Under the previous method, the District was unsure of how much it paid to the system until after its budget was implemented. Under the current method the contribution for a given fiscal year will be based on the value of the pension fund on the prior April 1 instead of the following April 1 so that the District will be able to more accurately include the cost of the contribution into its budget. The reform legislation also (i) required the District 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 contribution possible and (ii) moved the annual payment date for contributions from December 15th to February 1st, effective December 15, 2004.

The New York State ERS rate for the 2016-17 fiscal year is 16.1%. The 2017-18 TRS rate is not expected to change. The New York State TRS rate for the 2016-17 fiscal year is 11.72%. The 2017-18 TRS rate is expected to be 9.8%.

Due to prior poor performance of the investment portfolio of the State Retirement System, New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli had announced that the employer contribution rates for required pension contributions to the SRS will continue to increase. To help mitigate the impact of their ERS increases, legislation has been enacted that permits local governments and school district to amortize a portion of such contributions. Under such legislation, local governments and school district that choose to amortize a portion of their ERS contributions will be required to set aside and reserve funds with the SRS for certain future rate increases. The District did not opt into the pension smoothing plan.

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 SCO, which was adopted in 2010. 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 as described below. The plan, which was approved in Governor Cuomo's 2014-15 budget would let districts contribute 14.13% of employee costs toward pensions. The District did not opt into the pension smoothing plan.

Under the TRS SCO plan, payment of the deferred amount will commence in year six of the program (2018-19) and continue for five years. School districts can elect to no longer participate in the plan at any time, resume paying the ARC and begin repayment of deferred amounts over five years. Under the ERS SCO, payment of deferred amounts begins the year immediately following the deferral and the repayment period is 12 years. Once made, the election to participate in the ERS SCO is permanent. However, the school districts can choose not to defer payment in any given year. In both plans, interest on the deferred amounts is based on the yield of 10-year U.S. Treasury securities plus 1%.

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.

GASB 45 and OPEB. OPEB refers to "other post-employment benefits," meaning other than pension benefits. OPEB consist primarily of health care benefits, and may include other benefits such as disability benefits and life insurance. Until now, 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.

GASB 45 will require municipalities and school districts to account for OPEB liabilities much like they already account for pension liabilities, generally adopting the actuarial methodologies used for pensions, with adjustments for the different characteristics of OPEB and the fact that most municipalities and school districts have not set aside any funds against this liability. Unlike GASB 27, which covers accounting for pensions, GASB 45 does not require municipalities or school districts to report a net OPEB obligation at the start.

Under GASB 45, based on actuarial valuation, an annual required contribution ("ARC") will be determined for each municipality or school district. 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 or school district 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 was in compliance with the requirements of GASB 45 by the applicable effective date, and a summary of the actuarial valuation is included as part of the District's June 30, 2016 Financial Audit attached herein.

The following table summarizes the District's annual OPEB for the year ended June 30, 2016 and 2015:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Annual required contribution		
Normal Cost	\$ 95,307	\$ 100,851
Amortization of unfunded AAL	154,871	170,204
Interest	45,023	57,690
ARC adjustment	<u>(46,625)</u>	<u>(59,743)</u>
	248,576	269,002
Contributions made	<u>(486,817)</u>	<u>(585,688)</u>
Decrease in net OPEB obligation	(238,241)	(316,686)
Net OPEB obligation – beginning of the year	<u>1,125,571</u>	<u>1,442,257</u>
Net OPEB obligation – end of year	<u>\$ 887,330</u>	<u>\$1,125,571</u>

*Source: Audited Financial Statements*

As of June 30, 2016, the plan was not funded. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability for benefits for governmental activities was \$3,793,428.

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.

At this time, New York State has not developed guidelines for the creation and use of irrevocable trusts for the funding of OPEB. As a result, the District has decided to continue funding the expenditure on a pay-as-you-go basis.

### ***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 monies in banks and 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 bonds issued by the District; (5) certificates of participation issued 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 monies were provided and, in the case of instruments and 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 custody of a bank or trust company in the State pursuant to a written custodial agreement as provided in Section 10 of the GML.

## FINANCIAL FACTORS

District finances are operated through its General Fund. All taxes and most other revenues are paid into this fund and all current operating expenditures are made from it. 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.

### ***Property Tax Revenue***

The District derives a portion of its revenues from a tax on real property. Property taxes accounted for 21.2% of total general fund revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, while State aid accounted for 77.2%.

The following table sets forth total general fund revenues and real property tax revenues collected during the last five fiscal years ended June 30th and budgeted for the 2017 and 2018 fiscal years.

**Table 3**  
**Property Taxes**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>General Fund Revenues</u> <sup>(a)</sup>	<u>Real Property Taxes &amp; Tax Items</u> <sup>(b)</sup>	<u>Real Property Taxes to Revenues</u>
2012	\$70,598,517	\$16,308,035	23.1%
2013	72,309,086	15,940,339	22.0%
2014	69,605,882	16,076,896	23.1%
2015	73,286,785	16,165,231	22.1%
2016	77,161,920	16,346,961	21.2%
2017 <i>(Budget)</i>	79,098,399	16,166,710	20.4%
2018 <i>(Budget)</i>	84,363,220	16,165,991	19.1%

(a) General Fund.

(b) The Budgeted Real Property Tax includes STAR – School Tax Exemption.

Source: *Audited Financial Statements and Adopted Budgets*

### ***State Aid***

The District also receives a major portion of its revenues in the form of State aid for operating purposes at various times throughout its fiscal year, pursuant to formulas and payment schedules set forth by statute.

The following table sets forth total State aid revenues during the last five fiscal years ended June 30th and budgeted for the 2017 and 2018 fiscal years.

**Table 4**  
**State Aid**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>General Fund Revenues</u> <sup>(a)</sup>	<u>State Aid</u>	<u>State Aid to Revenues</u>
2012	\$70,598,517	\$53,639,589	76.0%
2013	72,309,086	55,288,023	76.5%
2014	69,605,882	52,312,926	75.2%
2015	73,286,785	56,096,766	76.5%
2016	77,161,920	59,596,870	77.2%
2017 <i>(Budget)</i>	79,098,399	62,016,405	78.4%
2018 <i>(Budget)</i>	84,363,220	66,665,630	81.9%

(a) General Fund.

Source: *Audited Financial Statements and Adopted Budgets*

There is no assurance that the State appropriation for State aid to school districts will continue, either pursuant to existing formulas or in any form whatsoever. The State is not constitutionally obligated to maintain or continue such aid. State budgetary restrictions which eliminate or substantially reduce State

aid could have a material adverse effect upon the District, requiring either a counterbalancing increase in revenues from other sources to the extent available, or a curtailment of expenditures.

In addition to the amount of State Aid budgeted by the District in its 2017-18 fiscal year, the State is expected to make payments of STAR aid representing tax savings provided by school districts to their taxpayers under the STAR (see “STAR-School Tax Exemption”) Program. The District received a timely receipt of STAR aid for the current fiscal year.

The Gap Elimination Adjustment (“GEA”) law was first introduced for the 2010-11 fiscal year (although it existed in 2009-10 and was called “Deficit Reduction Assessment”) as a way to help close the State’s then \$10 billion budget deficit. Under legislation, a portion of the funding shortfall at the state level is divided among all school districts throughout the State and reflected as a reduction in school district state aid. The GEA is a negative number, money that is deducted from the aid originally due to the District. Since the program began, the GEA and Deficit Reduction Assessment reduction in State aid for the District has amounted to approximately \$1.9 million annually. As a result, the District has been forced to reduce programs, services, and staff accordingly. Beginning in the 2013-14 fiscal year, the State made modest restorations to the GEA. In the 2014-15 fiscal year, the GEA was reduced by \$1.33 million, dropping the total GEA to \$572,303. In the 2015-16 fiscal year, it was reduced by \$560,856, yielding a remaining GEA of \$11,447. In the 2016-17 fiscal year, it has been further reduced by \$11,447, yielding no remaining GEA.

The Smart Schools Bond Act was passed as part of the Enacted 2014-15 State Budget. The Smart Schools Bond Act authorizes the issuance of \$2 billion of general obligation bonds to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunity for students throughout the State. The District’s estimated allocation of funds is \$4,930,918.

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. The 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. In any event, State aid appropriated and apportioned to the District can be paid only if the State has such monies available therefor.

No delay in payment of State aid for the District’s 2017-18 fiscal year is presently anticipated, although no assurance can be given that there will not be a delay in payment thereof. Should the District fail to receive monies expected from the State in the amounts and at the times expected, the District is permitted to issue revenue anticipation notes in anticipation of the receipt of delayed State aid.

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

School district fiscal year (2012-13): The State Legislature adopted the State budget on March 30, 2012. The budget included 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 included 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 April 1, 2014. The budget included an increase of \$807 million in State aid for school districts totaling \$21.88 billion in State aid for New York school districts.

School district fiscal year (2015-16): The State Legislature adopted the State budget on April 1, 2015. The budget provided for school aid of approximately \$23.5 billion, which represents an increase of approximately \$1.3 billion, or 7.4%, in total school aid spending from the 2014-15 school year. The budget continued a three-year appropriation methodology established in the 2011-12 State fiscal year and limited future school aid increases to growth as measured by the total personal income of residents of the State.



School district fiscal year (2016-17): The State Legislature adopted the State budget on March 31, 2016. The budget included 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 budget included a \$266 million increase in Foundation Aid and a \$189 million restoration to the Gap Elimination Adjustment. The majority of the remaining increase includes \$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. The budget includes School Aid spending of \$24.8 billion, a \$1.5 billion increase (6.5% increase) from the prior fiscal year.

School district fiscal year (2017-18): Governor Cuomo presented his Executive Budget for the fiscal year 2017-2018 to the public on January 17, 2017. The Executive Budget allocates \$961 million in State Aid to school districts. The Executive Budget recommends that Foundation Aid be increased by \$428 million. The Governor's proposal essentially replaces the foundation aid formula with a new formula based on prior year aid plus a base increase and a community schools aid increase for districts with failing or persistently failing schools or a concentration of English language learners. The Executive Budget sets aside \$50 million of the Foundation Aid increase to be used for community schools, putting the total amount set aside for community schools at \$150 million. The Executive Budget also allocates \$22 million to be used to create a new tier of Charter School Transitional Aid to reimburse school districts for tuition payments made to charter schools. The Governor also proposes that the State allocate an additional \$35 million for public after-school programs in the State's 16 Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative communities, which would bring the total funding of these programs to \$100 million annually. In addition, the Executive Budget includes a \$5 million increase to expand prekindergarten programs in high need school districts. Preference for these funds will be given to high need districts which currently do not have prekindergarten programs.

The State budget provisions relating to school districts for the forthcoming School District fiscal year were adopted on April 9, 2017 and signed by the Governor on April 20, 2017.

The budget increases Education Aid by \$1.1 billion, including a \$700 million increase in Foundation Aid, without revision to the formula, bringing the new Education Aid total to \$25.8 billion or an increase of 4.4 percent.

Expense-based aids to support school construction, pupil transportation, BOCES and special education were continued in full, as has been customary in recent years. Transportation Aid increased 5.5 percent and Building Aid increased 4.8 percent.

The budget continues to link school aid increases for 2017-18 and 2018-19 with teacher and principal evaluation plans approved by September 1 of the current year in compliance with Education Law section 3012-d.

The budget includes a provision to permit school districts to authorize and establish conditions for the partial payment of property taxes.

The District presently anticipates an increase in its State Aid not related to building aid for its 2017-18 fiscal year in an amount of \$1,189,882.

It should also be noted that the District receives federal aid for certain programs. In its last audited fiscal year, the District received \$182,075 in such direct federal aid. It is not possible to predict whether such aid will continue in the future, or if continued, whether it will be funded at present levels.

The District cannot predict at this time whether there will be any reductions in and/or delays in the receipt of State aid during the District's 2017-18 fiscal year. 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.

### ***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 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 [www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/fiscalmonitoring/schools/pdf/summarylist.pdf](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/fiscalmonitoring/schools/pdf/summarylist.pdf)).

### ***New York State Comptroller's Audit***

Many school districts throughout the state can be subject to an audit of the New York State Office of the Comptroller ("OSC") pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the State Constitution and the State Comptroller's authority as set forth in Article 3 of the New York State General Municipal Law.

On November 20, 2015, OSC, Division of Local Government and School Accountability released an audit of the District to review selected District's financial condition for the period July 1, 2011 to April 13, 2015. The audit found that the District's fund balance is extremely low and that the Board has not created a proper multiyear financial plan. Additionally, the audit stated that the District plans to use part of the remaining reserve funds and a portion of the fund balance to fill the funding gap in the 2015-16 budget. The OSC audit recommended that the District adopt a budget to reduce future reliance on fund balance by funding recurring revenues with recurring expenditures, establish a multiyear financial plan, and develop and enact a fund balance policy to restrict the amount of fund balance used to meet the District's needs.

The link to the most recent OSC report is as follows:  
<http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/audits/schools/2015/jamestown.pdf>.

The OSC has not conducted any other audits of the District in the past three years.

### ***Budgetary Procedure***

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 staff. During the winter and early spring the budget is developed and refined in conjunction with the school building principals and department supervisors.

Effective September 1, 1996, the Education Law was amended to require all small city school districts in cities with populations under 125,000, including the District, to provide for the submission of their annual budgets for approval of the school district voters in the same manner as other non-city school districts in the State. Under current law, the budget is being submitted to voter referendum on the third Tuesday in May. If the budget is not approved, the Board may make changes to the budget and resubmit it, as revised,

to the voters one additional time. Alternatively, the Board may, by resolution, adopt a contingency budget for the following fiscal year. See “Tax Levy Limitation Law”.

The voters approved the District's 2017-18 budget on May 16, 2017.

***Independent Audit***

The financial statements of the District are audited each year by an independent public accountant. The last such audit covers the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 and is included herein. As described in the notes to the financial statements, the District has complied with GASB 34 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

**TAX INFORMATION**

***Real Property Tax Assessments and Rates***

The City Assessor maintains the assessment records and prepares the annual assessment roll for the District. The following table sets forth the assessed and full valuation of taxable property, rates of tax per \$1,000 assessed valuation, and the District’s real property tax levy.

**Table 5**  
**Real Property Tax Rates**  
(Fiscal Years Ending June 30)

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Tax Levy <sup>(1)</sup>	\$14,641,567	\$14,641,567	\$14,651,567	\$14,860,842	\$14,651,567
% Uncollected	6.1%	5.7%	5.7%	5.6%	5.5%

(1) Gross tax levy prior to adjustments (STAR, tax roll additions, shortages, cancellations and refunds). See “Tax Collection Procedure.”

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**Table 6**  
**Assessed and Full Valuation**  
**(Fiscal Years Ending June 30)**  
**Based on Regular Equalization Rates**

Assessment Roll Year: Fiscal Year:	<u>2012</u> <u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013</u> <u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>2016-17</u>
<b>City of Jamestown</b>					
Assessed Value	\$670,272,684	\$669,711,077	\$666,243,968	\$666,185,376	\$667,394,354
Equalization Rate	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Full Value	\$670,272,684	\$669,711,077	\$666,243,968	\$666,185,376	\$667,394,354
Tax Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	\$19.73	\$19.67	\$19.74	\$20.03	\$19.62
<b>Town of Busti</b>					
Assessed Value	\$25,491,234	\$25,421,386	\$27,074,639	\$27,070,025	\$27,265,742
Equalization Rate	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Full Value	\$25,491,234	\$25,421,386	\$27,074,639	\$27,070,025	\$27,265,742
Tax Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	\$19.74	\$19.69	\$19.74	\$20.03	\$19.62
<b>Town of Carroll</b>					
Assessed Value	\$51,600	\$51,600	\$51,600	\$48,776	\$48,789
Equalization Rate	100.00%	100.00%	99.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Full Value	\$51,600	\$51,600	\$52,121	\$48,776	\$48,789
Tax Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	\$19.74	\$19.69	\$19.94	\$20.03	\$19.62
<b>Town of Ellicott</b>					
Assessed Value	\$10,291,007	\$10,335,080	\$10,513,410	\$11,624,247	\$12,023,320
Equalization Rate	100.00%	100.00%	99.00%	100.00%	97.20%
Full Value	\$10,291,007	\$10,335,080	\$10,619,606	\$11,624,247	\$12,369,671
Tax Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	\$19.74	\$19.68	\$19.94	\$20.03	\$20.19
<b>Town of Kiantone</b>					
Assessed Value	\$36,791,551	\$37,918,274	\$37,693,965	\$36,911,122	\$36,983,745
Equalization Rate	98.00%	100.00%	100.00%	99.50%	94.80%
Full Value	\$37,542,398	\$37,918,274	\$37,693,965	\$37,096,605	\$39,012,389
Tax Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	\$20.14	\$19.70	\$19.74	\$20.13	\$20.70
<b>Total:</b>					
Assessed Value	\$742,898,076	\$743,437,417	\$741,577,582	\$741,839,546	\$743,715,950
Full Value	\$743,648,923	\$743,437,417	\$741,684,299	\$741,025,029	\$746,090,945
Tax Levy	\$14,641,567	\$14,641,567	\$14,641,567	\$14,860,842	\$14,641,567

(1) Tax Rates Per \$1,000 (Assessed)

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**Based on Special Equalization Ratios**

Assessment Roll Year:	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Fiscal Year:	<b><u>2013-14</u></b>	<b><u>2014-15</u></b>	<b><u>2015-16</u></b>	<b><u>2016-17</u></b>	<b><u>2017-18</u></b>
<b>City of Jamestown</b>					
Assessed Value	\$670,272,684	\$669,711,077	\$666,243,968	\$666,185,376	\$667,394,354
Special Equalization Ratio	97.54%	97.61%	99.99%	99.53%	99.12%
Full Value	\$687,177,244	\$686,109,084	\$666,310,599	\$669,331,233	\$673,319,566
<b>Town of Busti</b>					
Assessed Value	25,491,234	\$25,421,386	\$27,074,639	\$27,070,025	\$27,265,742
Special Equalization Ratio	97.60%	97.97%	100.05%	99.71%	99.42%
Full Value	\$26,118,068	\$25,948,133	\$27,061,108	\$27,148,756	\$27,424,806
<b>Town of Carroll</b>					
Assessed Value	\$51,600	\$51,600	\$51,600	\$48,776	\$48,789
Special Equalization Ratio	99.02%	95.03%	94.60%	98.39%	97.35%
Full Value	\$52,111	\$54,299	\$54,545	\$49,574	\$50,117
<b>Town of Ellicott</b>					
Assessed Value	\$10,291,007	\$10,335,080	\$10,513,410	\$11,624,247	\$12,023,320
Special Equalization Ratio	99.46%	100.31%	96.77%	96.03%	95.26%
Full Value	\$10,346,880	\$10,303,140	\$10,864,328	\$12,104,808	\$12,621,583
<b>Town of Kiantone</b>					
Assessed Value	\$36,791,551	\$37,918,274	\$37,693,965	\$36,911,122	\$36,983,745
Special Equalization Ratio	93.89%	99.87%	94.50%	93.09%	92.04%
Full Value	\$39,185,804	\$37,967,632	\$39,887,794	\$39,651,007	\$40,182,252
<b>Total:</b>					
Assessed Value	\$742,898,076	\$743,437,417	\$741,577,582	\$741,839,546	\$743,715,950
Full Value	\$762,880,106	\$760,382,288	\$744,178,374	\$748,285,378	\$753,598,324

***Tax Levy Limitation Law***

On June 24, 2011, Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 was signed into law by the Governor (“Chapter 97” or the “Tax Levy Limitation Law”). The Tax Levy Limitation Law applies to all local governments, including school districts (with the exception of New York City, and the counties comprising New York City and school districts in New York City, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, and Yonkers which five are indirectly subject through their parent city’s tax levy limitation.)

Prior to the enactment of the Tax Levy Limitation Law, there was no statutory limitation on the amount of real property taxes that a school district could levy as part of its budget 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”).

Chapter 97 now requires that a school district submit its proposed tax levy to the voters each year beginning with the 2012-13 fiscal year.

Chapter 97 restricts, among other things, the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by or on behalf of a school district in a particular year. It expires on June 15, 2020 unless certain other legislation extended. Pursuant to the Tax Levy Limitation Law, the tax levy of a school district cannot increase by more than the lesser of (i) two percent (2%) or (ii) the annual increase in the CPI, over the amount of the

prior year's tax levy. Certain adjustments would be permitted for taxable real property full valuation increases or changes in physical or quantity growth in the real property base as defined in Section 1220 of the Real Property Tax Law. A school district could exceed the tax levy limitation for the coming fiscal year only if the voters of such school district first approve a tax levy by at least 60% affirmative vote of those voting to override such limitation for such coming fiscal year only. Tax levies that do not exceed the limitation will only require approval by at least 50% of those voting. In the event that the voters reject a tax levy and the district does not go out for a second vote, or if a second vote is likewise defeated, Chapter 97 provides that the tax levy for the new fiscal year may not exceed the tax levy for the prior fiscal year.

A school district's calculation of each fiscal year's tax levy limit is subject to review by the Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance prior to adoption of each fiscal year budget.

There are exceptions for school districts to the tax levy limitation provided in Chapter 97, including expenditures made on account of certain tort settlements and certain increases in the average actuarial contribution rates of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System, and the Teachers' Retirement System. School districts are also permitted to carry forward a certain portion of their unused levy limitation from a prior year.

There is also an exception for school districts for "Capital Local Expenditures" subject to voter approval where required by law. This term is defined in a manner that does not include certain items for which a school district may issue debt including the payment of judgments or settled claims, including tax certiorari payments, and cashflow borrowings including tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes, budget notes and deficiency notes. "Capital Local Expenditures", are defined as "the taxes associated with budgeted expenditures resulting from the financing, refinancing, acquisition, design, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, furnishing and equipping of or otherwise providing for school district capital facilities or school district capital equipment, including debt service and lease expenditures, and transportation capital debt service, subject to the approval of the qualified voters where required by law". The portion of the tax levy necessary to support "Capital Local Expenditures" is defined as the "Capital Tax Levy", and this is an exclusion from the tax levy limitation. This exclusion applies to the Bonds.

While the Tax Levy Limitation Law may constrict a school district's power to levy real property taxes for the payment of debt service on debt contracted after the effective date of the Tax Levy Limitation Law (June 24, 2011), it is clear that no statute is able (1) to limit a school district's pledge of its faith and credit to the payment of any of its general obligation indebtedness or (2) to limit a school district's levy of real property taxes to pay debt service on general obligation debt contracted prior to the effective date of the Tax Levy Limitation Law. Whether the Constitution grants a school district authority to treat debt service payments as a constitutional exception to any such statutory tax levy limitation is not clear.

### ***Real Property Tax Rebate (Chapter 59)***

Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2014 ("Chapter 59") includes provisions which provide 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 Limitation Law. School district budgets must comply in their 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 fiscal years. Other municipal units of government must have their budgets in compliance for their 2015 and 2016 fiscal years. Such budgets must be within the tax cap limits set by the Tax Levy Limitation Law for the real property taxpayers to be eligible for this personal income tax credit. The affected jurisdictions include 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.

### ***Real Property Tax Rebate (Chapter 20)***

Chapter 20 introduced a new real property tax rebate program that will provide state-financed tax rebate checks and credits to taxpayers who are eligible for the STAR exemption (see "STAR - School Tax Exemption," herein) in the years 2016-2019. Residents of New York City are not eligible for the Chapter 20 Real Property Tax Rebate. For 2016, eligible taxpayers who reside outside New York City but within the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District ("MCTD") will receive \$130, and eligible taxpayers who reside outside the MCTD will receive \$185. Credits in 2017-2019 vary based on a taxpayer's personal income level and STAR tax savings.

Similarly to the Chapter 59 Real Property Tax Rebate, under Chapter 20 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 Limitation Law. Unlike Chapter 59, however, for many taxpayers only the compliance of the school district in which the taxpayer resides is relevant. Municipal compliance with the Tax Levy Limitation Law is only required in the case of the "Big 4" cities that have fiscally dependent school districts. In such cases, the joint school/city levy must remain in compliance with the Tax Levy Limitation Law. In either scenario, the relevant jurisdiction (independent school district or joint city/school district) must certify its compliance with the provisions of the Tax Levy Limitation Law.

While the provisions of Chapter 59 and Chapter 20 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 Limitation Law. The implications of this for future tax levies and for operations and services of the District are uncertain at this time.

### ***Tax Collection Procedure***

School taxes are received at the Treasurer's Office of the City of Jamestown and are due September 1. If paid by September 30, no penalty imposed. If paid by October 31, there is a 1% penalty added for October and an additional 1% penalty each month thereafter.

Uncollected School taxes in the towns are returned to the County who reimburses the School District in full in the same fiscal year in which the taxes are levied. Uncollected School taxes in the City of Jamestown are returned to the City for collection under Section 1332 of the Real Property Tax Law, and reimbursed within two years from the return of unpaid taxes to said City. The School District also includes a tax overlay in its budget.

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

The Basic and Enhanced STAR (School Tax Relief) Property Tax Exemptions are homestead exemptions. Basic STAR is available to anyone who owns and lives in his or her own home. Enhanced STAR is available to senior homeowners whose incomes do not exceed the statewide standard.

For the 2017-18 school levy year, homeowners subject to certain household income limitations are eligible for an enhanced exemption and basic exemption as follows:

<b><u>Municipality:</u></b>	<b><u>Enhanced Exemption</u></b>	<b><u>Basic Exemption</u></b>
City of Jamestown	\$65,500	\$30,000
Town of Busti	\$65,500	\$30,000
Town of Carroll	\$65,500	\$30,000
Town of Ellicott	\$63,670	\$29,160
Town of Kiantone	\$62,090	\$28,440

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The enhanced or basic STAR exemption is the amount that an assessment will be reduced prior to the levy of school taxes. For example, if a home is assessed at \$150,000 and the enhanced STAR exemption for a municipality is \$50,000, the school taxes on the property would be paid on a taxable assessment of \$100,000 (\$150,000 - \$50,000 = \$100,000).

Since the 2011-12 school tax bills, there has been a 2% limit on STAR savings increases, the savings results from the Basic or Enhanced STAR exemptions are limited to a 2% increase over the prior year. When school district initially calculates their tax bills, for each municipal segment they will compare the amount of STAR savings to the maximum. If the STAR savings exceeded the maximum, the school district will use the maximum when calculating tax bills for the segment.

The maximum savings for each of the municipalities within the District for the 2017-18 are as follows:

<b><u>Municipality:</u></b>	<b><u>Basic Maximum Savings</u></b>	<b><u>Enhanced Maximum Savings</u></b>
City of Jamestown	\$601	\$1,307
Town of Busti	\$600	\$1,307
Town of Carroll	\$600	\$1,307
Town of Ellicott	\$618	\$1,334
Town of Kiantone	\$628	\$1,334

*Date Updated: 04/06/2017*

The District received full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State during the 2016-17 fiscal year and expects to receive full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State during the 2017-18 fiscal year.



## ***Largest Taxpayers – 2016-17 Fiscal Year***

The following table presents the taxable assessments of the District’s largest taxpayers for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

**Table 7**  
**Taxable Assessments**

<b><u>Taxpayer</u></b>	<b><u>Nature of Business</u></b>	<b><u>Assessed Valuation</u></b>	<b><u>% of Total Assessed Valuation</u></b> <sup>(1)</sup>
Schults Real Estate LLC	Auto Dealer	\$19,215,800	2.58%
National Fuel Gas	Utility	15,610,216	2.10%
Windstream	Utility	9,601,330	0.90%
REHC 5 LLC	Professional Building	6,684,500	0.81%
DDR Jamestown Plaza, Inc.	Retail	6,030,100	0.66%
201 W 3rd St LLC	Professional Building	4,912,000	0.55%
Sandalwood Hotels	Hotel	4,100,200	0.44%
HH Jamestown	Hotel	3,300,000	0.43%
Jody Peterson	Various	3,179,300	0.42%
Bradmar Housing	Residential	<u>3,110,000</u>	<u>1.29%</u>
Total:		<u>\$75,743,446</u>	<u>10.02%</u>

(1) The District's total assessed value for the 2016-17 fiscal year is \$743,715,950.

*Source: Assessors Office*

## **DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS**

### ***Constitutional Requirements***

The New York State Constitution limits the power of the District (and other municipalities and school districts of the State) to issue obligations and to otherwise 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, 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 expiration of the period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose as determined by statute. No installment may be more than fifty per centum in excess of the smallest prior installment unless the District determines to issue a particular debt obligation amortizing on the basis of 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 and bond anticipation 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, assessment, borrowing money, contracting indebtedness and loaning the credit of the District so as to prevent abuses in the exercise of such powers; however, as has been noted under "Nature of Obligation", 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.

***Debt Limit.*** Pursuant to the Local Finance Law, the District has the power to contract indebtedness for any District purpose authorized by the Legislature of the State of New York provided the aggregate amount thereof shall not exceed five per centum of the most recent average five year full valuation of taxable real estate of the District and subject to certain enumerated exclusions and 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 five completed assessment rolls and applying thereto the ratio (equalization rate) which such assessed valuation bears to the full valuation; such ratio is determined by the State Office of Real Property Services. The State Legislature is required to prescribe the manner by which such ratio shall be determined by such authority.

### ***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. The District is not permitted to spend in excess of \$100,000, with respect to certain school building construction projects, until the plans and specification 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, stops legal challenges to the validity of obligations authorized by such bond resolution except for alleged constitutional violations. The District is in the process of compliance with such procedure and the twenty day period will expire prior to the date of the closing on 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 such bonds to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District, pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

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***Trend of Outstanding Indebtedness***

The Local Finance Law permits bond anticipation notes to be renewed each year provided annual principal installments are made in reduction of the total amount of such bonds outstanding, commencing no later than two years from the date of the first of such bonds and provided that such renewals do not extend five years beyond the original date of borrowing. (See "Payment and Maturity" under "Constitutional Requirements" and "Details of Short-Term Indebtedness Outstanding" herein.)

**Table 8  
Debt Outstanding**

<b><u>FYE June 30:</u></b>	<b><u>2012</u></b>	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>	<b><u>2016</u></b>
Bonds	\$65,049,550	\$57,107,242	\$49,244,155	\$44,453,130	\$44,095,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	6,000,000	6,000,000	14,850,000	23,240,000	37,075,000
Other Debt <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>1,127,936</u>	<u>803,611</u>	<u>1,403,490</u>	<u>1,656,494</u>	<u>1,180,009</u>
Total Debt Outstanding	\$72,177,486	\$63,910,853	\$65,497,645	\$69,349,624	\$82,350,009

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents Installment Purchase Contracts and Capital Leases.

***Statutory Debt Limit and Net Indebtedness***

In general, the Local Finance Law contains provisions providing the District with power to issue certain other short-term general obligation indebtedness including budget notes, capital notes, deficiency notes, tax and revenue anticipation notes.

**Table 9  
Computation of Debt Limit**

<b><u>Fiscal Year:</u></b>	<b><u>Full Valuation</u></b> <sup>(1)</sup>
2013-14	\$ 762,880,106
2014-15	760,382,288
2015-16	744,178,374
2016-17	748,285,378
2017-18	<u>753,598,324</u>
Total Five Year Valuation	<u>\$3,769,324,471</u>
Average Five Year Full Valuation	<u>\$ 753,864,894</u>
Debt Limit - 5% of Average Full Valuation	<u>\$ 37,693,245</u>

(1) The amounts shown as full valuation have been computed with the use of Final Special Equalization Ratios (See Table 6). Chapter 280 of the Laws of 1978 provides for the determination of special equalization ratios for city school districts which normally has the effect of increasing the tax base of a city school district for the purpose of computing debt limits of such city school districts. Regular state equalization rates are also established by the State Office of Real Property Services and are used for all other purposes.

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The table below shows the District's total indebtedness as of October 11, 2017

**Table 10**  
**Statutory Debt Limit and Net Indebtedness**

Average Full Valuation of Taxable Real Property	\$ 753,864,894
Debt Limit (5% of Average Full Valuation)	\$ 37,693,245
Inclusions:	
Outstanding Indebtedness:	
Serial Bonds	\$ 40,955,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	<u>37,075,000</u>
Total Inclusions:	<u>\$ 78,030,000</u>
Exclusions:	
Bond Appropriations	2,135,000
BAN Appropriations	1,695,000
Estimated State Building Aid <sup>(a)</sup>	<u>0</u>
Total Exclusions:	<u>3,830,000</u>
Total Net Indebtedness	<u>\$ 74,200,000</u>
Net Debt-Contracting Margin <sup>(b)</sup>	<u>(\$ 36,506,755)</u>
Percentage of Debt-Contracting Margin Exhausted	196.85%

- (a) The District has received State debt service building aid in an amount approximately 95.0% of its outstanding bonded indebtedness. Given the effect of "assumed amortization" provided in Chapter 383 of the Laws of 2001, no assurance can be given regarding the direct or indirect effect of "assumed amortization" on the net indebtedness of the District, or the timing or amount of such Building aid in connection with school facilities financed with the proceeds of the Bonds and the Notes. See "State Aid" herein.
- (b) The District received a consent order by the Office of State Comptroller on May 1, 2001 which allowed debt of \$17,900,000 to be issued in its entirety in excess of the Constitutional Debt Limit. The full \$17,900,000 has been issued. The District also received a consent order dated March 7, 2006 by the Office of the State Comptroller which allows debt of \$59,000,000 to be issued. The full \$59,000,000 has been issued. The District also received a consent order dated April 17, 2012 by the Office of the State Comptroller which allows debt of \$68,000,000 to be issued.

Source: District Officials.

### ***Special Provisions Affecting Remedies Upon Default***

**State Aid Intercept for School Districts.** In the event of a default in the payment of the principal of and/or interest on the Bonds, the State Comptroller is required to withhold, under certain conditions prescribed by Section 99-b of the State Finance Law, state aid and assistance to the School District and to apply the amount thereof so withheld to the payment of such defaulted principal and/or interest, which requirement constitutes a covenant by the State with the holders from time to time of the Bonds and the Notes. The covenant between the State of New York and the purchasers and the holders and owners from time to time of the notes and bonds issued by the school districts in the State for school purposes provides that it will not repeal, revoke or rescind the provisions of Section 99-b, 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 note or bond issued by a school district for school purposes shall file with the State Comptroller a verified statement describing such note or bond 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 note or bond. Such investigation by the State Comptroller shall cover the current status with respect to the payment of principal of and interest on all outstanding notes and bonds of such school district issued for school purposes and the statement prepared and filed by the State Comptroller shall set forth a description of all such notes and bonds 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 notes and bonds 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 notes and bonds shall be forwarded promptly to the paying agent or agents for the notes and bonds in default of such school district for the sole purpose of the payment of defaulted principal of and interest on such notes and bonds. If any of such successive allotments, apportionments or payments of such State Aid so deducted or withheld shall be less than the amount of all principal and interest on the notes and bonds 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 notes and bonds in default payable to such paying agent bears to the total amount of the principal and interest then in default on such notes and bonds 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 notes and bonds pursuant to said Section 99-b.

**General Municipal Law Contract Creditors' Provision.** The Bonds when duly issued and paid for will constitute a contract between the District and the holder thereof. Under current law, provision is made for contract creditors of the District to enforce payments upon such contracts, if necessary, through court action. Section 3-a of the General Municipal Law provides, subject to exceptions not pertinent, that the rate of interest to be paid by the District upon any judgment or accrued claim against it on an amount adjudged due to a creditor shall not exceed nine per centum per annum from the date due to the date of payment. This provision might be construed to have application to the holders of the Bonds in the event of a default in the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

**Execution/Attachment of Municipal Property.** 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, although judicial mandates have been issued to officials to appropriate and pay judgments out of certain funds or the proceeds of a tax levy. In accordance with the general rule with respect to municipalities, judgments against the District may not be enforced by levy and execution against property owned by the District.

**Authority to File for Municipal Bankruptcy.** The Federal Bankruptcy Code allows public bodies, such as the counties, cities, towns and villages, recourse to the protection of a Federal Court for the purpose of adjusting outstanding indebtedness. Section 85.80 of the Local Finance Law contains specific authorization for 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 be made so applicable in the future.

**State Debt Moratorium Law.** There are separate State law provisions regarding debt service moratoriums enacted into law in 1975.

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

As a result of the Court of Appeals decision in Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York, 40 N.Y.2d 731 (1976), the constitutionality of that portion of Title 6-A of Article 2 of the Local Finance Law as discussed herein and described below, 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.

**Right of Municipality or State to Declare a Municipal Financial Emergency and Stay Claims Under State Debt Moratorium Law.** The State Legislature is authorized to declare by special act that a state of financial emergency exists in any county, city, town or village. (The provision does not by its terms apply to school districts or fire districts.) In addition, the State Legislature may authorize by special act establishment of an “emergency financial control board” for any county, city, town or village upon determination that such a state of financial emergency exists. Thereafter, unless such special act provides otherwise, a voluntary petition to stay claims may be filed by any such municipality (or by its emergency financial control board in the event said board requests the municipality to petition and the municipality fails to do so within five days thereafter). A petition filed in supreme court in county in which the municipality is located in accordance with the requirements of Title 6-A of the Local Finance Law (“Title 6-A”) effectively prohibits the doing of any act for ninety days in the payment of claims, against the municipality including payment of debt service on outstanding indebtedness.

This includes staying the commencement or continuation of any court proceedings seeking payment of debt service due, the assessment, levy or collection of taxes by or for the municipality or the application of any funds, property, receivables or revenues of the municipality to the payment of debt service. The stay can be vacated under certain circumstances with provisions for the payment of amounts due or overdue upon a demand for payment in accordance with the statutory provisions set forth therein. The filing of a petition may be accompanied with a proposed repayment plan which upon court order approving the plan, may extend any stay in the payment of claims against the municipality for such “additional period of time as is required to carry out fully all the terms and provisions of the plan with respect to those creditors who accept the plan or any benefits thereunder.” Court approval is conditioned, after a hearing, upon certain findings as provided in Title 6-A.

A proposed plan can be modified prior to court approval or disapproval. After approval, modification is not permissible without court order after a hearing. If not approved, the proposed plan must be amended within ten days or else the stay is vacated and claims including debt service due or overdue must be paid. It is at the discretion of the court to permit additional filings of amended plans and continuation of any stay during such time. A stay may be vacated or modified by the court upon motion of any creditor if the court finds after a hearing, that the municipality has failed to comply with a material provision of an accepted repayment plan or that due to a “material change in circumstances” the repayment plan is no longer in compliance with statutory requirements.

Once an approved repayment plan has been completed, the court, after a hearing upon motion of any creditor, or a motion of the municipality or its emergency financial control board, will enter an order vacating any stay then in effect and enjoining of creditors who accepted the plan or any benefits thereunder from commencing or continuing any court action, proceeding or other act described in Title 6-A relating to any debt included in the plan.

Title 6-A requires notice to all creditors of each material step in the proceedings. Court determinations adverse to the municipality or its financial emergency control board are appealable as of right to the appellate division in the judicial department in which the court is located and thereafter, if necessary, to the Court of Appeals. Such appeals stay the judgment or appealed from and all other actions, special proceedings or acts within the scope of Section 85.30 of Title 6-A pending the hearing and determination of the appeals.

Whether Title 6-A is valid under the Constitutional provisions regarding the payment of debt service is not known. However, based upon the decision in the Flushing National Bank case described above, its validity is subject to doubt.

While the State Legislature has from time to time adopted legislation in response to a municipal fiscal emergency and established public benefit corporations with a broad range of financial control and oversight powers to oversee such municipalities, generally such legislation has provided that the provisions of Title 6-A are not applicable during any period of time that such a public benefit corporation has outstanding indebtedness issued on behalf of such municipality.

**Fiscal Stress and State Emergency Financial Control Boards.** Pursuant to Article IX Section 2(b)(2) of the State Constitution, any local government in the State may request the intervention of the State in its “property, affairs and government” by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of its legislative body or on request of its chief executive officer concurred in by a majority of such membership. This has resulted in the adoption of special acts for the establishment of public benefit corporations with varying degrees of authority to control the finances (including debt issuance) of the cities of Buffalo, Troy and Yonkers and the County of Nassau. The specific authority, powers and composition of the financial control boards established by these acts varies based upon circumstances and needs. Generally, the State legislature has granted such boards the power to approve or disapprove budget and financial plans and to issue debt on behalf of the municipality, as well as to impose wage and/or hiring freezes and approve collective bargaining agreements in certain cases. Implementation is left to the discretion of the board of the public benefit corporation. Such a State financial control board was first established for New York City in 1975. In addition, on a certificate of necessity of the governor reciting facts which in the judgment of governor constitute an emergency requiring enactment of such laws, with the concurrences of two-thirds of the members elected in each house of the State legislature the State is authorized to intervene in the “property, affairs and governments” of local government units. This occurred in the case of the County of Erie in 2005. The authority of the State to intervene in the financial affairs of local government is further supported by Article VIII, Section 12 of the Constitution which declares it to be the duty of the State legislature to restrict, subject to other provisions of the Constitution, the power of taxation, assessment, borrowing money and contracting indebtedness and loaning the credit of counties, cities, towns and villages so as to prevent abuses in taxation and assessment and in contracting indebtedness by them.

In 2013, the State established a new state advisory board to assist counties, cities, towns and villages in financial distress. The Financial Restructuring Board for Local Governments (the “FRB”), is authorized to conduct a comprehensive review of the finances and operations of any such municipality deemed by the FRB to be fiscally eligible for its services upon request by resolution of the municipal legislative body and concurrence of its chief executive. The FRB is authorized to make recommendations for, but cannot compel improvement of fiscal stability, management and delivery of municipal services, including shared services opportunities and is authorized to offer grants and/or loans of up to \$5,000,000 through a Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program to undertake certain recommendations. If a municipality agrees to undertake the FRB recommendations, it will be automatically bound to fulfill the terms in order to receive the aid.

The FRB is also authorized to serve as an alternative arbitration panel for binding arbitration. Although from time to time, there have been proposals for the creation of a statewide financial control board with broad authority over local governments in the State, the FRB does not have emergency financial control board powers to intervene such as the public benefit corporations established by special acts as described above.

Several municipalities in the State are presently working with the FRB. School districts and fire districts are not eligible for FRB assistance.

**Constitutional Non-Appropriation Provision.** There is in the Constitution of the State, Article VIII, Section 2, the following provision relating to the annual appropriation of monies for the payment of due principal of and interest on indebtedness of every county, city, town, village and school district in the State: “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. See “General Municipal Law Contract Creditors’ Provision” herein.

The Constitutional provision providing for first revenue set asides does not apply to tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes or bond anticipation notes.

**Default Litigation.** In prior years, certain events and legislation affecting a holder’s remedies upon default have resulted in litigation. While courts of final jurisdiction have upheld and sustained the rights of noteholders and bondholders, such courts might hold that future events including financial crises as they may occur in the State and in political subdivisions of the State 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. See “Nature of Obligation” and “State Debt Moratorium Law” herein.

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

### ***Bond Anticipation Notes***

Following the issuance of the Bonds, the District will have \$37,075,000 of bond anticipation notes outstanding which will mature on June 21, 2018.

### ***Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes***

The District has not borrowed for operating purposes in recent years and does not intend to borrow for such purpose during the current or next fiscal year.

### ***Lease Obligations***

On September 20, 2016, the District entered into a \$919,912 lease purchase agreement with M&T Bank for the purchase of various buses and vans. The annual payment of \$191,460.48 will commence on July 15, 2017, with a final payment to be made on July 15, 2021.

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## ***Overlapping and Underlying Debt***

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 represents the amount of overlapping and underlying debt and the District's share of this debt. Authorized but unissued debt has not been included.

**Table 11**  
**Statement of Direct and Overlapping Indebtedness**

<b><u>Issuer</u></b>	<b><u>Net Debt Outstanding</u></b>	<b><u>As of:</u></b>	<b><u>District Share</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Applicable To District</u></b>
Chautauqua County	\$49,517,202	04/28/16	10.81%	\$5,352,810
City of Jamestown	32,085,384	12/31/15	100.00%	32,085,384
Town of Busti	1,615,803	12/31/15	5.26%	84,991
Town of Carroll	0	12/31/15	0.04%	0
Town of Ellicott	918,842	12/31/15	2.39%	21,960
Town of Kiantone	0	12/31/15	45.81%	0
Total Net Overlapping Debt				<u>\$ 37,545,145</u>
Total Net Direct Debt				<u>\$ 74,200,000</u>
Net Direct and Overlapping Debt				<u><u>\$111,745,145</u></u>

Source: Data provided by the Office of the State Comptroller and City officials.

## ***Debt Ratios***

The following table presents certain debt ratios relating to the District's direct and overlapping indebtedness.

**Table 12**  
**Debt Ratios**

	<b><u>Debt Per Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Debt Per Capita</u></b> <sup>(a)</sup>	<b><u>Debt to Full Value</u></b> <sup>(b)</sup>
Net Direct Debt	\$ 74,200,000	\$2,528	9.84%
Net Direct and Overlapping Debt	\$111,745,145	\$3,806	14.82%

(a) The population of the District is estimated by District officials to be approximately 29,355.

(b) The District's full value of taxable real property based on Special Equalization Rates for 2016-17 is \$753,598,324.

## ***Obligations Authorized but Unissued***

Following the issuance of the Bonds, the District will have \$14,486,144 unissued and plans on issuing bonds and/or bond anticipation notes over the next couple of years to finance the authorized but unissued amount.

***Debt Service Schedule***

The following table shows the debt service requirements to maturity on the District's outstanding bonded indebtedness (as of October 11, 2017).

**Table 13  
Bond Principal and Interest Maturity Table**

<b>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
2018	\$5,395,000	\$1,177,530	\$6,572,530
2019	5,540,000	1,015,566	6,555,566
2020	5,690,000	834,084	6,524,084
2021	5,865,000	658,588	6,523,588
2022	6,020,000	486,884	6,506,884
2023	3,470,000	325,661	3,795,661
2024	1,445,000	228,256	1,673,256
2025	1,485,000	182,006	1,667,006
2026	1,520,000	133,446	1,653,446
2027	1,565,000	82,189	1,647,189
2028	405,000	33,000	438,000
2029	420,000	16,800	436,800
Totals:	<u>\$38,820,000</u>	<u>\$5,174,010</u>	<u>\$43,994,010</u>

**ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA**

***School Enrollment Trends***

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

**TABLE 14  
School Enrollment Trends**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Actual Enrollment</b>	<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Projected Enrollment</b>
2014-15	5,057	2017-18	5,210
2015-16	5,144	2018-19	5,185
2016-17	5,131	2019-20	5,042

Source: District Officials.

***Population***

The estimated population of the District is 29,355 according to the District Officials. The following table presents population trends for the City, which is contiguous with the District, the County and the State, based upon recent census data.

**TABLE 15  
Population Trend**

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
City	31,730	31,146	(1.9%)
County	139,750	134,905	(3.6%)
State	18,976,457	19,378,102	2.1%

Source: New York State Department of Commerce; New York State Department of Economic Development.

## ***Employment and Unemployment***

The following tables provide information concerning employment and unemployment in the County and the State and are not necessarily representative of the District.

**TABLE 16**  
**Civilian Labor Force**  
(Thousands)

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
City	13.3	12.9	12.5	12.3	12.1
County	61.3	60.0	58.1	57.8	56.4
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.

**TABLE 17**  
**Yearly Average Unemployment Rates**

<u>Year</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
2012	10.0%	8.5%	8.5%
2013	9.0%	8.0%	7.7%
2014	8.0%	6.8%	6.3%
2015	6.2%	6.0%	5.3%
2016	6.4%	5.8%	4.8%

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

**TABLE 18**  
**Monthly Unemployment Rates**

<u>Month</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
September 2016	7.0%	5.7%	4.9%
October	7.2%	5.7%	4.8%
November	6.7%	5.8%	4.5%
December	6.8%	6.2%	4.5%
January 2017	7.7%	7.0%	4.9%
February	8.0%	7.1%	5.0%
March	6.5%	6.1%	4.4%
April	6.4%	5.9%	4.2%
May	6.1%	5.4%	4.3%
June	5.9%	5.7%	4.5%
July	5.5%	5.6%	4.9%
August	5.5%	5.3%	4.9%

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

**TABLE 19**  
**Major Employers in the District**

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>	<u>Estimated # Employees</u>
WCA Hospital	Hospital	1,560
Jamestown City School District	Public Education	830
The Resource Center	Health Care	865
City of Jamestown	Local Government	562
MRC Bearings	Manufacturing	450

Source: District Officials.

## **LITIGATION**

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

There is no action, suit, proceedings or investigation, at law or in equity, before or by any court, public board or body pending or, to the best knowledge of the District, threatened against or affecting the District to restrain or enjoin the issuance, sale or delivery of the Bonds and the Notes or the levy and collection of taxes or assessments to pay same, or in any way contesting or affecting the validity of the Bonds or any proceedings or authority of the District taken with respect to the authorization, issuance or sale of the Bonds or contesting the corporate existence or boundaries of the District.

**END OF APPENDIX A**

**APPENDIX B**  
**FINANCIALS**

**CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF JAMESTOWN**  
**General Fund**  
**Balance Sheets**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30:**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Assets:</u>		
Unrestricted Cash	\$2,361,905	\$5,569,196
Restricted Cash	2,391,185	2,594,294
Accounts Receivable	12,986	20,835
Due from Other Funds	4,033,426	1,382,193
State and Federal Aid Receivable	1,781,957	1,839,361
Property Taxes Receivable	841,396	830,276
Due From Other Governments	1,767,895	1,879,686
Inventories and Prepaid Expenses	110,492	9,775
Total Assets	<u>\$13,301,242</u>	<u>\$14,125,616</u>
 <u>Liabilities and Fund Balance:</u>		
Accounts Payable	\$525,898	\$432,796
Accrued Liabilities	659,794	250,318
Due to Other Funds	334,020	0
Due to Teachers Retirement System	5,758,376	4,267,268
Due to Employees' Retirement System	499,790	475,236
Total Liabilities	<u>\$7,777,878</u>	<u>\$5,425,618</u>
 <u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>		
Revenues not available	<u>841,396</u>	<u>830,276</u>
 <u>Fund Balance:</u>		
Nonspendable:	110,492	9,775
Restricted	2,391,185	2,594,294
Assigned	1,077,579	329,279
Unassigned	1,102,712	4,936,374
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$4,681,968</u>	<u>\$7,869,722</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balance	<u>\$13,301,242</u>	<u>\$14,125,616</u>

Source: Audited Financial Statements  
*Summary not Audited*

**CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF JAMESTOWN**  
**General Fund**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30:**

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Revenues:					
Real Property Taxes	\$16,308,035	\$15,940,339	\$16,076,896	\$16,165,231	\$16,346,961
Charges for Services	115,848	276,621	147,835	209,964	260,964
Use of Money & Property	35,019	20,115	11,365	9,781	4,670
Sale of Prop. & Comp. for Loss	20,735	15,366	1,515	13,185	14,091
Miscellaneous	407,379	712,627	879,993	454,288	756,289
State Aid	53,639,589	55,288,023	52,312,926	56,096,766	59,596,870
Federal Aid	71,912	55,995	175,352	337,570	182,075
Total Revenues	<u>70,598,517</u>	<u>72,309,086</u>	<u>69,605,882</u>	<u>73,286,785</u>	<u>77,161,920</u>
Expenditures:					
General Support	6,991,779	6,652,788	6,590,662	6,733,386	7,166,505
Instruction	38,015,353	39,901,170	40,845,832	40,933,931	40,596,697
Pupil Transportation	1,311,554	1,383,476	1,254,394	1,184,483	1,056,595
Employee Benefits	14,379,521	15,041,844	16,426,324	16,992,247	15,801,597
Debt Service	10,342,649	10,505,758	9,938,896	7,624,360	9,593,581
Total Expenditures	<u>71,040,856</u>	<u>73,485,036</u>	<u>75,056,108</u>	<u>73,468,407</u>	<u>74,214,975</u>
Other Uses:					
Interfund Transfers	<u>(17,926)</u>	<u>24,925</u>	<u>1,589,363</u>	<u>43,176</u>	<u>240,809</u>
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>71,058,782</u>	<u>73,460,111</u>	<u>73,466,745</u>	<u>73,425,231</u>	<u>74,455,784</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	(460,265)	(1,151,025)	(3,860,863)	(138,446)	3,187,754
Fund Balance - Beg. of Year	<u>10,292,567</u>	<u>9,832,302</u>	<u>8,681,277</u>	<u>4,820,414</u>	<u>4,681,968</u>
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u>\$9,832,302</u>	<u>\$8,681,277</u>	<u>\$4,820,414</u>	<u>\$4,681,968</u>	<u>\$7,869,722</u>

Source: Audited Financial Statements  
*Summary not Audited*

**City School District of the City of Jamestown  
Budget Summaries**

	<b>Adopted Budget 2016-17</b>	<b>Adopted Budget 2017-18</b>
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Estimated Revenues:</b>		
Real Property Tax including STAR	\$14,641,567	\$14,641,567
Real Property Tax Items	1,525,143	1,524,424
Charges for Services	236,000	176,000
Use of Money and Property	5,500	19,500
Miscellaneous	571,200	1,186,099
State Aid	62,016,405	66,665,630
Federal Aid	102,584	150,000
Subtotal	<u>79,098,399</u>	<u>84,363,220</u>
Interfund Transfers	85,000	85,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	0	500,000
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<u><u>\$79,183,399</u></u>	<u><u>\$84,948,220</u></u>
 <b>Appropriations:</b>		
General Support	\$7,790,834	\$10,147,736
Instruction	43,725,793	44,852,209
Transportation	1,394,955	1,428,676
Employee Benefits	17,028,510	17,727,492
Debt Service/ Interfund Transfers	9,243,307	10,792,107
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<u><u>\$79,183,399</u></u>	<u><u>\$84,948,220</u></u>

Source: School District Officials



**APPENDIX C**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT  
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/ES992056-ES776611-ES1177920.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. Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, P.C. 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.**

APPENDIX D

November 6, 2017

City School District of the City of Jamestown,  
County of Chautauqua,  
State of New York

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF JAMESTOWN,  
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NEW YORK  
\$10,005,000 SCHOOL DISTRICT REFUNDING (SERIAL) BONDS, 2017

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have been requested to render our opinion as to the validity of an issue of \$10,005,000 School District Refunding (Serial) Bonds, 2017, (the "Obligations"), of the City School District of the City of Jamestown, Chautauqua County, New York (the "Obligor"), dated November 6, 2017, issued in denominations equal to the respective amounts maturing in each year during the life of said obligations, bearing interest at the rates per annum, payable November 15, 2017 and semi-annually thereafter on May 15 and November 15, and maturing on May 15 in each of the years as set forth below:

<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
5/15/2018	\$ 105,000	
5/15/2019	2,070,000	
5/15/2020	2,135,000	
5/15/2021	2,220,000	
5/15/2022	2,310,000	
5/15/2023	1,165,000	

We have examined:

- (1) the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York;
- (2) the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including particularly Sections 103 and 141 through 150 thereof, and the applicable regulations of the United States Treasury Department promulgated thereunder (collectively, the "Code");
- (3) an arbitrage certificate executed on behalf of the Obligor which includes, among other things, covenants, relating to compliance with the Code, with the owners of the Obligations that the Obligor will, among other things, (i) take all actions on its part necessary to cause interest on the Obligations not to be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes, including, without limitation, restricting, to the extent necessary, the yield on investments made with the proceeds of the Obligations and investment earnings thereon, making required payments to the Federal government, if any, and maintaining books and records in a specified manner, where appropriate,

and (ii) refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the Obligations to be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes, including, without limitation, refraining from spending the proceeds of the Obligations and investment earnings thereon on certain specified purposes (the "Arbitrage Certificate"); and

(4) a certificate executed on behalf of the Obligor which includes, among other things, a statement that compliance with such covenants is not prohibited by, or violative of, any provision of local or special law, regulation or resolution applicable to the Obligor.

We also have examined a certified copy of proceedings of the finance board of the Obligor and other proofs authorizing and relating to the issuance of the Obligations, including the form of the Obligations. In rendering the opinions expressed herein we have assumed (i) the accuracy and truthfulness of all public records, documents and proceedings, including factual information, expectations and statements contained therein, examined by us which have been executed or certified by public officials acting within the scope of their official capacities, and have not verified the accuracy or truthfulness thereof, and (ii) compliance by the Obligor with the covenants contained in the Arbitrage Certificate. We also have assumed the genuineness of the signatures appearing upon such public records, documents and proceedings and the certifications thereof.

In our opinion:

- (a) The Obligations have been authorized and issued in accordance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York and constitute valid and legally binding general obligations of the Obligor, all the taxable real property within which is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Obligations and interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount; provided, however, that the enforceability (but not the validity) of the Obligations: (i) may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other law now existing or hereafter enacted by said State or the Federal government affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights, and (ii) may be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases.
- (b) The Obligor has the power to comply with its covenants with respect to compliance with the Code as such covenants relate to the Obligations; provided, however, that the enforceability (but not the validity) of such covenants may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other law now existing or hereafter enacted by said State or the Federal government affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights.
- (c) Interest on the Obligations is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York and any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York). Interest on the Obligations is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual or corporate alternative minimum taxes, although it is included in adjusted current earnings when calculating corporate alternative minimum taxable income. We express no opinion regarding other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Obligations.

Certain agreements, requirements and procedures contained or referred to in the Arbitrage Certificate and other relevant documents may be changed and certain actions (including, without limitation, economic defeasance of the Obligations) may be taken or omitted under the circumstances and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in such documents.

The opinions expressed herein are based on an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions and cover certain matters not directly addressed by such authorities. Such opinions may be affected by actions taken or omitted or events occurring after the date hereof. Accordingly, this opinion is not intended to, and may not, be relied upon in connection with any such actions, events or matters. Our engagement with respect to the Obligations has concluded with their issuance, and we disclaim any obligation to update this opinion. We have assumed, without undertaking to verify, the

accuracy of the factual matters represented, warranted or certified in the documents. Furthermore, we have assumed compliance with all covenants and agreements contained in the Arbitrage Certificate, including without limitation covenants and agreements compliance with which is necessary to assure that future actions, omissions or events will not cause interest on the Obligations to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. We call attention to the fact that the rights and obligations under the Obligations and the Arbitrage Certificate and their enforceability may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, arrangement, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium or other laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights, to the application of equitable principles, to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to the limitations on legal remedies against municipal corporations such as the Obligor in the State of New York. We express no opinion with respect to any indemnification, contribution, penalty, choice of law, choice of forum, choice of venue, or waiver provisions contained in the foregoing documents.

The scope of our engagement in relation to the issuance of the Obligations has extended solely to the examination of the facts and law incident to rendering the opinions expressed herein. Such opinions are not intended and should not be construed to express or imply any conclusion that the amount of real property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the Obligor, together with other legally available sources of revenue, if any, will be sufficient to enable the Obligor to pay the principal of or interest on the Obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. Reference should be made to the Official Statement prepared by the Obligor in relation to the Obligations for factual information which, in the judgment of the Obligor, could materially affect the ability of the Obligor to pay such principal and interest. While we have participated in the preparation of such Official Statement, we have not verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the factual information contained therein and, accordingly, we express no opinion as to whether the Obligor, in connection with the sale of the Obligations, has made any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make any statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

Very truly yours,

/s/ORRICK, HERRINGTON & SUTCLIFFE LLP