

**PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED APRIL 7, 2017**

**REFUNDING ISSUE  
SERIAL BONDS**

**See "RATING" herein  
BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY**

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

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

**SOUTHAMPTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**\$15,730,000\***

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

**Dated Date: Date of Delivery**

**Maturity Date: June 15, 2017-2028**

The Bonds are general obligations of the Southampton Union Free School District, in Suffolk 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 be dated their date of delivery, will bear interest from such date payable June 15, 2017, December 15, 2017 and semiannually thereafter on each June 15 and December 15 until maturity and will mature on June 15 in the years and amounts as set forth on the inside cover page hereof. The Bonds will be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity as described herein.

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

The Bonds are offered subject to the final approving opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, New York, New York, Bond Counsel, and certain other conditions. Capital Markets Advisors, LLC has served as Financial Advisor to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. It is expected that delivery of the Bonds will be made in Jersey City, New Jersey or as otherwise agreed on or about May 9, 2017.

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

Dated: April \_\_, 2017

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\*Preliminary, subject to change.

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

The Bonds will mature on June 15 in the years and amounts, subject to optional redemption, as set forth below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>
2017	\$ 85,000	%	%	2023	\$ 1,415,000	%	%
2018	1,090,000			2024	1,495,000		
2019	1,140,000			2025	1,575,000		
2020	1,205,000			2026**	1,660,000		
2021	1,270,000			2027**	1,705,000		
2022	1,340,000			2028**	1,750,000		

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

\*\* Subject to optional redemption prior to maturity. (See “*Optional Redemption*” herein.)

**SOUTHAMPTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK**

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Amy Pierson..... District Clerk

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**BOND COUNSEL**

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

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

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## **OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

### **SOUTHAMPTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK**

#### **Relating To**

**\$15,730,000\***

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

This Official Statement, including the cover page, inside cover page and appendices hereto, presents certain information relating to the Southampton Union Free School District in the County of Suffolk, State of New York (the "District," "County" and "State," respectively) in connection with the sale of \$15,730,000\* 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 will be dated their date of delivery, will bear interest from such date payable June 15, 2017, December 15, 2017 and semiannually thereafter on each June 15 and December 15 until maturity and will mature on June 15 in the years in the amounts as set forth on the inside cover page hereof. The Bonds are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity as set forth herein.

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

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

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

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\* Preliminary, subject to change.

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

The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution, the statutes of the State, including, among others, the Local Finance Law, including particularly Section 90.00, and the Education Law. The Bonds are being issued pursuant to a refunding bond resolution duly adopted by the Board of Education (the “Board”) on March 15, 2016.

The Bonds are being issued to refund up to \$16,795,000 outstanding principal of the District’s School District Serial Bonds – 2008 which mature in the years 2018 to 2028, inclusive (the “Refunded Bonds”). The Refunded Bonds were issued in the original principal amount of \$25,000,000. Under the Refunding Plan, the Refunded Bonds are to be called and redeemed on June 15, 2017. The net proceeds of the Bonds (after payment of the underwriting fee and other costs of issuance relating to the Bonds) will be used to purchase non-callable, direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America (the “Government Obligations”) which, together with remaining cash proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, will be placed in an irrevocable trust fund (the “Escrow Fund”) to be held by Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, (the “Escrow Holder”), a bank located and authorized to do business in the State, pursuant to the terms of an escrow contract by and between the District and the Escrow Holder, dated as of the delivery date of the Bonds (the “Escrow Contract”). The Government Obligations so deposited will mature in amounts which, together with the cash so deposited, will be sufficient to pay the principal of, interest on and applicable redemption premium of the Refunded Bonds on the date of their redemption.

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

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

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

Refunded Bonds:

<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Principal*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Redemption Date/Price</u>	<u>CUSIP</u>
June 15, 2018	\$ 1,215,000	4.000%	June 15, 2017 @ 100%	841098BR6
June 15, 2019	1,270,000	4.000	June 15, 2017 @ 100%	841098BS4
June 15, 2020	1,330,000	4.000	June 15, 2017 @ 100%	841098BT2
June 15, 2021	1,385,000	4.000	June 15, 2017 @ 100%	841098BU9
June 15, 2022	1,450,000	4.000	June 15, 2017 @ 100%	841098BV7
June 15, 2023	1,515,000	4.000	June 15, 2017 @ 100%	841098BW5
June 15, 2024	1,585,000	4.000	June 15, 2017 @ 100%	841098BX3
June 15, 2025	1,650,000	4.125	June 15, 2017 @ 100%	841098BY1
June 15, 2026	1,725,000	4.125	June 15, 2017 @ 100%	841098BZ8
June 15, 2027	1,800,000	4.250	June 15, 2017 @ 100%	841098BA2
June 15, 2028	<u>1,870,000</u>	4.250	June 15, 2017 @ 100%	841098BB0
Total:	<u>\$16,795,000</u>			

\* Preliminary, subject to change.

## ***Sources and Uses of Proceeds***

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

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

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

## ***Optional Redemption***

The Bonds maturing on or before June 15, 2025 are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity. The Bonds maturing on or after June 15, 2026 will be subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the District, on any date on or after June 15, 2025, in whole or in part, and if in part in any order of their maturity and in any amount within a maturity (selected by lot within a maturity), at the redemption price equal to the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

The District may select the maturities of the Bonds to be redeemed and the amount to be redeemed of each maturity selected, as the District shall determine to be in the best interest of the District at the time of such redemption. If less than all of the Bonds of any maturity are to be redeemed prior to maturity, the particular Bonds of such maturity to be redeemed shall be selected by the District by lot in any customary manner of selection as determined by the District. Notice of such call for redemption shall be given by mailing such notice to the registered owner not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to such date. Notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, the Bonds so called for redemption shall, on the date of redemption set forth in such call for redemption, become due and payable, together with accrued interest to such redemption date, and interest shall cease to be paid thereon after such redemption date.

## ***Nature of Obligation***

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

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

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

## **REMEDIES UPON DEFAULT**

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

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

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

As a result of the Court of Appeals decision, the constitutionality of that portion of Title 6-A of Article 2 of the Local Finance Law enacted at the 1975 Extraordinary Session of the State legislature authorizing any county, city,



town or village with respect to which the State has declared a financial emergency to petition the State Supreme Court to stay the enforcement against such municipality of any claim for payment relating to any contract, debt or obligation of the municipality during the emergency period, is subject to doubt. In any event, no such emergency has been declared with respect to the District.

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2 of the State Constitution, the District is required to provide an annual appropriation of monies for the payment of due and payable principal of and interest on indebtedness. Specifically this constitutional provision states: "If at any time the respective appropriating authorities shall fail to make such appropriations, a sufficient sum shall be set apart from the first revenues thereafter received and shall be applied to such purposes. The fiscal officer of any county, city, town, village or school district may be required to set aside and apply such revenues as aforesaid at the suit of any holder of obligations issued for any such indebtedness." This constitutes a specific non-exclusive constitutional remedy against a defaulting municipality or school district; however, it does not apply in a context in which monies have been appropriated for debt service but the appropriating authorities decline to use such monies to pay debt service. However, Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State also provides that the fiscal officer of any county, city, town, village or school district may be required to set apart and apply such revenues at the suit of any holder of any obligations of indebtedness issued with the pledge of the faith of the credit of such political subdivision. In *Quirk v. Municipal Assistance Corp.*, 41 N.Y.2d 644 (1977), the Court of Appeals described this as a "first lien" on revenues, but one that does not give holders a right to any particular revenues. It should thus be noted that the pledge of the faith and credit of a political subdivision in the State is a pledge of an issuer of a general obligation bond or note to use its general revenue powers, including, but not limited to, its property tax levy, to pay debt service on such obligations, but that such pledge may or may not be interpreted by a court of competent jurisdiction to include a constitutional or statutory lien upon any particular revenues. The Constitutional provision providing for first revenue set asides does not apply to tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes or bond anticipation notes.

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

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

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

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

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

Upon the filing of such a certificate in the office of the State Comptroller, he shall thereafter deduct and withhold from the next succeeding allotment, apportionment or payment of such State aid or assistance due to such school district such amount thereof as may be required to pay (a) the school district's contribution to the State Teachers' Retirement System, and (b) the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes of such school district then in default. In the event such State aid or assistance initially so withheld shall be insufficient to pay said amounts in full,

the State Comptroller shall similarly deduct and withhold from each succeeding allotment, apportionment or payment of such State aid or assistance due such school district such amount or amounts thereof as may be required to cure such default. Allotments, apportionments and payments of such State aid so deducted or withheld by the State Comptroller for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds and notes shall be forwarded promptly to the paying agent or agents for the bonds and notes in default of such school district for the sole purpose of the payment of defaulted principal of and interest on such bonds or notes. If any such successive allotments, apportionments or payment of such State aid so deducted or withheld shall be less than the amount of all principal and interest on the bonds and notes in default with respect to which the same was so deducted or withheld, then the State Comptroller shall promptly forward to each paying agent an amount in the proportion that the amount of such bonds and notes in default payable to such paying agent bears to the total amount of the principal and interest then in default on such bonds and notes of such school district. The State Comptroller shall promptly notify the chief fiscal officer of such school district of any payment or payments made to any paying agent or agents of defaulted bonds or notes pursuant to said section of the SFL.

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

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

### ***Bankruptcy***

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

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

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

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, NY, 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 in the aggregate principal amount of such issue and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 2 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments from over 85 countries that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales

and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC, in turn, is owned by a number of Direct Participants of DTC and Members of the National Securities Clearing Corporation, Government Securities Clearing Corporation, MBS Clearing Corporation, and Emerging Markets Clearing Corporation, (NSCC, GSCC, MBSCC, and EMCC, also subsidiaries of DTCC), as well as by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange LLC, and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com).

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

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

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

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

Principal and interest payments on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the District, on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC or the District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the District, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

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

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

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

Source: The Depository Trust Company

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **LITIGATION**

In common with other school districts, the District from time to time receives notices of claim and is party to litigation. In the opinion of the attorney for the District, unless otherwise set forth herein and apart from matters provided for by applicable insurance coverage, there are no claims or action pending which, if determined against the District, would have an adverse material effect on the financial condition of the District.

## **TAX MATTERS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### ***Bond Premium***

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

Owners of any Premium Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding the treatment of bond premium for Federal income tax purposes, including various special rules relating thereto, and state and local tax consequences, in connection with the acquisition, ownership, amortization of bond premium on, sale, exchange, or other disposition of Premium Bonds.

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

Information reporting requirements apply to interest paid on tax-exempt obligations, including the Bonds. In general, such requirements are satisfied if the interest recipient completes, and provides the payor with, a Form W-9, "Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification," or if the recipient is one of a limited class of exempt recipients. A recipient not otherwise exempt from information reporting who fails to satisfy the information reporting requirements will be subject to "backup withholding," which means that the payor is required to deduct and withhold a tax from the interest payment, calculated in the manner set forth in the Code. For the foregoing purpose, a "payor" generally refers to the person or entity from whom a recipient receives its payments of interest or who collects such payments on behalf of the recipient.

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

### ***Miscellaneous***

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

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

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

Legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds will be subject to the final approving opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, Bond Counsel to the District substantially as set forth in Appendix D of this Official Statement.

## **DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING**

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

### ***Compliance History***

The District did not make timely filing of its audited financial statement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. On August 31, 2016, the District filed a notice of such late filing with EMMA.

The District has reviewed and modified its continuing disclosure practices to ensure that all material event notices are filed in a timely manner.

## **FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

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

In preparing the Official Statement, the Financial Advisor has relied upon governmental officials, and other sources, who have access to relevant data to provide accurate information for the Official Statement. The Financial Advisor has not been engaged, nor has it undertaken, to independently verify the accuracy of such information. The Financial 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 Financial Advisor is not a law firm and does not provide legal advice with respect to this or any debt offerings of the District. The Financial 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.

## **RATING**

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

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

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

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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

Additional information may be obtained from the District’s Financial Advisor, Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, 11 Grace Avenue, Suite 308, Great Neck, New York, 11021, (516) 487-9817 or from the District’s Assistant Superintendent for Business, Maria H. Smith (631) 591-4527.

The District will act as Paying Agent with respect to the Notes. The District’s Assistant Superintendent for Business, Maria H. Smith (631) 591-4527 should be used as the Paying Agent contact.

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

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



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SOUTHAMPTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Roberta O. Hunter, Esq.  
President of the Board of Education

DATED: April \_\_, 2017

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

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## **THE DISTRICT**

### ***General Information***

The Southampton Union Free School District (the “District”) was established by Board resolution on September 25, 1890. The District is located on the east end of Long Island in the Town of Southampton in Suffolk County, New York, approximately 90 miles east of New York City. The District has a population currently estimated at 9,731 and a land area of approximately 52 square miles. The District includes the Incorporated Village of Southampton and the unincorporated hamlet of Water Mill.

Southampton is an old, established village whose residents work primarily throughout Suffolk County. The main commercial activity in the District is summer tourism. The Atlantic Ocean, the bays and the harbors remain the Town's prime attractions, providing swimming, boating and fishing for summer visitors and year-round residents alike. Due to its proximity to the New York City Metropolitan area as well as its fine beaches on the Atlantic Ocean, the District is a vacation destination for residents of New York City, Westchester, New Jersey and Connecticut. Recreational facilities include Town parks as well as other municipal parks, golf courses, and recreational facilities located throughout Suffolk County.

### ***Culture and Recreation***

With its numerous ocean and bay beaches, the Town is a major recreational area for residents of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Chartered and party fishing fleets sail daily from nearby Montauk affording both in-shore and deep-sea fishing for both food and sport. Sightseers may visit the Parrish Art Museum, the Southampton Historical Society Museum and the Shinnecock Nation Museum. There is also a wide variety of inns, motels, and housekeeping apartments and wide selection of restaurants located within the Town.

### ***Educational, Cultural and Medical Institutions***

Colleges and universities in the area include St. Joseph’s College, St. John’s University, Oakdale Campus and Suffolk Community College.

There are numerous public libraries located throughout the Town, which sponsor various programs of general interest to adults and children throughout the year. The Fieldhouse at Stony Brook Southampton offers programs featuring well-known musical groups, off-Broadway revivals and programs of classical and popular music.

Hospital services are provided by numerous area hospitals including Southampton Hospital and Peconic Bay Medical Center.

### ***Financial Institutions***

Financial institutions located in the Town include Suffolk County National Bank, Bank of America, Bridgehampton National Bank, Capital One Bank, N.A., Hamptons State Bank and J.P.Morgan Chase Bank, N.A..

### ***Transportation***

Public transportation in the District is available via the Long Island Railroad which has several stops in the Town and two bus lines, the Hampton Jitney and the Montauk Express. There is an excellent interior network of roads, including the Montauk Highway, Sunrise Highway and the Long Island Expressway. In addition, the East Hampton Airport, located just east of the Town in East Hampton provides air service to area residents. A wide range of aircraft types ranging from small single engine trainers to corporate jets use the airport. Out of town corporate aircraft frequent the airport with passengers for the convention and seminar facilities in the area, as well as, business and recreational uses. No major commercial service is available at the East Hampton facility; however, such service is available at MacArthur Airport approximately 40 miles west of the District in the Town of Islip.

## ***Utilities and Services***

Water is made available to District residents from the Suffolk County Water Authority, while electric and gas services are available to District residents from the Long Island Power Authority (“LIPA”). The Southampton Fire Department provides District residents with fire protection, while the Suffolk County Police Department, the Town of Southampton Police and the Village of Southampton Police provide police protection.

## ***District Organization***

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

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

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

## ***Potential District Reorganization***

In July, 2013, the District released a merger feasibility study with the Tuckahoe Common School District (“Tuckahoe CSD”) regarding the potential reorganization of the districts. In October, 2013 the District and the Tuckahoe CSD each conducted a non-binding, advisory vote of their respective residents regarding annexation of Tuckahoe CSD into the District. The Tuckahoe CSD residents voted in favor of the merger. The District residents voted against merger.

On August 5, 2014, Governor Cuomo signed a bill that, upon voter approval for dissolution of the Tuckahoe CSD into the District, allows the use of a reserve fund to minimize the property tax burden for residents of the current District. The newly merged District would be authorized to establish a reserve fund for tax reduction purposes using \$9,000,000 in capital monies the District currently has in reserve to construct a planned administration building, which would no longer be needed if the merger were to occur.

After a series of public hearings, the District held an advisory vote regarding annexation of the Tuckahoe CSD on November 18, 2014. Residents voted against annexation with 1,066 votes against and 972 votes for the annexation. In the event the districts want to revisit the reorganization, a new feasibility study would need to be completed. As of the date of this Official Statement, future plans to merge the two districts have yet to be determined.

## ***Financial Organization***

Pursuant to the Local Finance Law, the President of the Board 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, Assistant Superintendent for Business and the District Treasurer.

## ***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 office staff. During the winter and early spring the budget is developed and refined in conjunction with the school building principals and department supervisors. The District’s budget is subject to the provisions of the Tax Levy Limit Law, which imposes a limitation on the amount of real property taxes that a school district may levy, and by law is submitted to voter referendum on the third Tuesday of May each year. (See “*The Tax Levy Limit Law*” herein).

On May 17, 2016, a majority of the voters of the District approved the District’s budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Summaries of the District’s Adopted Budgets for the fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 may be found in Appendix B, herein.

***Financial Statements and Accounting Procedures***

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

***School Enrollment Trends***

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

<b><u>Enrollment Trends</u></b>	
<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ended June 30:</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Enrollment</u>
2010	1,612
2011	1,647
2012	1,615
2013	1,541
2014	1,587
2015	1,621
2016	1,658
2017 <sup>(1)</sup>	1,694

(1) Projected

Source: Southampton Union Free School District, Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

***District Facilities***

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

<b><u>District Facilities</u></b>			
<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Year of Construction</u>
Southampton High School	9-12	750	1973
Southampton Intermediate School	5-8	450	1958
Southampton Elementary School	Pre-K-4	525	1930

Source: Southampton Union Free School District, Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

## ***Employees***

The District provides services through approximately 417 full-time and part-time employees. The following table shows those employees represented by organized units of labor.

<u>No. of Employees</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Contract Expiration Date</u>
243	Southampton Teachers Association	6/30/19
30	Southampton Clerical	6/30/18
36	Southampton Custodial	6/30/19
38	Southampton Bus Drivers	6/30/17
12	Southampton Administrators	6/30/18
2	Southampton Monitors	6/30/19
14	Southampton Cafeteria Workers	6/30/18
28	Southampton School Teacher Aide	6/30/17
14	Security Unit	6/30/17

Source: Southampton Union Free School District, Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

## ***Employee Pension Benefits***

New York State Certified (teachers and administrators) are members of the New York State Teachers Retirement System (“TRS”). Payments to the TRS are generally deducted from State aid payments. All non-certified employees of the District eligible for pension or retirement benefits under the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State of New York are members of the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System (“ERS”). Both the TRS and ERS (the “State Retirement System” or “SRS”) are noncontributory with respect to members hired prior to July 1, 1976. All members of the respective systems that were hired on or after July 1, 1976 and before December 31, 2009, with less than 10 year’s full-time service, contribute 3% of their gross annual salary toward the cost of retirement programs.

On December 10, 2009, then Governor Paterson signed into law a new Tier V. The law is effective for new ERS and TRS employees hired after January 1, 2010. New ERS employees will now contribute 3% of their salaries and new TRS employees will contribute 3.5% of their salaries. There is no provision for these contributions to cease after a certain period of service.

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

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 is 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 otherwise make a lower contribution possible and (ii) moved the annual payment date for contributions from December 15th to February 1st, effective December 15, 2004.

Due to poor performance of the investment portfolio of the SRS, the employer contribution rates for required pension contributions to the SRS increased. To help mitigate the impact of such increases, legislation was enacted in



2010 that permitted local governments to amortize a portion of ERS contributions. Under such legislation, local governments that choose to amortize are required to set aside and reserve funds with the ERS for certain future rate increases. The District did not amortize such contributions pursuant to this legislation and expects to make all payments in full when due.

In Spring 2013, the State and TRS approved a Stable Contribution Option (“SCO”) that gives 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 TRS SCO deferral plan is available to school districts for up to 7 years. 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 District has not amortized any of its employer pension payments as part of the SCO and expects to continue to make all payments in full when due.

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

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

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

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

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

GASB 45 does not require that the unfunded liabilities actually be funded, only that the District account for its unfunded accrued liability and compliance in meeting its ARC. Actuarial valuation will be required every 2 years for the District.

The District is in compliance with the requirements of GASB 45. The District has determined that its actuarial accrued liability (“AAL”) for OPEB as of July 1, 2015 was \$36,531,576. For the year ended June 30, 2016, the District's ARC was \$2,857,988.

Should the District be required to fund its unfunded actuarial accrued OPEB liability, it could have a material adverse impact upon the District’s finances and could force the District to reduce services, raise taxes or both. At the present time, however, there is no current or planned requirement for the District to partially fund its actuarial accrued OPEB liability. 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.

Legislation has been introduced to create an optional investment pool to help the State and local governments fund retiree health insurance and other post employment benefits. The proposed legislation would authorize the creation of irrevocable OPEB trusts so that the State and its local governments can help fund their OPEB liabilities, establish an OPEB investment fund in the sole custody of the State Comptroller for the investment of OPEB assets of the State and participating eligible local governments, designate the president of the Civil Service Commission as the trustee of the State’s OPEB trust and the governing boards as trustee for local governments and allow school districts to transfer certain excess reserve balances to an OPEB trust once it is established. Under the proposed legislation, there are no limits on how much a local government can deposit into the trust. The District cannot predict whether such legislation will be enacted into law.

### ***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 or trust companies located and authorized to do business in the State. All such deposits, including special time deposit accounts and certificates of deposit, in excess of the amount insured under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, are required to be secured in accordance with the provisions of the subject to the limitations of Section 10 of the GML.

The District may also temporarily invest monies in: (1) obligations of the United States of America; (2) obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America; (3) obligations of the State of New York; (4) with the approval of the New York State Comptroller, in tax anticipation notes or revenue anticipation notes issued by any municipality, school district, or district corporation, other than those notes issued by the District; (5) certificates of participation issued in connection with installment purchase contracts entered into by political subdivision 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 or investments purchased with the proceeds of bonds or notes, shall be payable or redeemable in any event, at the option of the owner, within two years of the date of purchase. Unless registered or inscribed in the name of the District, such instruments and investments must be purchased through, delivered to and held in the custody of a bank or trust company in the State pursuant to a written custodial agreement as provided in Section 10 of the GML.

## **FINANCIAL FACTORS**

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

## ***Real Property Taxes***

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

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

### **Property Taxes**

<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30:</u>	<u>Total Revenues<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>Real Property Taxes<sup>(2)</sup></u>	<u>Real Property Taxes to Revenues</u>
2012	\$58,182,984	\$47,920,330	82.4%
2013	58,167,665	49,107,827	84.4
2014	61,983,673	49,897,536	81.4
2015	62,442,335	50,443,824	80.8
2016	65,216,543	52,271,358	80.2
2017 (Adopted Budget)	67,531,464	53,865,672	80.0

(1) General Fund.

(2) Inclusive of STAR aid, which is reflected in “Other Real Property Tax Items.” (See Appendix B).

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

## ***State Aid***

The District receives State aid for operating other purposes at various times throughout its fiscal year, pursuant to formulas and payment schedules set forth by statute.

The following table sets forth total general fund revenues and State aid revenues during the last five audited fiscal years and the amount budgeted for the current fiscal year.

### **State Aid**

<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30:</u>	<u>Total Revenues<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>State Aid</u>	<u>State Aid to Revenues</u>
2012	\$58,182,984	\$2,069,371	3.5%
2013	58,167,665	2,165,925	3.7
2014	61,983,673	2,587,565	4.2
2015	62,442,335	2,247,513	3.6
2016	65,216,543	2,518,445	3.9
2017 (Adopted Budget)	67,531,464	2,123,815	3.1

(1) General Fund.

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

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

There can be no assurance that the State appropriation for State aid to school districts will be continued in future years, either pursuant to existing formulas or in any form whatsoever. State aid appropriated and apportioned to the District can be paid only if the State has such monies available therefore. The availability of such monies and the

timeliness of such payment could be affected by a delay in the adoption of the State budget or other circumstances including State fiscal stress. In any event, State aid appropriated and apportioned to the District can be paid only if the State has such monies available therefore.

Should the District fail to receive State aid expected from the State in the amounts and at the times expected, occasioned by a delay in the payment of such monies and not by a cut in State aid, the District is authorized by the Local Finance Law to provide operating funds by borrowing in anticipation of the receipt of uncollected State aid.

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

State aid to school districts in the State has declined in some recent years.

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

*School district fiscal year (2010-2011):* The total reduction in State aid for the 2010-2011 fiscal year was approximately \$2.1 billion; however, this amount was partially offset by \$726 million in Federal aid for education, including funding from ARRA and other federal initiatives. As a result, the net State aid reduction totaled approximately \$1.4 billion.

*School district fiscal year (2011-2012):* The total reduction in State aid for the 2011-2012 fiscal year was \$1.3 billion or 6.1 percent from the previous year, and all aid has been received on time.

*School district fiscal year (2012-2013):* 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 (2013-2014):* 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 (2014-2015):* The State Legislature adopted the State budget on March 31, 2014. The budget included an increase of \$1.1 billion in State aid for school districts.

The Smart Schools Bond Act was passed as part of the Enacted 2014-2015 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 is eligible for an allocation of funds under the Smart Schools Bond Act.

*School district fiscal year (2015-2016):* The State Legislature adopted the State budget on March 31, 2015. The budget included an increase of \$1.4 billion in State aid for school districts that is tied to changes in the teacher evaluation and tenure process. School districts must obtain approval of their revised teacher evaluation plans by November 15, 2015 in order to receive their allotted increase in State aid.

*School district fiscal year (2016-2017):* The State Legislature adopted the State budget on March 31, 2016. The budget includes an increase of \$991 million in State aid for school districts over the 2015-2016 budget, \$863 million of which consists of traditional operating aid. In addition to the \$408 million of expense based aid, the Adopted Budget includes 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.

### ***Gap Elimination Adjustment***

The State provides annual State aid to school districts in the State, including the District, on the basis of various formulas. Due to the State’s own budgetary crisis in 2009 and to assist the State in mitigating the impacts of its own

revenue shortfall, the State reduced the allocation of State aid to school districts as part of a program known as the Gap Elimination Adjustment (“GEA”). The GEA resulted in a reduction from the State aid originally due to the District under existing State aid formulas and the District’s State aid was reduced as a result of the GEA program each year since 2009. State budgets have decreased the amount of the GEA deduction in recent years. The Adopted Budget for the State’s 2016-2017 fiscal year includes the elimination of the remaining balance of the GEA, resulting in more State aid to the District in the 2016-2017 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. (See also “*Market Factors Affecting Financing of the State and School Districts of the State*” herein).

### ***Other Revenues***

Appendix B sets forth the General Fund operations for the last five fiscal years which are derived from the District’s Audited General Purpose Financial Statements on file in the Superintendent’s office.

### ***The State Comptroller’s Fiscal Stress Monitoring System and Compliance Reviews***

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

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

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

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

The financial affairs of the District are subject to periodic compliance reviews by OSC to ascertain whether the District has complied with the requirements of various State and federal statutes. The most recent audit, dated August 5, 2016, was for the purpose of examining the claims auditing process within the Pupil Personnel Service Department for the period July 1, 2014 through February 29, 2016. The OSC found that the Board of Education developed an adequate process for processing special education claims but has not formally documented procedures in writing. The District is in the process of formalizing special education claim processing procedures in writing as recommended by the OSC. The complete report and District’s response can be obtained from OSC’s website.

## **TAX INFORMATION**

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

The following table sets forth the assessed and full valuation of taxable real property, the District's real property tax levy and rates of tax per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

### Real Property Tax Assessments and Rates

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Assessed Valuation	\$ 20,756,082,864	\$ 20,787,814,271	\$21,128,252,970	\$22,137,049,052	\$23,731,949,109
State Equalization Rate	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100%	100%
Full Valuation	\$ 20,756,082,864	\$20,787,814,271	\$21,128,252,970	\$22,137,049,052	\$23,731,949,109
Tax Levy <sup>(1)</sup>	48,939,928	50,230,244	50,737,842	52,608,247	53,676,683
Tax Rate	\$ 2.36	\$ 2.42	\$2.40	\$2.38	\$2.26

(1) Per \$1,000 of Full Value.

Source: New York State Office of Real Property Services.

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

Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011, as amended, (herein referred to as the “Tax Levy Limit Law” or “Law”) modified previous law by imposing a limit on the amount of real property taxes that a school district may levy.

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

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

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

On February 20, 2013, the New York State United Teachers (“NYSUT”) and several individuals filed a lawsuit in State Supreme Court in Albany County seeking a declaratory judgment and a preliminary injunction that the Tax Levy Limitation Law is unconstitutional as it applies to public school districts. On September 23, 2014, a justice of the New York State Supreme Court dismissed each of NYSUT’s causes of action but granted NYSUT’s motion to amend the complaint. NYSUT subsequently served a second amended complaint seeking a preliminary injunction and challenging the Tax Levy Limitation Law as violative of the Education Article of the New York State Constitution, the Equal Protection and Due Process clauses and the First Amendment. On March 16, 2015 a New York State Supreme Court Justice denied NYSUT’s motion for a preliminary injunction and dismissed all causes of action contained in NYSUT’s second amended complaint. NYSUT appealed the decision to continue its challenge to the constitutionality of the Tax Levy Limitation Law. On May 5, 2016 the Appellate Division upheld the lower court dismissal, noting that while the State is required to provide the opportunity of a sound basic education, the Constitution “does not require that equal educational offerings be provided to every student”, and further noted “the legitimate government interest of restraining crippling property tax increases”. Press reports indicate that NYSUT is reviewing the decision and is likely to appeal to the Court of Appeals.

## ***Tax Limit***

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

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

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

Certain additional restrictions on the amount of the personal income tax credit were set forth in Chapter 59 in order for the tax cap to qualify as one which would have provided the tax credit benefit to such real property taxpayers. The refundable personal income tax credit amount was increased in the second year if compliance occurred in both taxable years.

For the second taxable year of the program, the refundable personal income tax credit for real property taxpayers was additionally contingent upon adoption by the school district or municipal unit of a state approved “government efficiency plan” which demonstrated “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 were required to provide certification of compliance with the requirements of the new provisions to certain state officials in order to render their real property taxpayers eligible for the personal income tax credit.

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

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

## ***Tax Collection Procedure***

In the County, property taxes for the school districts, together with town and county taxes are collected by the town tax receivers. Such taxes are due and payable in equal installments on December 1 and May 10, but may be paid without penalty by January 10 and May 31, respectively. Penalties on unpaid taxes are 1% per month from the date such taxes are due and payable and 10% after May 31.

The school districts receive their full levies before the end of their fiscal years. Uncollected amounts are not segregated by town tax receiver, and any deficiency in tax collection is the County’s liability.

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

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

Approximately \$279,661 or 0.5% of the District's 2015-2016 school tax levy was exempted by the STAR program and the District has received full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State. Approximately \$248,950 or 0.5% of the District's 2016-2017 school tax levy was exempted by the STAR program and the District received full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State. See "State Aid" herein.

### ***Ten of the Largest Taxpayers***

The following table presents the assessed value of ten of the District's largest taxpayers for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

<b><u>Taxable Assessments</u></b>			
<u>Taxpayer Name</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>% of Assessed Valuation(1)</u>
PSEG LI	Utility	\$105,240,499	0.44%
Olde Towne SH Associates LLC	Commercial	91,805,800	0.39
Leon D. Black	Resident	67,414,900	0.28
Yumi & The Kids, LLC	Commercial	62,548,000	0.27
Hamptons Center Realty LLC	Commercial	55,465,000	0.23
Cheryl G. Krongard	Resident	49,219,400	0.21
Woolden Manor, LLC	Commercial	48,451,900	0.21
Permelynn of Bridgehampton Inc	Commercial	47,872,800	0.20
Villa Maria LLC	Commercial	46,014,400	0.19
National Grid	Utility	<u>45,822,514</u>	<u>0.19</u>
	Total:	<u>\$619,855,213</u>	<u>2.61%</u>

(1) The total assessed value of the District is \$23,731,949,109 for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

Source: Town of Southampton, Office of Assessor.

## **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 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 hereon.

***Payment and Maturity.*** Except for certain short-term indebtedness contracted in anticipation of taxes or to be paid within three fiscal year periods, indebtedness shall be paid in annual installments commencing no later than two years after the date such indebtedness shall have been contracted and ending no later than the periods of probable usefulness of the objects or purposes determined by statute or the weighted average period of probable usefulness of



the several objects or purposes contracted therefor; no installment may be more than fifty per centum in excess of the smallest prior installment, unless the District has authorized the issuance of indebtedness having substantially level or declining annual debt service. The District is required to provide an annual appropriation for the payment of interest due during the year on its indebtedness and for the amounts required in such year for amortization and redemption of its serial bonds, bond anticipation notes and capital notes.

**General.** The District is further subject to constitutional limitation by the general constitutionally imposed duty on the State Legislature to restrict the power of taxation and contracting indebtedness to prevent abuses in the exercise of such power; however, the State Legislature is prohibited by a specific constitutional provision from restricting the power of the District to levy taxes on real estate for the payment of interest on or principal of indebtedness theretofore contracted. There is no constitutional limitation on the amount that may be raised by the District by tax on real estate in any fiscal year to pay principal of and interest on all indebtedness. However, the Tax Levy Limit Law imposes a statutory limitation on the power of the District to increase its annual tax levy. (See “*The Tax Levy Limit Law*” herein).

### ***Statutory Procedure***

In general, the State Legislature has, by enactment of the Local Finance Law, authorized the power and procedure for the District to borrow and incur indebtedness subject, of course, to the constitutional and 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. With respect to certain school building construction projects, the District is not permitted to spend in excess of \$100,000 for construction costs 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 has complied with such procedure with respect to the Bonds.

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

**Debt Limit.** Pursuant to the Local Finance Law, the District has the power to contract indebtedness for any District purpose authorized by the Legislature of the State of New York provided the aggregate amount thereof shall not exceed ten per centum of the 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 completed assessment roll and applying thereto the ratio (equalization rate) which such assessed valuation bears to the full valuation; such ratio is determined by the State Board of Real Property Services. The State Legislature is required to prescribe the manner by which such ratio shall be determined by such authority.

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

The debt limit as of April 7, 2017 for the District is \$2,373,194,910. This is calculated by taking 10% of the current full value of the District.

**Statutory Debt Limit and Net Indebtedness<sup>(1)</sup>**

Full valuation of taxable real property		\$23,731,949,109
Debt limit (10% of full valuation)		2,373,194,910
Bonds	38,775,000	
Bond Anticipation Notes	0	
Gross Indebtedness		38,775,000
Less exclusion for estimated building aid	<u>0</u>	
Total Net indebtedness		<u>38,775,000</u>
Net Debt Contracting Margin		<u>\$ 2,334,419,910</u>
Percentage of Debt Contracting Power Exhausted		<u>1.63%</u>

(1) Tax anticipation and revenue anticipation notes are not included in the computation of the statutory debt limit of the District. The District’s outstanding lease obligations and installment debt obligations are not included above. See “Lease Obligations” and “Installment Debt” herein.

***Bond Anticipation Notes***

The District currently has no bond anticipation notes outstanding.

***Tax Anticipation Notes***

In common with other school districts in the State, the District finds it necessary to borrow in anticipation of the receipt of its tax levy. In the past, the District has paid all notes on their due date. The following is a history of the District's tax anticipation note borrowing for the last five fiscal years.

**Borrowing History**

<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ended June 30:</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Amount Issued</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
2013	09/07/12	\$14,000,000	06/20/13
2014	09/10/13	14,000,000	06/20/14
2015	09/11/14	15,500,000	06/19/15
2016	09/09/15	18,000,000	06/27/16
2017	09/09/16	18,000,000	06/29/17

Source: Audited Financial Statements of the District and Southampton Union Free School District, Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business. This summary is not audited.

***Trend of Capital Indebtedness***

The following table provides information relating to direct capital indebtedness outstanding at year-end for the last five fiscal years.

**Direct Capital Indebtedness Outstanding**

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Bonds	\$48,020,000	\$45,805,000	\$43,530,000	\$41,185,000	\$38,775,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$48,020,000</u>	<u>\$45,805,000</u>	<u>\$43,530,000</u>	<u>\$41,185,000</u>	<u>\$38,775,000</u>

Source: District’s Audited Financial Statements and Southampton Union Free School District, Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business. This summary is not audited.

***Installment Purchase Debt***

The District has the following installment purchase debt outstanding:

**Installment Purchase Debt Outstanding**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Final Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Outstanding as of June 30, 2016</u>
Computer Lease	6/21/13	6/21/17	2.46%	\$ 90,660
Energy Performance Contract	6/21/13	7/30/28	2.26%	2,362,798
Computer Lease	7/16/14	7/15/18	1.58%	199,199
Computer Lease	6/25/15	7/1/19	2.69%	216,284
Computer Lease	6/24/16	1/24/20	2.44%	<u>294,917</u>
			Total:	<u>\$3,163,858</u>

***Authorized but Unissued Indebtedness***

On March 15, 2016, The District authorized the issuance of not to exceed \$46,000,000 refunding bonds related to certain serial bonds issued in 2008 and 2010. The Bonds are being issued pursuant to this authorization to refund the \$25,000,000 School District Serial Bonds – 2008 of the District. The District currently has no other authorized but unissued debt.

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***Overlapping and Underlying Indebtedness***

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

**Statement of Direct and Overlapping Indebtedness**

	Net Debt <u>Outstanding</u>	<u>As of</u>	<u>District Share</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Suffolk County	\$1,449,439,162	12/05/16	4.27%	\$ 61,891,052
Town of Southampton	103,546,997	01/30/17	29.28	30,318,561
Village of Southampton	6,585,000	02/12/16	100.00	6,585,000
Southampton Fire District	0	12/31/15	100.00	0
North Sea Fire District	0	12/31/15	100.00	<u>0</u>
Total Net Overlapping Debt				\$ 98,794,613
Total Net Direct Debt				<u>38,775,000</u>
Total Net Direct and Overlapping Debts				<u>\$137,569,613</u>

Source: Data provided by County, Town and Village Officials.

***Debt Ratios***

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

	<u>Debt Ratio</u>		
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Debt Per Capita<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>Debt to Full Value<sup>(2)</sup></u>
Net Direct Debt	\$ 38,775,000	\$ 3,839	0.16%
Net Direct and Overlapping Debt	137,569,613	13,621	0.58

(1) The population of the District is estimated by District officials to be approximately 10,100.

(2) The District's full value of taxable real property for fiscal year 2016-17 is \$23,731,949,109.

## ***Debt Service Schedule***

The following table shows the debt service requirements to maturity on the District's outstanding bonded indebtedness, exclusive of the Bonds and refunded bonds.

### **Bond Principal and Interest Maturity Table**

Fiscal Year <u>Ending June 30:</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	Total <u>Debt Service</u> <sup>(1)</sup>
2017	\$ 2,490,000	\$ 1,441,694	\$ 3,931,694
2018	2,575,000	1,355,394	3,930,394
2019	2,665,000	1,265,994	3,930,994
2020	2,765,000	1,173,344	3,938,344
2021	2,865,000	1,077,094	3,942,093
2022	2,985,000	977,294	3,962,294
2023	3,095,000	871,325	3,966,325
2024	3,220,000	759,375	3,979,375
2025	3,340,000	640,794	3,980,794
2026	3,475,000	513,581	3,988,581
2027	3,615,000	381,175	3,996,175
2028	3,745,000	232,075	3,977,075
2029	<u>1,940,000</u>	<u>77,600</u>	<u>2,017,600</u>
Totals	<u>\$38,775,000</u>	<u>\$10,766,738</u>	<u>\$49,541,738</u>

(1) For the entire fiscal year.

Source: Audited Financial Statements of the District and Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business. This summary is not audited.

## **ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA**

### ***Largest Employers***

The following is a selected listing of the major employers in the District and surrounding area.

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Nature of the Business</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>
Southampton Hospital	Healthcare	775
Town of Southampton	Municipal	500
Corcoran Group	Real Estate	400
Southampton UFSD	School District	400
Dominican Sisters Family Health Services	Home Health Agency	350
Bridgehampton National Bank	Commercial Banks	245
Village of Southampton	Municipal	179

Source: Town of Southampton and Southampton Union Free School District, Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business and a telephone survey conducted by the District.

## ***Population***

The District has an estimated population of 10,100. The populations for the Town, County and State are listed below.

### **Population Trend**

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2014</u>
Town	55,216	56,790	57,515
County	1,419,369	1,493,350	1,500,373
State	18,976,457	19,378,102	19,594,330

Source: New York State Department of Commerce; New York State Empire State Development Corporation; U.S. Census Bureau.

## ***Income***

The following presents median family income for the Village, Town, County and State. Data provided in the following table is not necessarily representative of the District.

### **Median Family Income**

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2014</u>
Village	\$67,315	\$81,250	\$109,352
Town	66,261	74,316	91,812
County	72,112	84,506	102,125
State	51,691	55,603	71,419

Source: New York State Department of Commerce; Long Island Almanac.

## ***Employment and Unemployment***

Unemployment statistics are not available for the District. The information set forth below with respect to Town, County and New York is included for information purposes only. It should not be implied from the inclusion of such data in this Official Statement that the Town, County and State is necessarily representative of the District. This information is not seasonally adjusted.

### **Civilian Labor Force (Thousands)**

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Town	28,800	28,900	28,700	29,000	29,200
County	778,700	777,900	767,500	776,400	781,100
State	9,617,600	9,636,400	9,595,300	9,679,300	9,662,100

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

**Yearly Average Unemployment Rates**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
2012	8.0%	7.8%	8.5%
2013	7.0	6.6	7.7
2014	5.8	5.4	6.3
2015	5.2	4.8	5.3
2016	4.7	4.3	4.9

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

**Monthly Unemployment Rates**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
January, 2016	6.4%	4.8%	5.4%
February	6.4	4.8	5.4
March	6.0	4.5	5.2
April	4.6	4.1	4.6
May	3.6	3.8	4.2
June	3.6	3.9	4.5
July	3.7	4.4	5.0
August	3.6	4.3	4.9
September	4.0	4.3	5.1
October	4.0	4.2	4.9
November	4.7	4.1	4.7
December	5.5	4.1	4.5

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

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

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

	<u>2016</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>2017</u> <sup>(2)</sup>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>		
Real Property Taxes (3)	\$ 52,797,236	\$ 53,865,672
Tuition	8,618,000	9,727,000
Interest Income	28,000	22,000
Use of Money and Property		
State aid	2,579,169	2,717,815
Miscellaneous	880,668	998,977
Local Sources	205,000	213,123
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>200,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b><u>\$ 65,308,073</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 67,944,587</u></b>
 <b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>		
General Support	\$ 7,296,601	\$ 7,686,804
Instruction	32,453,404	33,939,148
Pupil Transportation	2,704,819	2,997,723
Community Services	731,237	780,839
Employee Benefits	17,201,725	17,197,451
Interfund Transfer	195,000	195,000
Debt Service	<u>4,520,287</u>	<u>4,934,499</u>
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b><u>\$ 65,103,073</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 67,731,464</u></b>

(1) The District's proposed 2015-2016 fiscal year budget was approved by voters on May 19, 2015

(2) The District's proposed 2016-2017 fiscal year budget was approved by voters on May 17, 2016

(3) Inclusive of STAR aid payments.

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

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b><u>Assets:</u></b>		
Unrestricted Cash	\$ 906,311	\$ 2,394,925
Restricted Cash	22,220,795	23,462,300
Accounts Receivable	15,841	26,011
Due from other funds	2,195,123	1,812,917
Due from state and federal	4,996,796	3,837,727
Due from other governments	977,322	1,306,909
Prepays	-	26,175
	-	26,175
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b><u>\$ 31,312,188</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 32,866,964</u></b>
<b><u>Liabilities and Fund Equity:</u></b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 459,783	\$ 388,602
Accrued Liabilities	155,681	225,691
Due to Other Funds	-	-
Due to Other Governments	440,361	518,543
Deferred Revenues	60,322	116,727
Due to Employees' Retirement System	380,017	333,930
Due to Teachers Retirement System	4,361,990	3,527,606
Compansated Absences	288,614	890,683
	288,614	890,683
<b>Total Liabilities:</b>	<b><u>6,146,768</u></b>	<b><u>6,001,782</u></b>
<b><u>Fund Equity:</u></b>		
Restricted	\$ 22,220,795	\$ 23,462,300
Assigned		
Appropriated fund balance	200,000	500,000
Unappropriated fund balance	140,502	193,624
Unassigned	2,604,123	2,709,258
	2,604,123	2,709,258
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>25,165,420</b>	<b>26,865,182</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<b><u>\$ 31,312,188</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 32,866,964</u></b>

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

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

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Real Property Taxes	\$ 47,402,107	\$ 48,600,973	\$ 49,897,536	\$ 50,443,824	\$ 52,271,358
Other Tax Items	518,223	506,854	512,162	473,449	463,278
Charges for Services	7,565,923	6,391,584	8,618,403	8,733,927	9,597,483
Use of Money & Property	82,057	62,113	56,720	38,623	42,769
Sale of Property/Compensation for Loss	78,159	75,649	117,216	102,390	139,324
Miscellaneous	466,840	363,597	192,570	380,329	176,603
State Sources	2,069,371	2,165,925	2,587,565	2,247,513	2,518,445
Medicaid Reimbursement	304	970	1,501	22,280	7,283
	<u>58,182,984</u>	<u>58,167,665</u>	<u>61,983,673</u>	<u>62,442,335</u>	<u>65,216,543</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>					
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
General Support	\$ 7,151,052	\$ 7,115,198	\$ 7,636,441	\$ 6,914,119	\$ 7,548,930
Instruction	29,661,280	29,625,446	30,192,777	30,234,263	32,756,176
Pupil Transportation	2,455,360	2,393,848	2,529,476	2,552,945	2,424,095
Community Services	682,174	663,558	734,562	690,174	708,758
Employee Benefits	12,298,417	13,152,890	14,413,471	15,484,264	15,585,098
Debt Service	4,036,892	4,102,737	4,290,273	4,392,008	4,522,559
	<u>56,285,175</u>	<u>57,053,677</u>	<u>59,797,000</u>	<u>60,267,773</u>	<u>63,545,616</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>					
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>1,897,809</u>	<u>1,113,988</u>	<u>2,186,673</u>	<u>2,174,562</u>	<u>1,670,927</u>
<b>Other Sources and Uses</b>					
Proceeds from long-term debt					
Operating transfers in		108,470	185,513	1,256,605	184,838
Operating transfers out	<u>(4,398,735)</u>	<u>(151,875)</u>	<u>(1,738,616)</u>	<u>(3,243,429)</u>	<u>(156,003)</u>
<b>Total Other Sources (Uses)</b>	<u>(4,398,735)</u>	<u>(43,405)</u>	<u>(1,553,103)</u>	<u>(1,986,824)</u>	<u>28,835</u>
Excess (Deficit) Revenues & Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other (Uses)	(2,500,926)	1,070,583	633,570	187,738	1,699,762
Fund Balance - Beg. of Year	25,774,455	23,273,529	24,344,112	24,977,682	25,165,420
Other Changes in Fund Equity Prior Period Adjustment	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund Equity - End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 23,273,529</u>	<u>\$ 24,344,112</u>	<u>\$ 24,977,682</u>	<u>\$ 25,165,420</u>	<u>\$ 26,865,182</u>

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

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

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("EMMA") WEBSITE  
OF THE MUNICIPAL SECURITIES RULEMAKING BOARD ("MSRB")  
AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

<http://emma.msrb.org/ES995284-ES779462-ES1180747.pdf>

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

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

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**APPENDIX D**

**FORM OF APPROVING LEGAL OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL FOR THE BONDS**

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May 9, 2017

The Board of Education of  
Southampton Union Free School District,  
in the County of Suffolk, New York

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as Bond Counsel to Southampton Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk (the "School District"), a school district of the State of New York in connection with the authorization, sale and issuance of the \$15,730,000 School District Refunding Serial Bonds-2017 (the "Bonds"), dated and delivered the date hereof.

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

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

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

2. Under existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance with certain tax certifications described herein, (i) interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and (ii) interest on the Bonds is not treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations under the Code; such interest is, however, included in the adjusted current earnings of certain corporations for purposes of calculating the alternative minimum tax imposed on such corporations.

The Code establishes certain requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that the interest on the Bonds be and remain excludable from gross income under Section 103 of the Code. These requirements include, but are not limited to, requirements relating to the use and expenditure of proceeds of the Bonds, restrictions on the

investment of proceeds of the Bonds prior to expenditure and the requirement that certain earnings be rebated to the federal government. Noncompliance with such requirements may cause the interest on the Bonds to become subject to federal income taxation retroactive to the date of issuance thereof, irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs or is ascertained.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

/s/ Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP

**APPENDIX E**

**FORM OF UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE  
FOR THE BONDS**

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## UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

### Section 1. Definitions

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

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

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

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

“Issuer” shall mean the **Southampton Union Free School District**, in the County of Suffolk, a school district of the State of New York.

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

“Purchaser” shall mean the financial institution referred to in the Certificate of Award, executed by the President of the Board of Education as of April 17, 2017.

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

“Securities” shall mean the Issuer’s **\$15,730,000 School District Refunding Serial Bonds-2017**, dated May 9, 2017, maturing in various principal amounts on June 15 in each of the years 2017 to 2028, inclusive, and delivered on the date hereof.

Section 2. Obligation to Provide Continuing Disclosure. (a) The Issuer hereby undertakes, for the benefit of Holders of the Securities, to provide or cause to be provided either directly or through Capital Markets Advisors LLC, 11 Grace Avenue, Suite 308, Great Neck, New York 11021 to the EMMA System:

- (i) no later than six (6) months following the end of each fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the Annual Information relating to such fiscal year, together with audited financial statements of the Issuer for such fiscal year if audited financial statements are then available; provided, however, that if audited financial statements are not then available, unaudited financial statements shall be provided with the Annual Information no later than six (6) months following the end of each fiscal year, and audited financial statements, if any, shall be

delivered to the EMMA System within sixty (60) days after they become available and in no event later than one (1) year after the end of each fiscal year; provided, however, that the unaudited financial statement shall be provided for any fiscal year only if the Issuer has made a determination that providing such unaudited financial statement would be compliant with federal securities laws, including Rule 10b-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17 (a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933; and

- (ii) in a timely manner, not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of such event, notice of any of the following events with respect to the Securities:
  - (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
  - (2) non-payment related defaults, if material;
  - (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
  - (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
  - (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
  - (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices of determinations with respect to the tax status of the Securities, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Securities;
  - (7) modifications to rights of Securities holders, if material;
  - (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
  - (9) defeasances;
  - (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Securities, if material;
  - (11) rating changes;
  - (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer;

Note to clause (12): For the purposes of the event identified in clause (12) above, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for the Issuer in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or government authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of



the assets or business of the Issuer, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Issuer;

- (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Issuer or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; and
- (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material.

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

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

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

Section 3. Annual Information. (a) The required Annual Information shall consist of the financial information and operating data for the preceding fiscal year, in a form generally consistent with the information contained or cross-referenced in the Issuer's final official statement relating to the Securities under the headings: "LITIGATION" and in Appendix A under the headings: (1) "THE DISTRICT," (2) "FINANCIAL FACTORS," (3) "TAX INFORMATION," (4) "DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS," (5) "ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA," and in Appendix B.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly authorized, executed and delivered this Undertaking as of **May 9, 2017**.

**SOUTHAMPTON UNION FREE SCHOOL  
DISTRICT**

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