

OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED JUNE 29, 2022

NEW ISSUE – Book-Entry Only

**Rating: S&P: “AA”
See “RATING” herein**

In the opinion of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey (“Bond Counsel”), under existing statutes, regulations, rulings and court decisions, and assuming continuing compliance with certain covenants described herein, interest on the Bonds (as herein defined) (i) is not includable in gross income for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and (ii) is not treated as a preference item under Section 57 of the Code for purposes of computing the Federal alternative minimum tax. Bond Counsel is further of the opinion that, under existing laws of the State of New Jersey, interest on the Bonds and any gain on the sale thereof are not includable in gross income under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act, as amended. See “TAX EXEMPTION” herein.

**\$12,994,000
SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2022
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA
IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY
(New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, 1980 N.J. Laws c. 72, as amended)**

CALLABLE

Dated: Date of Delivery

Due: July 15, as shown on inside cover

The \$12,994,000 aggregate principal amount of School Bonds, Series 2022 (the “Bonds”) of The Board of Education of the Township of Alexandria in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the “Board” when referring to the governing body and the “School District” when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) are valid and legally binding general obligations of the Board, and unless paid from other sources, are payable from *ad valorem* taxes levied upon all the taxable real property within the School District for the payment of the Bonds and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount. Payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds is also secured under the provisions of the New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, 1980 N.J. Laws c. 72, as amended.

The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds in book-entry only form (without certificates) in the form of one certificate for the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds maturing in each year and when issued will be registered in the name of and held by Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”). Individual purchases may be made in the principal amount of \$1,000 each or any integral multiple thereof with a minimum purchase of \$5,000 required, through book-entries made on the books and records of DTC and its participants. See “BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM” herein.

The Bonds shall bear interest from their date of delivery, which interest shall be payable semi-annually on the fifteenth day of January and July in each year, commencing July 15, 2023, until maturity or prior redemption. Interest on the Bonds will be credited to the participants of DTC as listed on the records of DTC as of each immediately preceding January 1 and July 1 (the “Record Dates” for the payment of interest on the Bonds).

The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities as set forth herein. See “DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS – Redemption” herein.

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued and delivered to the Underwriter, subject to prior sale, to withdrawal or modification of the offer without notice and to approval of legality by the law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey, Bond Counsel to the Board, and certain other conditions described herein. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Board by DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C., Warren, New Jersey, General Counsel to the Board. Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Bordentown, New Jersey, served as Municipal Advisor in connection with the Bonds. Delivery of the Bonds in definitive form to DTC in Jersey City, New Jersey, is anticipated to occur on or about July 21, 2022.

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MATURITIES, PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES,
YIELDS AND CUSIP NUMBERS

<u>Maturity</u> <u>(July 15)</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amounts</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rates</u>	<u>Yields</u>	<u>CUSIP</u> <u>Numbers*</u>
2024	\$469,000	3.25%	2.00%	015293AW3
2025	485,000	3.50	2.25	015293AX1
2026	505,000	3.50	2.35	015293AY9
2027	525,000	3.50	2.50	015293AZ6
2028	550,000	3.50	2.70	015293BA0
2029	570,000	3.50	2.85	015293BB8
2030	595,000	3.75	3.00**	015293BC6
2031	620,000	3.75	3.10**	015293BD4
2032	645,000	3.75	3.25**	015293BE2
2033	670,000	3.75	3.40**	015293BF9
2034	695,000	3.75	3.55**	015293BG7
2035	725,000	3.75	3.65**	015293BH5
2036	755,000	3.75	3.75	015293BJ1
2037	785,000	4.00	3.85**	015293BK8
2038	815,000	4.00	3.90**	015293BL6
2039	850,000	4.00	3.95**	015293BM4
2040	885,000	4.00	4.00	015293BN2
2041	920,000	4.00	4.01	015293BP7
2042	930,000	4.00	4.02	015293BQ5

* A registered trademark of the American Bankers Association. CUSIP data herein is provided by CUSIP Global Services, which is managed on behalf of the American Bankers Association by S&P Global Market Intelligence. The CUSIP numbers listed above are being provided solely for the convenience of Bondholders only at the time of issuance of the Bonds and the Board does not make any representation with respect to such numbers or undertake any responsibility for their accuracy now or at any time in the future. The CUSIP number for a specific maturity is subject to being changed after the issuance of the Bonds as a result of procurement of secondary market portfolio insurance or other similar enhancement by investors that is applicable to all or a portion of certain maturities of the Bonds.

** Priced at stated yield to the first optional redemption date of July 15, 2029 at the redemption price of 100%.

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The information contained herein has been provided by the Board, DTC and other sources deemed reliable by the Board; however, such information is not guaranteed as to its accuracy or completeness and such information is not to be construed as a representation or warranty by the Board, as to information from sources other than itself. The Board has not confirmed the accuracy or completeness of information relating to DTC, which information has been provided by DTC.

This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or agreement among the Board, the Underwriter and the owners of any of the Bonds. 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 any of the information herein since the date hereof, or the date as of which such information is given, if earlier.

References in this Official Statement to the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, laws, rules, regulations, resolutions, agreements, reports and documents do not purport to be comprehensive or definitive. All references to such documents or laws are qualified in their entirety by reference to the particular source, the full text of which may contain qualifications of and exceptions to statements made herein, and copies of which may be inspected at the offices of the Board during normal business hours.

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

In order to facilitate the distribution of the Bonds, the Underwriter may engage in transactions intended to stabilize the price of the Bonds at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. Such stabilizing, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

OF

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\$12,994,000

SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2022

(NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOND RESERVE ACT, 1980 N.J. Laws c. 72, as amended)

CALLABLE

INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement, which includes the cover page and the appendices attached hereto, has been prepared by The Board of Education of the Township of Alexandria in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Board" when referring to the governing body and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) in connection with the offering, sale and issuance of its \$12,994,000 aggregate principal amount of School Bonds, Series 2022 (the "Bonds"). This Official Statement has been executed by and on behalf of the Board by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and its distribution and use in connection with the offering and sale of the Bonds have been authorized by the Board.

This Official Statement contains specific information relating to the Bonds including their general description, certain matters affecting the financing, certain legal matters, historical financial information and other information pertinent to this issue. This Official Statement should be read in its entirety.

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS

The following is a summary of certain provisions of the Bonds. Reference is made to the Bonds themselves for the complete text thereof, and the discussion herein is qualified in its entirety by such reference.

Terms and Interest Payment Dates

The Bonds shall be dated their date of delivery and shall mature on July 15 in each of the years and in the amounts set forth on the inside cover page hereof. The Bonds shall bear interest from their date of delivery which interest shall be payable semi-annually on the fifteenth day of January and July (each an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing on July 15, 2023, in each of the years and at the interest rates set forth on the inside cover page hereof until maturity or prior redemption by check mailed by the Board or a duly appointed paying agent to the registered owners of the Bonds as of each January 1 and July 1 immediately preceding the respective Interest Payment Date (the "Record Dates"). So long as The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), or its nominee is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made by the Board or a designated paying agent directly to DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., which will in turn remit such payments to DTC participants, which will in turn remit such payments to the beneficial owners of the Bonds. See "BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

The Bonds will be issued in fully registered book-entry only form, without certificates. One certificate shall be issued for the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds maturing in each year, and when issued, will be registered in the name of and held by Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. DTC will act as Securities Depository for the Bonds (the "Securities Depository"). The certificates will be on deposit with DTC. DTC will be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants and transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants will be responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds on behalf of the individual purchasers. Individual purchases may be made in the principal amount of \$1,000 each, or any integral multiple thereof with a minimum purchase of \$5,000 required, through book-entries made on the books and records of DTC and its participants. Individual purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds, but each book-entry owner will receive a credit balance on the books of its nominee, and this credit balance will be confirmed by an initial transaction statement stating the details of the Bonds purchased. See "BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

Redemption

The Bonds of this issue maturing prior to July 15, 2030 are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. The Bonds of this issue maturing on or after July 15, 2030 are redeemable at the option of the Board in whole or in part on any date on or after July 15, 2029 upon notice as required herein at one hundred percent (100%) of the principal amount being redeemed (the "Redemption Price"), plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

Notice of Redemption

Notice of redemption ("Notice of Redemption") shall be given by mailing such notice at least thirty (30) days but not more than sixty (60) days before the date fixed for redemption by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered owners of such Bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the Board or a duly appointed Bond Registrar. So long as DTC (or any successor thereto) acts as Securities Depository for the Bonds, Notice of Redemption shall be sent to such Securities Depository and shall not be sent to the beneficial owners of the Bonds. Any failure of the Securities Depository to advise any of its participants or any failure of any participant to notify any beneficial owner of any Notice of Redemption shall not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If the Board determines to redeem a portion of the Bonds prior to maturity, such Bonds shall be selected by the Board; the Bonds to be redeemed having the same maturity shall be selected by the Securities Depository in accordance with its regulations.

If Notice of Redemption has been given as provided herein, the Bonds or the portion thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the date fixed for redemption at the Redemption Price, together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Interest shall cease to accrue on the Bonds after the date fixed for redemption.

Security for the Bonds

The Bonds are valid and legally binding general obligations of the Board, and the Board has irrevocably pledged its full faith and credit for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds. Unless paid from other sources, the principal of and interest on the Bonds are payable from *ad valorem* taxes levied upon all the taxable real property within the School District without limitation as to rate or amount. The Bonds are additionally secured by the New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, 1980 N.J. Laws c. 72, as amended.

School Bond Reserve Act (1980 N.J. Laws c. 72)

All school bonds are secured by the School Bond Reserve (the "School Bond Reserve") established in the Fund for the Support of Free Public Schools of the State of New Jersey (the "Fund") in accordance with the New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:56-17 *et seq.* (P.L. 1980, c. 72, approved July 16, 1980, as amended by P.L. 2003, c. 118, approved July 1, 2003 (the "Act")). The 2003

amendments to the Act provide that the Fund will be divided into two (2) School Bond Reserve accounts. All bonds issued prior to July 1, 2003 shall be benefited by a School Bond Reserve account funded in an amount equal to one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the aggregate issued and outstanding bonded indebtedness of counties, municipalities or school districts for school purposes (the "Old School Bond Reserve Account") and all bonds, including the Bonds, issued on or after July 1, 2003 shall be benefited by a School Bond Reserve account funded in an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the aggregate issued and outstanding bonded indebtedness of counties, municipalities or school districts for school purposes (the "New School Bond Reserve Account"), provided such amounts do not exceed the moneys available in the Fund. If a municipality, county or school district is unable to make payment of principal of or interest on any of its bonds issued for school purposes, the trustees of the Fund will purchase such bonds at par value and will pay to the bondholders the interest due or to become due within the limits of funds available in the applicable School Bond Reserve account in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

The Act provides that the School Bond Reserve shall be composed entirely of direct obligations of the United States government or obligations guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States government. Securities representing at least one-third of the minimal market value to be held in the School Bond Reserve shall be due to mature within one year of issuance or purchase. Beginning with the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2003 and continuing on each June 30 thereafter, the State Treasurer shall calculate the amount necessary to fully fund the Old School Bond Reserve Account and the New School Bond Reserve Account as required pursuant to the Act. To the extent moneys are insufficient to maintain each account in the School Bond Reserve at the required levels, the State agrees that the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey (the "State") shall, no later than September 15 of the fiscal year following the June 30 calculation date, pay to the trustees for deposit in the School Bond Reserve such amounts as may be necessary to maintain the Old School Bond Reserve Account and the New School Bond Reserve Account at the levels required by the Act. No moneys may be borrowed from the Fund to provide liquidity to the State unless the Old School Bond Reserve Account and the New School Bond Reserve Account each are at the levels certified as full funding on the most recent June 30 calculation date. The amount of the School Bond Reserve in each account is pledged as security for the prompt payment to holders of bonds benefited by such account of the principal of and the interest on such bonds in the event of the inability of the issuer to make such payments. In the event the amounts in either the Old School Bond Reserve Account or the New School Bond Reserve Account fall below the amount required to make payments on bonds, the amounts in both accounts are available to make payments for bonds secured by the School Bond Reserve.

The Act further provides that the amount of any payment of interest or purchase price of school bonds paid pursuant to the Act shall be deducted from the appropriation or apportionment of State aid, other than certain State aid which may be otherwise restricted pursuant to law, payable to the school district, county or municipality and shall not obligate the State to make, nor entitle the school district, county or municipality to receive, any additional appropriation or apportionment. Any amount so deducted shall be applied by the State Treasurer to satisfy the obligation of the school district, county or municipality arising as a result of the payment of interest or purchase price of bonds pursuant to the Act.

Authorization and Purpose

The Bonds have been authorized and are issued pursuant to (i) Title 18A, Chapter 24 of the New Jersey Statutes, Chapter 271 of the Laws of 1967, as amended and supplemented, (ii) a proposal adopted by the Board pursuant to a resolution adopted on August 20, 2020, and approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the legal voters present and voting at the annual School District election held on November 3, 2020 and (iii) a resolution duly adopted by the Board on June 2, 2022 (the "Resolution").

The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to (i) refund prior Temporary Notes of the Board issued in the amount of \$12,994,000 on July 28, 2021 maturing on July 27, 2022, which were originally issued to finance various capital improvements in and for the School District (the "Project") and (ii) pay the costs of issuance associated with the issuance of the Bonds. The State has awarded the School District aid for the Project in the amount of forty percent (40%) of the eligible costs of such Project. As such, the State

has agreed to pay forty percent (40%) of the annual debt service on the eligible costs financed by the Bonds each year.

BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM

The description which follows of the procedures and record keeping with respect to beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds, payment of principal and interest, and other payments on the Bonds to DTC Participants or Beneficial Owners (as such terms are defined or used herein), confirmation and transfer of beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds and other related transactions by and between DTC, DTC Participants and Beneficial Owners, is based on certain information furnished by DTC to the Board. Accordingly, the Board does not make any representations concerning these matters.

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

DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments from over 100 countries that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Direct and Indirect Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

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

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

the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

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

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

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

Redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend 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 Board or Paying Agent, on the payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Direct and Indirect 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 Direct and Indirect Participant and not of DTC, nor its nominee, Paying Agent or the Board, 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 Board or Paying Agent, 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 Securities Depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Board or Paying Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor Securities Depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The Paying Agent, upon direction of the Board, may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor Securities Depository). In that event, Bond certificates will be printed and delivered.

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

Discontinuance of Book-Entry Only System

In the event that the book-entry-only system is discontinued and the Beneficial Owners become registered owners of the Bonds, the following provisions apply: (i) the Bonds may be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of Bonds in other authorized denominations and of the same maturity,

upon surrender thereof at the office of the Board or its paying agent; (ii) the transfer of any Bonds may be registered on the books maintained by the registrar for such purposes only upon the surrender thereof to the Board or its paying agent together with the duly executed assignment in form satisfactory to the Board or its paying agent; and (iii) for every exchange or registration of transfer of Bonds, the Board or its paying agent may make a charge sufficient to reimburse for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or registration of transfer of the Bonds. Interest on the Bonds will be payable by check or draft mailed on each Interest Payment Date to the registered owners thereof as of the close of business on the Record Dates.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE BOARD

The Board is a nine (9) member board with members elected for staggered three (3) year terms. The Superintendent of Schools is the chief administrative officer of the School District. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is the chief financial officer of the School District and oversees the Board's business functions. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary reports to the Superintendent of Schools.

The School District is a Type II school district, the geographical boundaries of which are coterminous with the Township of Alexandria, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey (the "Township") and provides a full range of educational services appropriate to grades pre-kindergarten (Pre-K) through eight (8), including regular and special education programs. The School District operates one (1) elementary school and one (1) middle school. Students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) attend Delaware Valley Regional High School which is part of the Delaware Valley Regional School District. See "[APPENDIX A](#) – Certain Economic and Demographic Information Relating to the School District and the Township of Alexandria, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey."

THE STATE'S ROLE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

The Constitution of the State of New Jersey provides that the State shall provide for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient ("T&E") system of free public schools for the instruction of all children between the ages of 5 and 18 years. Case law has expanded the responsibility to include children between the ages of 3 and 21.

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

The Commissioner of Education (the "Commissioner") is the chief executive and administrative officer of the Department. The Commissioner is appointed by the Governor of the State with the advice and consent of the State Senate, and serves at the pleasure of the Governor during the Governor's term of office. The Commissioner is Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of the State Board and is responsible for the supervision of all school districts in the State and is obligated to enforce the rules and regulations of the State Board. The Commissioner has the authority to recommend the withholding of State financial aid and the Commissioner's consent is required for authorization to sell school bonds that exceed the debt limit of the municipality in which the school district is located and may also set the amount to be raised by taxation for a board of education if a school budget has not been approved by a board of school estimate or by the voters.

An Executive County Superintendent of Schools (the "County Superintendent") is appointed for each county in the State by the Governor, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner with the advice and consent of the State Senate. The County Superintendent is the local representative of the

Commissioner. The County Superintendent is responsible for the daily supervision of the school districts in the county and is charged with the enforcement of rules pertaining to the certification of teachers, pupil registers and financial reports and the review of budgets. Under the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, P.L. 2007, c. 63, effective April 3, 2007, the role of the County Superintendent was changed to create the post of the Executive County Superintendent with expanded powers for the operation and management of school districts to, among other things, promote administrative and operational efficiencies, eliminate non-operating school districts and recommend a school district consolidation plan to eliminate districts through the establishment or enlargement of regional school districts, subject to voter approval.

STRUCTURE OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN NEW JERSEY

Categories of School Districts

State school districts are characterized by the manner in which the board of education or the governing body takes office. School districts are principally classified in the following categories:

(1) Type I, in which the mayor or chief executive officer ("CEO") of a municipality appoints the members of a board of education and a board of school estimate. The board of school estimate consists of two (2) members of the board of education, two (2) members of the governing body of the municipality and the mayor or CEO of the municipality comprising the school district, and approves all fiscal matters;

(2) Type II, in which the registered voters within a school district elect the members of a board of education and either (a) the registered voters also vote upon all fiscal matters with the exception set forth in the new Budget Election Law (as hereinafter defined in "School Budgetary Process"), or (b) a board of school estimate, consisting of two (2) members of the governing body of and the CEO of each municipality within the school district and the president of and one member of the board of education, and approves all fiscal matters;

(3) Regional and consolidated school districts comprising the territorial boundaries of more than one municipality in which the registered voters within the school district elect members of the board of education and vote upon all fiscal matters with certain exceptions. Regional school districts may be "All Purpose Regional School Districts" or "Limited Purpose Regional School Districts";

(4) State-operated school districts created by the State Board, pursuant to State law, when a local board of education cannot or will not correct severe educational deficiencies;

(5) County vocational school districts have boards of education consisting of the County Superintendent and four (4) members unless it is a county of the first class, which adopted an ordinance, in which case it can have a board consisting of seven (7) appointed members which the board of county commissioners of the county appoints. Such vocational school districts shall also have a board of school estimate, consisting of two (2) members appointed by the board of education of the school district, two (2) members appointed by the board of county commissioners and a fifth member being the county executive or the director of the board of county commissioners of the county, which approves all fiscal matters; and

(6) County special services school districts have boards of education consisting of the County Superintendent and six (6) persons appointed by the board of county commissioners of the county. Such special services school districts shall also have a board of school estimate, consisting of two (2) members appointed by the board of education of the school, two (2) members appointed by the board of county commissioners and a fifth member being the commissioner-director of the board of county commissioners, which approves all fiscal matters.

There is a procedure whereby a Type I school district or a Type II school district may change from one type to the other after an approving public referendum. Such a public referendum must be held whenever directed by the municipal governing body or board of education in a Type I district, or the board

of education in a Type II district, or when petitioned for by fifteen percent (15%) of the voters of any school district. The School District is a Type II school district with a board of school estimate.

School Budgetary Process (N.J.S.A. 18A:22-1 et seq.)

In a Type I school district and a Type II school district with a board of school estimate, a separate body from the school district, known as the board of school estimate, examines the budget requests and fixes the appropriation amounts for the next year's operating budget at or after a public hearing. This board, whose composition is fixed by statute, certifies the budget to the municipal governing body or board of education. If the board of education disagrees with the certified budget of the board of school estimate, then it can appeal to the Commissioner to request changes.

In a Type II school district, the elected board of education develops the budget proposal and, at or after a public hearing, submits it for voter approval unless the Board has moved its annual election to November, as discussed below. Debt service provisions are not subject to public referendum. If approved, the budget goes into effect. If defeated, the governing bodies of the constituent municipalities must develop the school budget by May 19 of each year. Should the governing bodies be unable to do so, the Commissioner establishes the local school budget.

The Budget Election Law, P.L. 2011, c. 202, effective January 17, 2012 (the "Budget Election Law") establishes procedures that allow the date of the annual school election of a Type II school district, without a board of school estimate, to be moved from April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, to be held simultaneously with the general election. Such change in the annual school election date must be authorized by resolution of either the board of education or the governing body of the municipality, or by an affirmative vote of a majority of the voters whenever a petition, signed by at least fifteen percent (15%) of the legally qualified voters, is filed with the board of education. Once the annual school election is moved to November, such election may not be changed back to an April annual school election for four (4) years.

School districts that opt to move the annual school election to November are no longer required to submit the budget to the voters for approval if the budget is at or below the two percent (2%) property tax levy cap as provided in the Tax Levy Cap Law (as hereinafter defined).

The Board conducts its annual election in November.

SUMMARY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF SCHOOL DEBT

Levy and Collection of Taxes

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

Budgets and Appropriations

School districts in the State must operate on an annual cash basis budget. Each school district must adopt an annual budget in such detail and upon forms as prescribed by the Commissioner, to which must be attached an itemized statement showing revenues, including State and Federal aid, and expenditures. The Commissioner must approve a budget prior to its final adoption and has the power to increase or decrease individual line items in a budget. Any amendments to a school district's budget must be approved by the board of education or the board of school estimate, as the case may be. Every budget submitted must provide no less than the minimum permissible amount deemed necessary under State law to provide for a thorough and efficient education as mandated by the State Constitution. The Commissioner may not approve any budget unless the Commissioner is satisfied that the school district has adequately implemented within the budget the Core Curriculum Content Standards (as defined herein) required by State law. If necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to order changes in the local

school district's budget. The Commissioner will also ensure that other provisions of law are met including the limitations on taxes and spending explained below.

Tax and Spending Limitations

The Public School Education Act of 1975, N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-1 et seq., P.L. 1975, c. 212 (as amended and partially repealed), first limited the amount of funds that could be raised by a local school district. It limited the annual increase of any school district's net current expense budget. The budgetary limitations were known as a "CAP" on expenditures. The "CAP" was intended to control the growth in local property taxes. Subsequently there have been numerous legislative changes as to how the spending limitations would be applied.

The Quality Education Act of 1990, N.J.S.A. 18A:7D-1 et seq., P.L. 1990, c. 52 (the "QEA") (now repealed), also limited the annual increase in the school district's current expense and capital outlay budgets by a statutory formula linked to the annual percentage increase in per capita income. The QEA was amended and revised by chapter 62 of the Laws of New Jersey of 1991, and further amended by chapter 7 of the Laws of New Jersey of 1993.

The Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act of 1996, N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-1 et seq., P.L. 1996, c. 138 (the "CEIFA"), as amended by P.L. 2004, c. 732, effective July 1, 2004, also limited the annual increase in a school district's net budget by a spending growth limitation. The CEIFA limited the amount school districts can increase their annual current expense and capital outlay budgets (the "Spending Growth Limitations"). Generally, budgets could increase either by two and one-half percent (2.5%) or the consumer price index, whichever is greater. Amendments to the CEIFA decreased the budget cap to two and one-half percent (2.5%) from three percent (3%). Budgets could also increase because of certain adjustments for enrollment increases, certain capital outlay expenditures, pupil transportation costs, and special education costs that exceeded \$40,000 per pupil. Waivers were available from the Commissioner based on increasing enrollments and other fairly narrow grounds and increases higher than the cap could be approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) at the annual school election.

P.L. 2007, c. 62, effective April 3, 2007, provided additional limitations on school district spending by limiting the amount a school district could raise for school district purposes through the property tax levy by four percent (4%) over the prior budget year's tax levy. P.L. 2007, c. 62 provided for adjustments to the cap for increases in enrollment, reductions in State aid and increased health care costs and for certain other extraordinary cost increases that required approval by the Commissioner. The bill granted discretion to the Commissioner to grant other waivers from the cap for increases in special education costs, capital outlay, and tuition charges. The Commissioner also had the ability to grant extraordinary waivers to the tax levy cap for certain other cost increases beginning in fiscal year 2009 through 2012.

P.L. 2007, c. 62 was deemed to supersede the prior limitations on the amount school districts could increase their annual current expense and capital outlay budgets created by CEIFA (as amended by P.L. 2004, c. 73, effective July 1, 2004). However, chapter 62 was in effect only through fiscal year 2012. Without an extension of chapter 62 by the legislature, the Spending Growth Limitations on the general fund and capital outlay budget would be in effect.

Debt service was not limited either by the Spending Growth Limitations or the four percent (4%) cap on the tax levy increase imposed by chapter 62.

The previous legislation was amended by P.L. 2010, c. 44, effective July 13, 2010 and became applicable to the next local budget year following enactment. This law limits the school district tax levy for the general fund budget to increases of two percent (2%) over the prior budget year with exceptions only for enrollment increases, increases for certain normal and accrued liability for pension contributions in excess of two percent (2%), certain healthcare increases, and amounts approved by a simple majority of voters voting at a special election (the "Tax Levy Cap Law"). Additionally, also becoming effective in the 2011-2012 fiscal year, a school district that has not been granted approval to exceed the tax levy cap by a separate proposal can bank the unused tax levy for use in any of the next three (3) succeeding budget

years. A school district can request a use of “banked cap” only after it has fully exhausted all eligible statute spending authority in the budget year. The process for obtaining waivers from the Commissioner for additional increases over the tax levy cap or Spending Growth Limitations was eliminated under chapter 44. Notwithstanding the foregoing, under P.L. 2018, c. 67, effective July 24, 2018, which increases State school aid to underfunded school districts and decreases state school aid to overfunded school districts, during the 2018-2019 through 2024-2025 fiscal years, SDA Districts, which are certain urban districts formerly referred to as Abbott Districts referred to herein under “SUMMARY OF STATE AID TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS”, are permitted increases in the tax levy over the two percent (2%) limit to raise a general fund tax levy to an amount that does not exceed its local share of the adequacy budget.

The restrictions are solely on the tax levy for the general fund and are not applicable to the debt service fund. There are no restrictions on a local school district’s ability to raise funds for debt service, and nothing would limit the obligation of a school district to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all taxable real property within the school district to pay debt service on its bonds or notes with one exception. School districts are subject to GAAP accounting, and under GAAP interest on obligations maturing within one (1) year must be treated as operating expenses. Accordingly, under the Department of Education’s Chart of Accounts, interest on notes is raised in the General Fund of a school district and therefore is counted within its two percent (2%) tax levy cap on spending.

Issuance of Debt

Among the provisions for the issuance of school debt are the following requirements: (i) bonds must mature in serial installments within the statutory period of usefulness of the projects being financed but not exceeding forty (40) years, (ii) debt must be authorized by a resolution of a board of education (and approved by a board of school estimate in a Type I school district and a Type II school district with a board of school estimate), and (iii) there must be filed with the State by each municipality comprising a school district a Supplemental Debt Statement and a school debt statement setting forth the amount of bonds and notes authorized but unissued and outstanding for such school district.

Annual Audit (N.J.S.A. 18A:23-1 et seq.)

Every board of education is required to provide an annual audit of the school district’s accounts and financial transactions. The audit must be performed by a licensed public school accountant no later than five (5) months after the end of the school fiscal year or by the date extended by statute or by the State of New Jersey Department of Education. The audit, in conformity with statutory requirements, must be filed with the board of education and the Commissioner. Additionally, the audit must be summarized and discussed at a regular public meeting of the local board of education within thirty (30) days following receipt of the annual audit by such board of education.

Temporary Financing (N.J.S.A. 18A:24-3)

Temporary notes may be issued in anticipation of the issuance of permanent bonds for a capital improvement or capital project. Such temporary notes may not exceed in the aggregate the amount of bonds authorized for such improvement or project. A school district’s temporary notes may be issued for one (1) year periods, with the final maturity not exceeding five (5) years from the date of original issuance; provided, however, that no such notes shall be renewed beyond the third anniversary date of the original notes unless an amount of such notes, at least equal to the first legally payable installment of the bonds in anticipation of which said notes are issued, is paid and retired subsequent to such third anniversary date from funds other than the proceeds of obligations. School districts must include in each annual budget the amount of interest due and payable in each fiscal year on all outstanding temporary notes.

Capital Lease Financing

School districts are permitted to enter into lease purchase agreements for the acquisition of equipment or for the improvement of school buildings. Generally, lease purchase agreements cannot exceed five (5) years except for certain energy-saving equipment which may be leased for up to fifteen (15) years if paid from energy savings. Lease purchase agreements for a term of five (5) years or less

must be approved by the Commissioner. The Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, P.L. 2000, c. 72 (the "EFCFA"), repealed the authorization to enter into facilities leases in excess of five (5) years. The payment of rent on an equipment lease and on a five (5) year and under facilities lease is treated as a current expense and within the cap on the school district's budget. Under the CEIFA, lease purchase payments on leases in excess of five (5) years issued under prior law are treated as debt service payments and, therefore, will receive debt service aid if the school district is entitled and are outside the school district's tax levy cap.

Debt Limitation (N.J.S.A. 18A:24-19)

Except as provided below, no additional debt shall be authorized if the principal amount, when added to the net debt previously authorized, exceeds a statutory percentage of the average equalized valuation of taxable property in a school district. As a grades pre-kindergarten (Pre-K) through eight (8) school district, the School District can borrow up to three percent (3%) of the average equalized valuation of taxable property in the School District. The School District has not exceeded its three percent (3%) debt limit. See "APPENDIX A – Certain Economic and Demographic Information Relating to the School District and the Township of Alexandria, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey."

Exceptions to Debt Limitation

A Type II school district (other than a regional district) may also utilize its constituent municipality's remaining statutory borrowing power (i.e. the excess of three and one-half percent (3.5%) of the average equalized valuation of taxable property within the constituent municipality over the constituent municipality's net debt). A school district may also authorize debt in excess of this limit with the consent of the Commissioner and the Local Finance Board.

Energy Saving Obligations

Under P.L. 2009, c. 4, approved January 21, 2009 and effective 60 days thereafter, school districts may issue "energy savings obligations" without voter approval to fund certain improvements that result in reduced energy use, facilities for production of renewable energy or water conservation improvements provided that the amount of the savings will cover the cost of the improvements.

SUMMARY OF STATE AID TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

In 1973, the Supreme Court of the State of New Jersey (the "Court") ruled in *Robinson v. Cahill* that the method then used to finance public education principally through property taxation was unconstitutional. Pursuant to the Court's ruling, the Legislature enacted the Public School Education Act of 1975, N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-1 *et seq.*, P.L. 1975, c. 212 (the "Public School Education Act") (as amended and partially repealed), which required funding of the State's school aid through the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act, P.L. 1976, c. 47, as amended and supplemented, enacted for the purpose of providing property tax relief.

On June 5, 1990, the Court ruled in *Abbott v. Burke* that the school aid formula enacted under the Public School Education Act was unconstitutional as applied. The Court found that poorer urban school districts (previously called "Abbott Districts", now referred to as "SDA Districts") were significantly disadvantaged under that school funding formula because school revenues were derived primarily from property taxes. The Court found that wealthy school districts were able to spend more, yet tax less for educational purposes.

Since that time there has been much litigation and many cases affecting the State's responsibilities to fund public education and many legislative attempts to distribute State aid in accordance with the court cases and the constitutional requirement. The cases addressed not only current operating fund aid but also addressed the requirement to provide facilities aid as well. The legislation has included QEA, CEIFA and EFCFA. For many years aid has simply been determined in the State Budget, which itself is an act of the legislature, based upon amounts provided in prior years. The school funding formula, provided in the School Funding Reform Act of 2008, P.L. 2007, c. 260, effective

January 1, 2008, attempts to remove the special status given to certain school districts known as Abbott Districts after the school funding cases and instead has funding follow students with certain needs and provides aid in a way that takes into account the ability of the local school district to raise local funds to support the budget in amounts deemed adequate to provide for a thorough and efficient education as required by the State constitution. This legislation was challenged in the Court, and the Court held that the State's then current plan for school aid was a "constitutionally adequate scheme." However, the State continued to underfund certain school districts and to overfund other school districts in its budgets based on the statutory scheme. In its budget process for fiscal year 2019 and with the enactment of P.L. 2018, c. 67, effective July 24, 2018, the State is moving the school districts toward the intent of the statutory scheme by increasing funding for underfunded school districts and decreasing funding for overfunded school districts over the next seven (7) years and providing cap relief for overfunded school districts to enable them to pick up more of the local share.

Notwithstanding over thirty-five (35) years of litigation, the State provides State aid to school districts of the State in amounts provided in the State budget each year. These now include equalization aid, special education categorical aid, transportation aid, preschool education aid, instructional supplement aid, supplemental core curriculum standards aid, distance learning network aid, bilingual aid, security aid, adjustment aid and other aid determined in the discretion of the Commissioner.

State law requires that the State will provide aid for the construction of school facilities in an amount equal to the greater of the district aid percentage or forty percent (40%) times the eligible costs determined by the Commissioner either in the form of a grant or debt service aid as determined under the EFCFA. The amount of aid to which a school district is entitled is established prior to the authorization of the project. Grant funding is provided by the State upfront and debt service aid must be appropriated annually by the State.

The State reduced debt service aid by fifteen percent (15%) for fiscal years 2011 through 2021. As a result of the debt service aid reduction for those fiscal years, school districts received eighty-five percent (85%) of the debt service aid that they would have otherwise received. In addition, school districts which received grants under the EFCFA, which grants were financed through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (the "EDA"), were assessed an amount in their fiscal years 2011 through 2021 budgets representing fifteen percent (15%) of the school district's proportionate share of the principal and interest payments on the outstanding EDA bonds issued to fund such grants.

Pursuant to P.L. 2018, c. 67, effective July 24, 2018, the School Funding Reform Act has been modified to adjust the distribution of State aid to school districts in the State ("SFRA Modification Law"). In particular, the SFRA Modification Law revises the School Funding Reform Act so that, after calculating the amount of State aid available per pupil, State aid will be distributed to each school district based on student enrollment. The SFRA Modification Law also eliminates the application of the State aid growth limit and adjustment aid, but includes a transition period for school districts that will receive less State aid. Under the SFRA Modification Law, most school districts that will receive reduced State aid resulting from the revised funding formula will be provided a seven (7) year transition period during which funding will be reduced. For those school districts where State aid will increase under the SFRA Modification Law, the transition period to increase funding will be one (1) year.

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL AID TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Federal funds are available for certain programs approved by the Federal government with allocation decided by the State, which assigns a proportion to each local school district. The Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, enacted December 10, 2015, is a Federal assistance program for which a school district qualifies to receive aid. A remedial enrichment program for children of low income families is available under Chapter 1 Aid. Such Federal aid is generally received in the form of block grants. Aid is also provided under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act although never in the amounts federal law required.

MUNICIPAL FINANCE - FINANCIAL REGULATION OF COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

Local Bond Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq.)

The Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law"), governs the issuance of bonds and notes to finance certain municipal and utility capital expenditures. Among its provisions are requirements that bonds must mature within the statutory period of usefulness of the projects financed and that bonds be retired in serial installments. A five percent (5%) cash down payment is generally required toward the financing of expenditures for municipal purposes. All bonds and notes issued by the Township are general full faith and credit obligations.

The authorized bonded indebtedness of the Township is limited by statute, subject to certain exceptions noted below, to an amount equal to three and one-half percent (3.5%) of its average equalized valuation basis. The average for the last three (3) years of the equalized value of all taxable real property and improvements and certain Class II railroad property within the Township as annually determined by the New Jersey Board of Taxation is set forth in APPENDIX A.

Certain categories of debt are permitted by statute to be deducted for purposes of computing the statutory debt limit.

A municipality may exceed its debt limit with the approval of the Local Finance Board, and as permitted by other statutory exceptions. If all or any part of a proposed debt authorization would exceed its debt limit, a municipality may apply to the Local Finance Board for an extension of credit. If the Local Finance Board determines that a proposed debt authorization would not materially impair the credit of the municipality or substantially reduce the ability of the municipality to meet its obligations or to provide essential public improvements and services, or makes certain other statutory determinations, approval is granted. In addition, debt in excess of the statutory limit may be issued by the municipality to fund certain notes, to provide for self-liquidating purposes, and, in each fiscal year, in an amount not exceeding 2/3 of the amount budgeted in such fiscal year for the retirement of outstanding obligations (exclusive of utility and assessment obligations).

A municipality may sell "bond anticipation notes" to temporarily finance a capital improvement or project in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, if the bond ordinance or subsequent resolution so provides. Bond anticipation notes for capital improvements may be issued in an aggregate amount not exceeding the amount specified in the bond ordinance, as it may be amended and supplemented, creating such capital expenditure. A local unit's bond anticipation notes may be issued for periods not exceeding one (1) year. Generally, bond anticipation notes may not be outstanding for longer than ten (10) years. An additional period may be available following the tenth anniversary date equal to the period from the notes' maturity to the end of the tenth fiscal year in which the notes mature plus four (4) months in the next following fiscal year from the date of original issuance. Beginning in the third year, the amount of notes that may be issued is decreased by the minimum amount required for the first year's principal payment for a bond issue.

Local Budget Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 et seq.)

The foundation of the State local finance system is the annual cash basis budget. Every local unit must adopt an annual operating budget in the form required by the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (the "Division"). Certain items of revenue and appropriation are regulated by law and the proposed budget cannot be finally adopted until it has been certified by the Director of the Division (the "Director"), or in the case of a local unit's examination of its own budget, such budget cannot be finally adopted until a local examination certificate has been approved by the Chief Financial Officer and governing body of the local unit. The Local Budget Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 et seq. (the "Local Budget Law") requires each local unit to appropriate sufficient funds for the payment of current debt service, and the Director or, in the case of local examination, the local unit, may review the adequacy of such appropriations.

Tax anticipation notes are limited in amount by law and must be paid off in full within 120 days of the close of the fiscal year in which they were issued.

The Director has no authority over individual operating appropriations, unless a specific amount is required by law, but the budgetary review functions focusing on anticipated revenues serve to protect the solvency of all local units.

The cash basis budgets of local units must be in balance, i.e., the total of anticipated revenues must equal the total of appropriations. N.J.S.A. 40A:4-22. If in any year a local unit's expenditures exceed its realized revenues for that year, then such excess must be raised in the succeeding year's budget.

A provision in the Local Budget Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-26, provides that: "[n]o miscellaneous revenues from any source shall be included as an anticipated revenue in the budget in an amount in excess of the amount actually realized in cash from the same source during the next preceding fiscal year, unless the director shall determine upon application by the governing body that the facts clearly warrant the expectation that such excess amount will actually be realized in cash during the fiscal year and shall certify such determination, in writing, to the local unit."

No budget or amendment thereof shall be adopted unless the Director shall have previously certified his approval of such anticipated revenues, except that categorical grants-in-aid contracts may be included for their face amount with an offsetting appropriation. The fiscal years for such grants rarely coincide with a municipality's calendar fiscal year. However, grant revenue is generally not realized until received in cash.

The same general principle that revenue cannot be anticipated in a budget in excess of that realized in the preceding year applies to property taxes. The maximum amount of delinquent taxes that may be anticipated is limited by a statutory formula, which allows the local unit to anticipate collection at the same rate realized for the collection of delinquent taxes in the previous year. Also the local unit is required to make an appropriation for a "reserve for uncollected taxes" in accordance with a statutory formula to provide for a tax collection in an amount that does not exceed the percentage of taxes levied and payable in the preceding fiscal year that was received in cash by December 31 of that year. The budget also must provide for any cash deficits of the prior year.

Emergency appropriations (those made after the adoption of the budget and the determination of the tax rate) may be authorized by the governing body. However, with minor exceptions, such appropriations must be included in full in the following year's budget. When such appropriations exceed three percent (3%) of the adopted operating budget, consent of the Director must be obtained.

The exceptions are certain enumerated quasi-capital projects ("special emergencies") such as (i) the repair and reconstruction of streets, roads or bridges damaged by snow, ice, frost, or floods, which may be amortized over three (3) years, and (ii) the repair and reconstruction of streets, roads, bridges or other public property damaged by flood or hurricane, where such expense was unforeseen at the time of budget adoption, the repair and reconstruction of private property damaged by flood or hurricane, tax map preparation, re-evaluation programs, revision and codification of ordinances, master plan preparations, drainage map preparation for flood control purposes, studies and planning associated with the construction and installation of sanitary sewers, authorized expenses of a consolidated commission, contractually required severance liabilities resulting from the layoff or retirement of employees and the preparation of sanitary and storm system maps, all of which projects set forth in this section (ii) may be amortized over five (5) years. N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53, -54, -55, -55.1. Emergency appropriations for capital projects may be financed through the adoption of a bond ordinance and amortized over the useful life of the project as described above.

Budget transfers provide a degree of flexibility and afford a control mechanism. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, transfers between appropriation accounts are prohibited until the last two (2) months of the year. Appropriation reserves may be transferred during the first three (3) months of the year, to the previous year's budget. N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59. Both types of transfers require a 2/3 vote of the full

membership of the governing body. Although sub-accounts within an appropriation are not subject to the same year-end transfer restriction, they are subject to internal review and approval. Certain types of appropriations are excluded from the provisions permitting transfers. Generally, transfers cannot be made from the down payment account, interest or debt redemption charges or the capital improvement fund or for contingent expenses.

Municipal public utilities are supported by the revenues generated by the respective operations of the utilities, in addition to the general taxing power upon taxable property. For each utility, there is established a separate budget. The anticipated revenues and appropriations for each utility are set forth in the separate budget. The budget is required to be balanced and to provide fully for debt service. The regulations regarding anticipation of revenues and deferral of charges apply equally to the budgets of the utilities. Deficits or anticipated deficits in utility operations which cannot be provided for from utility surplus, if any, are required to be raised in the "Current" or operating budget.

In accordance with the Local Budget Law, each local unit must adopt and may from time to time amend rules and regulations for capital budgets, which rules and regulations must require a statement of capital undertakings underway or projected for a period not greater than over the next ensuing six (6) years as a general improvement program. The capital budget, when adopted, does not constitute the approval or appropriation of funds, but sets forth a plan of the possible capital expenditures which the local unit may contemplate over the next six (6) years. Expenditures for capital purposes may be made either by ordinances adopted by the governing body setting forth the items and the method of financing or from the annual operating budget if the terms were detailed.

Fiscal Year Adjustment Law (1991 N.J. Laws c. 75)

Chapter 75 of the Laws of New Jersey of 1991, requires certain municipalities and permits all other municipalities to adopt the State fiscal year in place of the existing calendar fiscal year. Municipalities that change fiscal years must adopt a six (6) month transition budget for January 1 through June 30. Since expenditures would be expected to exceed revenues primarily because State aid for the calendar year would not be received by the municipality until after the end of the transition year budget, the act authorizes the issuance of Fiscal Year Adjustment Bonds to fund the one time deficit for the six (6) month transition budget. The law provides that the deficit in the six (6) month transition budget may be funded initially with bond anticipation notes based on the estimated deficit in the six (6) month transition budget. Notes issued in anticipation of Fiscal Year Adjustment Bonds, including renewals, can only be issued for up to one (1) year unless the Local Finance Board permits the municipality to renew them for a longer period of time. The Local Finance Board must confirm the actual deficit experienced by the municipality. The municipality then may issue Fiscal Year Adjustment Bonds to finance the deficit on a permanent basis. The purpose of the act is to assist municipalities that are heavily dependent on State aid and that have had to issue tax anticipation notes to fund operating cash flow deficits each year. While the law does not authorize counties to change their fiscal years, it does provide that counties with cash flow deficits may issue Fiscal Year Adjustment Bonds as well.

State Supervision

State law authorizes State officials to supervise fiscal administration in any municipality which is in default on its obligations; which experiences severe tax collection problems for two (2) successive years; which has a deficit greater than four percent (4%) of its tax levy for two (2) successive years; which has failed to make payments due and owing to the State, county, school district or special district for two (2) consecutive years; which has an appropriation in its annual budget for the liquidation of debt which exceeds twenty-five percent (25%) of its total operating appropriations (except dedicated revenue appropriations) for the previous budget year; or which has been subject to a judicial determination of gross failure to comply with the Local Bond Law, the Local Budget Law, or the Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-1 et seq., which substantially jeopardizes its fiscal integrity. State officials are authorized to continue such supervision for as long as any of the conditions exist and until the municipality operates for a fiscal year without incurring a cash deficit.

Appropriations “Cap”

The New Jersey “Cap Law” (the “Cap Law”) (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq.) places limits on municipal tax levies and expenditures. The Cap Law provides that a local unit shall limit any increase in its budget to two and one-half percent (2.5%) or the Cost-Of-Living Adjustment (as defined in the Cap Law), whichever is less, of the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions. The Cost-Of-Living Adjustment is defined as the rate of annual percentage increase, rounded to the nearest half percent, in the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchases of Goods and Services produced by the United States Department of Commerce for the year preceding the current year as announced by the Director. However, in each year in which the Cost-Of-Living Adjustment is equal to or less than two and one-half percent (2.5%), a local unit may, by ordinance, approved by a majority vote of the full membership of the governing body, provide that the final appropriations of the local unit for such year be increased by a percentage rate that is greater than the Cost-Of-Living Adjustment, but not more than three and one-half percent (3.5%) over the previous year’s final appropriations. In addition, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a restored “cap” banking to the Local Budget Law. Municipalities are permitted to appropriate available “cap bank” in either of the next two (2) succeeding years’ final appropriations. Along with the permitted increases for total general appropriations there are certain items that are allowed to increase outside the “cap”.

Additionally, P.L. 2010, c. 44, effective July 13, 2010, imposes a two percent (2%) cap on the tax levy of a municipality, county, fire district or solid waste collection district, with certain exceptions and subject to a number of adjustments. The exclusions from the limit include increases required to be raised for capital expenditures, including debt service, increases in pension contributions in excess of two percent (2%), certain increases in health care over two percent (2%), and extraordinary costs incurred by a local unit directly related to a declared emergency. The governing body of a local unit may request approval, through a public question submitted to the legal voters residing in its territory, to increase the amount to be raised by taxation, and voters may approve increases above two percent (2%) not otherwise permitted under the law by an affirmative vote of fifty percent (50%).

The Division has advised that counties and municipalities must comply with both the budget “cap” and the tax levy limitation. Neither the tax levy limitation nor the Cap” Law, however, limits the obligation of the county or municipality to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all taxable property within its boundaries to pay debt service on its bonds and notes.

Tax Assessment and Collection Procedure

Property valuations (assessments) are determined on true values as arrived at by a cost approach, market data approach and capitalization of net income (where appropriate). Current assessments are the result of new assessments on a like basis with established comparable properties for newly assessed or purchased properties. This method assures equitable treatment to like property owners. However, a divergence of the assessment ratio to true value is typically due to changes in market value over time.

Upon the filing of certified adopted budgets by the local unit, the local school district and the county, the tax rate is struck by the county Board of Taxation based on the certified amounts in each of the taxing districts for collection to fund the budgets. The statutory provisions for the assessment of property, the levying of taxes and the collection thereof are set forth in N.J.S.A. 54:4-1 et seq. Special taxing districts are permitted in the State for various special services rendered to the properties located within the special districts.

Generally, tax bills are mailed annually in June of the current fiscal year. The taxes are payable in four quarterly installments on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1. The August and November tax bills are determined as the full tax levied for municipal, county and school purposes for the current municipal fiscal year, less the amount charged for the February and May installments for municipal, county and school purposes in the current fiscal year. The amounts due for the February and May installments are determined by the municipal governing body as either one-quarter or one-half of the full tax levied for municipal, county and school purposes for the preceding fiscal year.

Tax installments not paid on or before the due date are subject to interest penalties of eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00. Pursuant to 1991 N.J. Laws c. 75, the governing body may also fix a penalty to be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year. The penalty so fixed shall not exceed six percent (6%) of the amount of the delinquency. These penalties and interest rates are the highest permitted under State statutes. Delinquent taxes open for one (1) year or more are annually included in a tax sale in accordance with State statutes.

Tax Appeals

State statutes provide a taxpayer with remedial procedures for appealing an assessment deemed excessive. The taxpayer has a right to petition the county Board of Taxation on or before April 1 of the current year for review. The county Board of Taxation has the authority after a hearing to decrease or reject the appeal petition. These adjustments are usually concluded within the current tax year and reductions are shown as canceled or remitted taxes for that year. If the taxpayer feels his petition was unsatisfactorily reviewed by the county Board of Taxation, appeal may be made to the Tax Court of the State of New Jersey (the "State Tax Court") for further hearing. Some State Tax Court appeals may take several years prior to settlement and any losses in tax collections from prior years are charged directly to operations.

Local Fiscal Affairs Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:5-1 et seq.)

This law regulates the nonbudgetary financial activities of local governments. The chief financial officer of every local unit must file annually with the Director a verified statement of the financial condition of the local unit and all constituent boards, agencies or commissions.

An independent examination of each local unit's accounts must be performed annually by a licensed registered municipal accountant. The audit, conforming to the Division's "Requirements of Audit," includes recommendations for improvement of the local unit's financial procedures. The audit report must be filed with the Director. A synopsis of the report, together with all recommendations made, must be published in a local newspaper within thirty (30) days of the local unit's receipt of the audit report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited financial statements of the Board as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021 together with the notes to the financial statements have been provided by the Board and are presented in APPENDIX B to this Official Statement (the "Financial Statements"). The Financial Statements have been audited by the Board's prior Auditor, Cannone and Company, P.A., Springfield, New Jersey (the "Prior Auditor"). The Board's current Auditor, Suplee, Clooney & Company, Westfield, New Jersey (the "Current Auditor"), did not participate in the preparation or review of the Financial Statements. See "APPENDIX B – Financial Statements of The Board of Education of the Township of Alexandria in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey.

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

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

LITIGATION

To the knowledge of the Board Attorney, DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C., Warren, New Jersey (the "Board Attorney"), there is no litigation of any nature now pending or threatened against the Board, restraining or enjoining the issuance or the delivery of the Bonds, or the levy or the collection of any taxes to pay the principal of or the interest on the Bonds, or in any manner questioning the authority or the proceedings for the issuance of the Bonds or for the levy or the collection of taxes, or contesting the corporate existence or the boundaries of the Board or the School District or the title of any of the present officers. To the knowledge of the Board Attorney, no litigation is presently pending or threatened that, in the opinion of the Board Attorney, would have a materially adverse impact on the financial condition of the Board if adversely decided. A certificate to such effect will be executed by the Board Attorney and delivered to the Underwriter (as hereinafter defined) of the Bonds at the closing.

TAX EXEMPTION

Federal Income Tax Treatment

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), establishes certain requirements which must be met at the time of, and on a continuing basis subsequent to, the issuance of the Bonds in order for the interest thereon to be and remain excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code. Noncompliance with such requirements could cause such interest to be included in gross income for Federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. The Board has covenanted to comply with the provisions of the Code applicable to the Bonds, and has covenanted not to take any action or fail to take any action that would cause interest on the Bonds to lose the exclusion from gross income under Section 103 of the Code.

In the opinion of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Bond Counsel, under existing statutes, regulations, rulings and court decisions, and assuming continuing compliance by the Board with the requirements of the Code described above, interest on the Bonds is not includable in gross income for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Code and is not treated as a preference item under Section 57 of the Code for purposes of computing the Federal alternative minimum tax.

Premium Bonds

The Bonds maturing on July 15 in the years 2024 through 2035, inclusive and 2037 through 2039, inclusive (collectively, the "Premium Bonds"), have been sold to the public at a premium. Section 171 of the Code provides rules under which a bond premium may be amortized and a deduction allowed for the amount of the amortizable bond premium for a taxable year. Under Section 171(a)(2) of the Code, however, no deduction is allowable for the amortizable bond premium in the case of bonds, like the Premium Bonds, the interest on which is excludable from gross income. Under Section 1016(a)(5) of the Code, the purchaser's basis in a Premium Bond will be reduced by the amount of the amortizable bond premium disallowable as a deduction under Section 171(2) of the Code. Proceeds received from the sale, exchange, redemption or payment of a Premium Bond in excess of the owner's adjusted basis (as reduced pursuant to Section 1016(a)(5) of the Code), will be treated as a gain from the sale or exchange of such Premium Bonds and not as interest.

Discount Bonds

Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that the difference between the stated principal amount of the Bonds maturing on July 15 in the years 2041 and 2042 (collectively, the "Discount Bonds") and their respective initial public offering prices to the public (excluding bond houses, brokers or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters or wholesalers) at which prices a substantial amount of the Discount Bonds of the same maturity and interest rate were sold, constitutes original issue discount which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes to the same extent as interest on the Bonds. In the case of any holder of the Discount Bonds, the amount of such original issue discount which is treated as having accrued with respect to the Discount Bonds is added to the cost basis of the

holder in determining, for federal income tax purposes, gain or loss upon disposition (including sale, redemption or payment at maturity). Holders of the Discount Bonds should consult their tax advisors for an explanation of the original issue discount rules.

Additional Federal Income Tax Consequences Relating to Bonds

Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should be aware that ownership of, accrual or receipt of interest on or disposition of tax-exempt obligations, such as the Bonds, may have additional Federal income tax consequences for certain taxpayers, including, without limitation, taxpayers eligible for the earned income credit, recipients of certain Social Security and Railroad Retirement benefits, taxpayers that may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry tax-exempt obligations, financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, foreign corporations and certain S corporations. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should also consult with their tax advisors with respect to the need to furnish certain taxpayer information in order to avoid backup withholding.

State Taxation

Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that interest on the Bonds, and any gain on the sale of the Bonds, are not includable in gross income under the existing New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act, 1976 N.J. Laws c. 47, as amended. Except as provided above, no opinion is expressed with respect to other State and local tax consequences of owning the Bonds. See “APPENDIX C – Form of Approving Legal Opinion” for the complete text of the proposed form of Bond Counsel's approving legal opinion.

Prospective Tax Law Changes

Federal, state or local legislation, administrative pronouncements or court decisions may affect the Federal and State tax-exempt status of interest on the Bonds and the State tax-exempt status of interest on the Bonds, gain from the sale or other disposition of the Bonds, the market value of the Bonds or the marketability of the Bonds. The effect of any legislation, administrative pronouncements or court decisions cannot be predicted. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding such matters.

Other Tax Consequences

Except as described above, Bond Counsel expresses no opinion with respect to any Federal, State, local or foreign tax consequences of ownership of the Bonds. Bond Counsel renders its opinion under existing statutes, regulations, rulings and court decisions as of the date of issuance of the Bonds and assumes no obligation to update its opinion after such date of issuance to reflect any future action, fact, circumstance, change in law or interpretation, or otherwise. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to the effect, if any, on the tax status of the interest on the Bonds paid or to be paid as a result of any action hereafter taken or not taken in reliance upon an opinion of other counsel.

See APPENDIX C for the complete text of the proposed form of Bond Counsel's legal opinion with respect to the Bonds.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF THE BONDS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS WITH RESPECT TO ALL TAX CONSEQUENCES (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE) OF HOLDING THE BONDS.

RISK TO HOLDERS OF BONDS

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

Municipal Bankruptcy

THE BOARD HAS NOT AUTHORIZED THE FILING OF A BANKRUPTCY PETITION. THIS REFERENCE TO THE BANKRUPTCY CODE OR THE STATE STATUTE SHOULD NOT CREATE ANY IMPLICATION THAT THE BOARD EXPECTS TO UTILIZE THE BENEFITS OF ITS PROVISIONS, OR THAT IF UTILIZED, SUCH ACTION WOULD BE APPROVED BY THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD, OR THAT ANY PROPOSED PLAN WOULD INCLUDE A DILUTION OF THE SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF AND SECURITY FOR THE BONDS, OR THAT THE BANKRUPTCY CODE COULD NOT BE AMENDED AFTER THE DATE HEREOF.

The undertakings of the Board should be considered with reference to 11 U.S.C. §101 *et seq.*, as amended and supplemented (the "Bankruptcy Code"), and other bankruptcy laws affecting creditors' rights and municipalities in general. The Bankruptcy Code permits the State or any political subdivision, public agency, or instrumentality that is insolvent or unable to meet its debts to commence a voluntary bankruptcy case by filing a petition with a bankruptcy court for the purpose of effecting a plan to adjust its debts; directs such a petitioner to file with the court a list of petitioner's creditors; provides that a petition filed under this chapter shall operate as a stay of the commencement or continuation of any judicial or other proceeding against the petitioner; grants priority to certain debts owed, and provides that the plan must be accepted in writing by or on behalf of creditors holding at least two-thirds in amount and more than one-half in number of the allowed claims of at least one (1) impaired class. The Bankruptcy Code specifically does not limit or impair the power of a state to control, by legislation or otherwise, the procedures that a political subdivision must follow in order to take advantage of the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.

The Bankruptcy Code provides that special revenue acquired by the debtor after the commencement of the case shall remain subject to any lien resulting from any security agreement entered into by such debtor before the commencement of such bankruptcy case. However, special revenues acquired by the debtor after commencement of the case shall continue to be available to pay debt service secured by those revenues. Furthermore, the Bankruptcy Code provides that a transfer of property of a debtor to or for the benefit of any holder of a bond or note, on account of such bond or note, may be avoided pursuant to certain preferential transfer provisions set forth in such act.

Reference should also be made to N.J.S.A. 52:27-40 *et seq.* which provides that a political subdivision, including the Board, has the power to file a petition in bankruptcy with any United States Court or court in bankruptcy under the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, for the purpose of effecting a plan of readjustment of its debts or for the composition of its debts; provided, however, the approval of the Local Finance Board, as successor to the Municipal Finance Commission, must be obtained.

RECENT HEALTHCARE DEVELOPMENTS

In early March of 2020, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic following the global outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a newly discovered strain of coronavirus. On March 13, 2020, then President Trump declared a national emergency to unlock federal funds and assistance to help states and local governments fight the pandemic. Governor Phil Murphy (the "Governor") of the State of New Jersey declared a state of emergency and a public health emergency on March 9, 2020 due to the outbreak of COVID-19, which had spread throughout the State and to all counties within the State. The Governor also instituted mandatory measures via various executive orders to contain the spread of the virus. These measures, which alter the behavior of businesses and people, have had and may continue to have impacts on regional, state and local economies. The public health emergency was terminated on June 4, 2021, but the state of emergency remained in effect via Executive Order 244. However, on January 11, 2022, the Governor restated the existing state of emergency and reinstated a public health emergency via Executive Order 280, effective immediately, in order to ensure that the State was able to respond to the threat of COVID-19 and the Omicron variant. The public health emergency declaration, which allows existing orders to continue in effect, was set to expire thirty (30) days from January 11, 2022, unless renewed. On February 10, 2022, the Governor signed Executive Order 288 extending the public health emergency declared on January 11, 2022; however, the public health emergency was terminated on March 7, 2022 via Executive Order 292, while the existing state of

emergency remains in effect. See <https://covid19.nj.gov> for further detail regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the State and the Governor's various executive orders.

In order to provide additional means for local governmental units to address the financial impact of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Governor signed into law P.L. 2020, c. 74 ("Chapter 74") on August 31, 2020. Chapter 74, which took effect immediately, adds two new purposes to the list of special emergency appropriations which may be raised by municipalities or counties over a five year period (either through the issuance of special emergency notes or raised internally without borrowing): Specifically, Chapter 74 authorizes special emergency appropriations for: (1) direct COVID-19 response expenses; and (2) deficits in prior year's operations attributable to COVID-19 (the beginning of the five year repayment schedule is delayed by one year for these new purposes). Upon approval by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, in cases of significant fiscal distress, the five (5) year period may be extended to up to ten (10) years. In addition, the statute permits school districts and public authorities to issue debt with a maximum five (5) year maturity schedule for direct COVID-19 expenses. Chapter 74 provides for State supervision of all local government unit borrowings related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The statute also grants the Director the authority to modify municipal budgeting rules concerning anticipated revenues in order to lessen the impact of revenue reductions due to COVID-19. The Board does not expect to issue temporary notes in order to address any financial impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, H.R. 1319 (the "Plan"), signed into law by President Biden on March 12, 2021, comprises \$1.9 trillion in relief designed to provide funding to address the COVID-19 pandemic and alleviate the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Plan includes various forms of financial relief including up to a \$1,400 increase in direct stimulus payments and various other forms of economic relief, including extended unemployment benefits, continued eviction and foreclosure moratoriums, an increase in the child tax credit, an increase in food and housing aid, assistance grants to restaurants and bars, and other small business grants and loans. The Plan, in part, provides funding for state and local governments to offset costs to safely reopen schools during the COVID-19 pandemic and to subsidize COVID-19 testing and vaccination programs. In addition, the Plan includes \$350 billion in relief funds to public entities, such as the Board.

The Board received \$27,795 in Federal aid under the Plan in 2021 and is expected to receive \$77,727.52 in 2022.

APPROVAL OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

All legal matters incident to the authorization, the issuance, the sale and the delivery of the Bonds are subject to the approval of Bond Counsel to the Board, whose approving legal opinion will be delivered with the Bonds substantially in the form set forth as APPENDIX C. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Board by its Board Attorney.

PREPARATION OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The Board hereby states that the descriptions and statements herein, including the Financial Statements, are true and correct in all material respects, and it will confirm same to the Underwriter by a certificate signed by the Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary. See "CERTIFICATE WITH RESPECT TO THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT" herein.

Bond Counsel has participated in the preparation and review of this Official Statement but has not participated in the collection of financial, statistical or demographic information contained in this Official Statement nor verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness thereof, and, accordingly, expresses no opinion or other assurance with respect thereto.

The Municipal Advisor has participated in the review of this Official Statement and in the collection of financial, statistical and demographic information contained in this Official Statement but has not verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness thereof, and, accordingly, takes no responsibility and expresses no opinion with respect thereto.

The Board takes responsibility for the Financial Statements appearing in APPENDIX B hereto.

The Board Attorney has not participated in the preparation of the information contained in this Official Statement, nor has the Board Attorney verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness thereof, and, accordingly, expresses no opinion or other assurance with respect thereto, but has reviewed the section under the caption entitled "LITIGATION" and expresses no opinion or assurance other than that which is specifically set forth therein with respect thereto.

All other information has been obtained from sources which the Board considers to be reliable, but it makes no warranty, guarantee or other representation with respect to the accuracy and completeness of such information.

RATING

S&P Global Ratings, acting through Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC (the "Rating Agency"), has assigned an underlying rating of "AA" to the Bonds based upon the creditworthiness of the School District. The Bonds are additionally secured by the New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act.

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

UNDERWRITING

The Bonds are being purchased from the Board by Roosevelt & Cross, Inc. and Associates (the "Underwriter"), at a price of \$12,994,000.00. The Underwriter is obligated to purchase all of the Bonds if any Bonds are so purchased.

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

SECONDARY MARKET DISCLOSURE

The Board has covenanted for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds to provide certain financial information and operating data relating to the Board by no later than each January 31 after the end of each fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 (the "Annual Report"), and to provide notices of the occurrence of certain enumerated events, if material. The Annual Report will be filed by the Board with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") or any other entity designated by the MSRB. The notices of material events will be filed by the Board with the MSRB through its Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system and with any other entity designated by the MSRB, as applicable. The nature of the information to be contained in the Annual Report or the notices of material events is set forth in "APPENDIX D – Form of Continuing Disclosure Certificate." These

covenants have been made in order to assist the underwriter in complying with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) (the "SEC Rule").

The Board currently does not have undertakings with regard to continuing disclosure within the past five (5) years as the Board had no outstanding debt within such time period.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Inquiries regarding this Official Statement, including information additional to that contained herein, may be directed to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, John S. Trent, (908) 996-6811, ext. 2222, or to Charles Anthony Solimine, Esq., Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Bond Counsel to the Board, (732) 855-6430.

CERTIFICATE WITH RESPECT TO THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

At the time of the original delivery of the Bonds, the Board will deliver a certificate of one or more of its authorized officials to the effect that he/she has examined this Official Statement (including the Appendices) and the financial and other data concerning the School District contained herein and that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, (i) this Official Statement, both as of its date and as of the date of delivery of the Bonds, does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact necessary to make the statements herein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading and (ii) between the date of this Official Statement and the date of delivery of the Bonds, there has been no material adverse change in the affairs (financial or otherwise), financial condition or results or operations of the Board except as set forth in or contemplated by this Official Statement.

MISCELLANEOUS

This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or agreement among the Board, the Underwriter and the holders of any of the Bonds. Any statements made in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion, whether or not expressly so stated, are intended merely as opinions and not as representations of fact. The information and expressions of opinion contained herein are subject to change without notice and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale of the Bonds made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs (financial or otherwise) of the Board since the date hereof.

The Board has authorized the preparation of this final Official Statement containing pertinent information relative to the Bonds, and this Official Statement is deemed to be the final Official Statement as required by Rule 15c2-12, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and supplemented. By awarding the Bonds to the Underwriter, the Board agrees that, within the earlier of seven (7) business days following the date of such award or to accompany the purchasers' confirmations requesting payment for the Bonds, it shall provide without cost to the Underwriter, for distribution purposes, copies of this final Official Statement. The underwriter agrees that (i) it shall accept such designation, and (ii) it shall assure the distribution of the final Official Statement.

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
ALEXANDRIA IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW
JERSEY**

/s/ John S. Trent

JOHN S. TRENT,

Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

DATED: June 29, 2022

APPENDIX A

**Certain Economic and Demographic Information Relating to the
School District and the Township of Alexandria, in the
County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey**

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INFORMATION REGARDING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

Type

The School District is a Type II school district that is coterminous with the borders of the Township of Alexandria (the “Board”). The School District provides a full range of educational services appropriate to Pre-Kindergarten through the eighth grades.

The Board is composed of nine (9) members elected by the legally qualified voters in the School District to terms of three (3) years on a staggered basis. The President and Vice President are chosen for one (1) year terms from among the members of the Board.

The Board is the policy making body of the School District and has the general responsibility for providing an education program, the power to establish policies and supervise the public schools in the School District, the responsibility to develop the annual School District budget and present it to the legally registered voters in the School District. The Board's fiscal year ends each June 30.

The Board appoints a Superintendent and Board Secretary/Business Administrator who are responsible for budgeting, planning and the operational functions of the School District. The administrative structure of the Board gives final responsibility for both the educational process and the business operation to the Superintendent.

Description of Facilities

The Board presently operates the following school facilities:

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Construction Date</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Student Enrollment (As of 6/30/21)</u>
Alexandria Middle School	1980	PreK-3	285
Lester D Wilson Elementary School	1900	4-8	207

Source: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the School District

¹ Source: The Board, unless otherwise indicated.

Staff

The Superintendent is the chief executive officer of the Board and is in charge of carrying out Board policies. The Board Secretary/Business Administrator is the chief financial officer of the Board and must submit monthly financial reports to the Board and annual reports to the New Jersey Department of Education.

The following table presents the number of full and part-time teaching professionals and support staff of the School District as of June 30, 2021, for each of the past five (5) years.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Teaching Professionals	59	64	62	56	57
Support Staff	<u>26</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>
Total Full & Part Time Employees	<u>85</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>84</u>

Source: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the School District

Pupil Enrollments

The following table presents the historical average daily pupil enrollments for the past five (5) school years.

Pupil Enrollments	
<u>School Year</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
2020-2021	464
2019-2020	480
2018-2019	454
2017-2018	459
2016-2017	453

Source: School District and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the School District

Pensions

Those employees of the School District who are eligible for pension coverage are enrolled in one of the two State-administered multi-employer pension systems (the "Pension System"). The Pension System was established by an act of the State Legislature. The Board of Trustees for the Pension System is responsible for the organization and administration of the Pension System. The two State-administered pension funds are: (1) the Teacher's Pension and Annuity Fund ("TPAF") and (2) the Public Employee's Retirement System ("PERS"). The Division of Pensions and Benefits, within the State of New Jersey Department of the Treasury (the "Division"), charges the participating school districts annually for their respective contributions. The School District raises its contributions through taxation and the State contributes the employer's share of the annual Social Security and Pension contribution for employees enrolled in the TPAF. The Pension System is a cost sharing multiple employer contributory defined benefit plan. The Pension System's

designated purpose is to provide retirement and medical benefits for qualified retirees and other benefits to its members. Membership in the Pension System is mandatory for substantially all full-time employees of the State or any county, municipality, school district or public agency provided the employee is not required to be a member of another State administered retirement system or other state or local jurisdiction.

Fiscal 2022-23 Budget

Prior to the passage of P.L. 2011, c. 202 the Board was required to submit its budget for voter approval on an annual basis. Under the Election Law (P.L. 2011, c. 202, effective January 17, 2012) if a school district has opted to move its annual election to November, it is no longer required to submit the budget to voters for approval if the budget is at or below the two-percent (2%) property tax levy cap as provided for under New Cap Law (P.L. 2010, c. 44). If a school district proposes to spend above the two-percent (2%) property tax levy cap, it is then required to submit its budget to voters at the annual school election in November. The Board has chosen under the Election Law to move its annual school election to November.

The General Fund budget is the sum of all state aid (exclusive of pension aid and social security aid) and the local tax levy (exclusive of debt service). The Board’s General Fund Budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year is \$10,505,552. The major sources of revenue are \$9,289,421 from the local tax levy and \$1,065,389 from state aid.

Source: Annual User-Friendly Budget of the School District

Budget History

As noted, prior to the Board’s budget for its 2012-2013 fiscal year, the Board was required to submit its budget for voter approval. A summary of the last five (5) budget years of the Board is presented below:

<u>Budget Year</u>	<u>Amount in Taxes</u>	<u>Budget Amount</u>
2022-2023	\$9,289,421	\$10,505,552
2021-2022	9,107,275	10,948,239
2020-2021	8,928,701	10,373,085
2019-2020	8,753,628	10,732,329
2018-2019	8,581,988	11,023,803

Source: Annual User-Friendly Budget of the School District and NJ State Department of Education Website – School Election Results

Financial Operations

The following table summarizes information on the changes in general fund revenues and expenditures for the school years ending June 30, 2017 through June 30, 2021 for the general fund. Beginning with the 1993-94 fiscal year, school districts in the State of New Jersey have begun to prepare their financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the United States.

GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
REVENUES					
Local Sources:					
Local Tax Levy	\$8,928,701	\$8,753,628	\$8,581,988	\$8,225,490	\$8,044,564
Other Local Revenue	<u>89,441</u>	<u>200,810</u>	<u>188,824</u>	<u>202,799</u>	<u>171,829</u>
Total Revenues-Local Sources	9,018,142	8,954,438	8,770,812	8,428,289	8,216,393
State Sources	3,648,241	3,159,706	3,337,809	3,205,784	3,212,843
Federal Sources	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Revenues	\$12,666,383	\$12,114,144	\$12,108,621	\$11,634,073	\$11,429,236
EXPENDITURES					
General Fund:					
Instruction	\$4,096,795	\$4,336,455	\$4,252,009	\$4,162,961	\$3,997,777
Undistributed Expenditures	7,521,492	7,138,198	7,371,504	6,576,000	6,640,009
Capital Outlay	<u>182,305</u>	<u>421,499</u>	<u>154,777</u>	<u>254,734</u>	<u>93,546</u>
Total Expenditures	\$11,800,592	\$11,896,152	\$11,778,290	\$10,993,695	\$10,731,332
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures	865,791	217,992	330,331	640,378	697,904
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Proceeds of Capital Lease	35,880	53,076	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	0	0	0	33,730
Transfers Out	<u>(2,000,000)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,260)</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,964,120)	53,076	0	(1,260)	33,730
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,098,329)	271,068	330,331	639,118	731,634
Fund Balance, July 1	3,383,437	3,112,369	2,782,038	2,142,920	1,411,286
Prior Period Adjustments	<u>58,878</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance, July 1, Restated	<u>3,442,315</u>	<u>3,112,369</u>	<u>2,782,038</u>	<u>2,142,920</u>	<u>1,411,286</u>
Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$2,343,986</u>	<u>\$3,383,437</u>	<u>\$3,112,369</u>	<u>\$2,782,038</u>	<u>\$2,142,920</u>

Source: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the School District. Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Governmental Funds and Changes In Fund Balances on a GAAP basis

Capital Leases

As of June 30, 2021, the Board has \$52,962 in capital leases outstanding.

Source: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the School District

Operating Leases

As of June 30, 2021, the Board has no operating leases outstanding.

Source: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the School District

Short-Term Debt

As of June 30, 2021, the Board has no short-term debt outstanding. The Board issued Temporary Notes, in the amount of \$12,994,000, on July 28, 2021 that mature on July 27, 2022.

Source: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the School District

Long-Term Debt

As of June 30, 2021, the Board has no long-term debt outstanding.

Source: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the School District

Debt Limit of the Board

The debt limitation of the Board is established by statute (N.J.S.A. 18A:24-19). The Board is permitted to incur debt up to 3% of the average equalized valuation for the past three years (See “SUMMARY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF SCHOOL DEBT-Exceptions to Debt Limitation” herein). The following is a summation of the Board’s debt limitation as of June 30, 2021:

Average Equalized Real Property Valuation (2018, 2019, and 2020)	\$783,204,494
School District Debt Analysis	
Permitted Debt Limitation (3% of AEVP)	\$23,496,135
Less: Bonds and Notes Authorized and Outstanding	<u>0</u>
Remaining Limitation of Indebtedness	\$23,496,135
Percentage of Net School Debt to Average Equalized Valuation	0.00%

Source: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the School District

INFORMATION REGARDING THE TOWNSHIP¹

The following material presents certain economic and demographic information of the Township of Alexandria (the “Township”), in the County of Hunterdon (the “County”), State of New Jersey (the “State”).

General Information

The Township was settled during the period preceding the American Revolutionary War. The Township was created by the State legislature when it was incorporated in 1765 and separated from the Township of Bethlehem. The Township was named in honor of its founder James Alexander, a Revolutionary War figure, who owned nearly 10,000 acres in the Township. Its original boundaries were changed when a portion of the Township was separated to create the Township of Holland.

The Township comprises approximately 28 square miles and is located in the northwestern portion of the State and is west of the New York-northern New Jersey metropolitan area. The Township is located in the northwestern portion of the County and is situated approximately 80 miles west of New York City, 70 miles west of the City of Newark, 35 miles north of the City of Trenton and ten (10) miles southeast of the Town of Phillipsburg and the City of Easton, Pennsylvania. The Township is bordered by the Townships of Bethlehem and Union to the north, the Township of Franklin to the east, the Township of Kingwood to the southeast, the Boroughs of Frenchtown and Milford to the south, the Delaware River to the southwest and the Township of Holland to the west.

The Township is a community dominated by agricultural and single-family residential land uses. The mainstay of the economy for the Township from as early as the 1700's to today has been agriculture. More than 10,000 acres of the Township's total 17,435 acres are maintained as farmland. The fertile land in the Township facilitates high agricultural productivity and has yielded plentiful crops for farms in the Township. While farming is still the mainstay of the Township's economy, the conversion from vacant and agricultural land to residential dwellings continues to be the dominant land use activity in the Township. Economic growth and prosperity has ensured current and future development pressure in the Township.

The southern and central portion of the Township are characterized by rolling meadows and farm fields, whereas, the northern portion of the Township is characterized by steep topography and wooded hillsides. Several water courses are found in the Township, and many are classified as high quality trout production or trout maintenance streams.

Nestled among the hills and valleys of the Township are several villages, including Little York, Everittstown and Mount Pleasant. The Township boasts several wineries including King's Road Vineyard, which is housed in a 100 year-old dairy barn. Little has changed in the Township over time. The villages of Little York, Everittstown and Mount Pleasant are rich in history and Everittstown has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. These areas, which

¹ Source: The Township, unless otherwise indicated.

emerged as the major crossroads within the Township, continue to be historically and culturally significant places.

Form of Government

The Township operates under the Township Form of Government as provided by N.J.S.A. 40A:63-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented. The Township is governed by a three-member Township Committee, whose members are elected at large for three-year terms by the legally registered voters in the Township. The Committee annually appoints a Mayor from its membership. The Mayor and Committee members comprise the legislative body which formulates policy, appropriates funds and adopts ordinances and resolutions for the conduct of Township business.

Pension and Retirement Systems

Substantially all eligible employees participate in the Public Employees' Retirement System, the Police and Firemen's Retirement System or the Defined Contribution Retirement Program, which have been established by State statute and are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits (the "Division"). Benefits, contributions, means of funding and the manner of administration are established pursuant to State statute. The Division annually charges municipalities and other participating governmental units for their respective contributions to the plans based upon actuarial calculations and the employees contribute a portion of the cost. Each Plan has a Board of Trustees that is primarily responsible for its administration. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information. This report may be obtained by writing to the Division of Pensions and Benefits, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625 or is available online at www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml.

The Public Employees' Retirement System ("PERS") is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan which was established as of January 1, 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A, to provide retirement, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. Membership is mandatory for substantially all full-time employees of the State or any county, municipality, school district or public agency, provided the employee is not required to be a member of another State-administered retirement system or other State pension fund or local jurisdiction's pension fund.

The Police and Firemen's Retirement System ("PFRS") is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan which was established as of July 1, 1944, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:16A, to provide retirement, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. Membership is mandatory for substantially all full-time county and municipal police and firemen or officer employees with police powers appointed after June 30, 1944.

The Defined Contribution Retirement Program ("DCRP") is a multiple-employer defined contribution pension fund which was established July 1, 2007, under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007, and was expanded under the provisions of Chapter 89, P.L.

2009. The DCRP provides eligible employees and their beneficiaries with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance coverage and disability coverage.

Employment and Unemployment Comparisons

For the following years, the New Jersey Department of Labor reported the following annual average employment information for the Township, the County, and the State:

	<u>Total Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed Labor Force</u>	<u>Total Unemployed</u>	<u>Unemployment Rate</u>
<u>Township</u>				
2021	2,547	2,422	125	4.9%
2020	2,512	2,341	171	6.8%
2019	2,596	2,530	66	2.5%
2018	2,548	2,471	77	3.0%
2017	2,560	2,464	96	3.8%
<u>County</u>				
2021	66,384	63,356	3,028	4.6%
2020	65,783	61,218	4,565	6.9%
2019	67,383	65,629	1,754	2.6%
2018	66,234	64,187	2,047	3.1%
2017	65,868	63,591	2,277	3.5%
<u>State</u>				
2021	4,661,100	4,365,400	295,700	6.3%
2020	4,642,900	4,203,300	439,700	9.5%
2019	4,686,700	4,528,200	158,500	3.4%
2018	4,609,800	4,426,600	183,200	4.0%
2017	4,615,000	4,406,200	208,800	4.5%

Source: New Jersey Department of Labor, Office of Research and Planning, Division of Labor Market and Demographic Research, Bureau of Labor Force Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Income (as of 2020)

	<u>Township</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
Median Household Income	\$127,234	\$117,858	\$85,245
Median Family Income	153,864	145,264	104,804
Per Capita Income	61,550	58,795	44,153

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Population

The following tables summarize population increases and the decreases for the Township, the County, and the State.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Township</u>		<u>County</u>		<u>State</u>	
	<u>Population</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>% Change</u>
2020	4,809	-2.61%	128,947	0.47%	9,288,994	5.65%
2010	4,938	5.11	128,349	5.21	8,791,894	4.49
2000	4,698	30.72	121,989	13.19	8,414,350	8.85
1990	3,594	28.45	107,776	23.37	7,730,188	4.96
1980	2,798	31.55	87,361	25.31	7,365,001	2.75

Source: United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

Largest Taxpayers

The ten largest taxpayers in the Township and their assessed valuations are listed below:

<u>Taxpayers</u>	<u>2020 Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>% of Total Assessed Valuation</u>
Taxpayer #1	\$4,373,600	0.61%
Sky Manor Airport Partners LLC	3,748,000	0.52%
Columbia Gas Transmission	2,427,300	0.34%
Taxpayer #2	1,978,300	0.28%
Frenchtown Care Home Inc	1,797,800	0.25%
Taxpayer #3	1,768,800	0.25%
Alexandria Airpark LLC	1,574,100	0.22%
Taxpayer #4	1,570,000	0.22%
Taxpayer #5	1,546,600	0.22%
Taxpayer #6	1,532,700	0.21%
Total	<u>\$22,317,200</u>	<u>3.10%</u>

Source: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the School District and Municipal Tax Assessor

Comparison of Tax Levies and Collections

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Current Year Collection</u>	<u>Current Year % of Collection</u>
2021U	\$19,327,886	\$19,082,695	98.73%
2020	19,206,091	18,945,182	98.64%
2019	18,933,694	18,715,651	98.85%
2018	18,451,859	18,260,623	98.96%
2017	18,410,106	18,173,539	98.72%

U: Unaudited

Source: Annual Audit Reports of the Township and 2021 Annual Financial Statement of the Township

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount of Tax Title Liens</u>	<u>Amount of Delinquent Tax</u>	<u>Total Delinquent</u>	<u>% of Tax Levy</u>
2021U	\$26,818	\$232,185	\$259,003	1.34%
2020	15,854	232,185	248,039	1.29%
2019	39,493	204,289	243,781	1.29%
2018	33,293	171,805	205,098	1.11%
2017	26,084	206,544	232,628	1.26%

U: Unaudited

Source: Annual Audit Reports of the Township and 2021 Annual Financial Statement of the Township

Property Acquired by Tax Lien Liquidation

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021U	\$51,200
2020	51,200
2019	51,200
2018	51,200
2017	51,200

U: Unaudited

Source: Annual Audit Reports of the Township and 2021 Annual Financial Statement of the Township

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Tax Rates per \$100 of Net Valuations Taxable and Allocations

The table below lists the tax rates for Township residents for the past five (5) years.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Municipal</u>	<u>Local School</u>	<u>Regional School</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$0.307	\$1.265	\$0.698	\$0.411	\$2.681
2020	0.307	1.242	0.705	0.413	2.667
2019	0.308	1.219	0.692	0.410	2.629
2018	0.294	1.198	0.673	0.409	2.574
2017	0.264	1.213	0.684	0.405	2.566

Source: Abstract of Ratables and State of New Jersey – Property Taxes

Valuation of Property

<u>Year</u>	<u>Aggregate Assessed Valuation of Real Property</u>	<u>Aggregate True Value of Real Property</u>	<u>Ratio of Assessed to True Value</u>	<u>Assessed Value of Personal Property</u>	<u>Equalized Valuation</u>
2021	\$719,922,900	\$828,926,770	86.85%	\$173,462	\$829,100,232
2020	719,091,300	783,836,167	91.74	169,228	784,005,395
2019	717,972,430	786,560,506	91.28	169,385	786,729,891
2018	715,944,403	779,216,808	91.88	169,385	779,386,193
2017	716,242,579	777,426,006	92.13	168,184	777,594,190

Source: Abstract of Ratables and State of New Jersey – Table of Equalized Valuations

Classification of Ratables

The table below lists the comparative assessed valuation for each classification of real property within the Township for the past five (5) years.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Vacant Land</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Farm</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Industrial</u>	<u>Apartments</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$6,409,500	\$580,700,700	\$112,964,600	\$18,783,800	\$836,200	\$228,100	\$719,922,900
2020	5,894,600	581,479,900	111,868,700	18,783,800	836,200	228,100	719,091,300
2019	5,770,324	580,715,400	111,638,606	18,783,800	836,200	228,100	717,972,430
2018	6,531,200	578,309,600	111,255,503	18,783,800	836,200	228,100	715,944,403
2017	8,131,900	576,752,800	111,386,079	18,905,200	836,200	230,400	716,242,579

Source: Abstract of Ratables and State of New Jersey – Property Value Classification

Financial Operations

The following table summarizes the Township’s Current Fund budget for the past five (5) fiscal years ending December 31. The following summary should be used in conjunction with the tables in the sourced documents from which it is derived.

Summary of Current Fund Budget

<u>Anticipated Revenues</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Fund Balance Utilized	\$535,371	\$500,000	\$1,850,000	\$577,563	\$600,491
Miscellaneous Revenues	558,312	571,769	682,247	950,709	492,458
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	216,001	185,000	170,000	164,000	180,000
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	<u>1,604,131</u>	<u>1,820,252</u>	<u>2,067,491</u>	<u>2,067,484</u>	<u>2,067,484</u>
Total Revenue:	<u>\$2,913,815</u>	<u>\$3,077,021</u>	<u>\$4,769,739</u>	<u>\$3,759,757</u>	<u>\$3,340,433</u>
<u>Appropriations</u>					
General Appropriations	\$2,054,105	\$2,127,774	\$2,180,440	\$2,231,162	\$2,337,953
Operations (Excluded from CAPS)	81,625	102,706	125,274	493,745	22,180
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	13,150	17,500	0	0	0
Judgments	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Improvement Fund	50,000	50,000	300,000	310,000	325,000
Municipal Debt Service	334,281	358,847	1,742,114	274,850	275,300
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>380,654</u>	<u>420,195</u>	<u>421,910</u>	<u>450,000</u>	<u>380,000</u>
Total Appropriations:	<u>\$2,913,815</u>	<u>\$3,077,021</u>	<u>\$4,769,739</u>	<u>\$3,759,757</u>	<u>\$3,340,433</u>

Source: Annual Adopted Budgets of the Township

Fund Balance

Current Fund

The following table lists the Township’s fund balance and the amount utilized in the succeeding year’s budget for the Current Fund for the past five (5) fiscal years ending December 31.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Fund Balance - Current Fund</u>	
	<u>Balance 12/31</u>	<u>Utilized in Budget of Succeeding Year</u>
2021U	\$1,840,435	\$600,491
2020	1,560,104	600,491
2019	1,538,559	577,563
2018	2,752,304	1,850,000
2017	1,667,100	500,000

U: Unaudited

Source: Annual Audit Reports of the Township and 2021 Annual Financial Statement of the Township

Township Indebtedness as of December 31, 2021

General Purpose Debt

Serial Bonds	\$3,245,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	0
Bonds and Notes Authorized but Not Issued	0
Other Bonds, Notes and Loans	0
Total:	<u>\$3,245,000</u>

Local School District Debt

Serial Bonds	\$0
Temporary Notes Issued	12,994,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized but Not Issued	229
Total:	<u>\$12,994,229</u>

Regional School District Debt

Serial Bonds	\$0
Temporary Notes Issued	0
Bonds and Notes Authorized but Not Issued	0
Total:	<u>\$0</u>

Self-Liquidating Debt

Serial Bonds	\$0
Bond Anticipation Notes	0
Bonds and Notes Authorized but Not Issued	0
Other Bonds, Notes and Loans	0
Total:	<u>\$0</u>

TOTAL GROSS DEBT

\$16,239,229

Less: Statutory Deductions

General Purpose Debt	\$322,918
Local School District Debt	12,994,229
Regional School District Debt	0
Self-Liquidating Debt	0
Total:	<u>\$13,317,147</u>

TOTAL NET DEBT

\$2,922,082

Source: Annual Debt Statement of the Township

Overlapping Debt (as of December 31, 2021)²

<u>Name of Related Entity</u>	<u>Related Entity Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Township Percentage</u>	<u>Township Share</u>
Local School District	\$12,994,229	100.00%	\$12,994,229
Regional School District	0	0.00%	0
County	96,226,693	3.60%	<u>3,467,244</u>
Net Indirect Debt			\$16,461,473
Net Direct Debt			<u>2,922,082</u>
Total Net Direct and Indirect Debt			<u>\$19,383,555</u>

Debt Limit

Average Equalized Valuation Basis (2019, 2020, 2021)	\$799,774,481
Permitted Debt Limitation (3 1/2%)	27,992,107
Less: Net Debt	<u>2,922,082</u>
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u>\$25,070,025</u>
Percentage of Net Debt to Average Equalized Valuation	0.365%
Gross Debt Per Capita based on 2010 population of 4,938	\$3,289
Net Debt Per Capita based on 2010 population of 4,938	\$592

Source: Annual Debt Statement of the Township

² Township percentage of County debt is based on the Township's share of total equalized valuation in the County.

APPENDIX B

**Financial Statements of The Board of Education of the
Township of Alexandria
in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey**

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Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Education
Alexandria Township School District
County of Hunterdon
Pittstown, New Jersey

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Alexandria Township School District Board of Education, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Alexandria Township School District Board of Education, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management Discussion and Analysis and Budgetary Comparison Information on pages 12 through 20 and 70 through 83 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

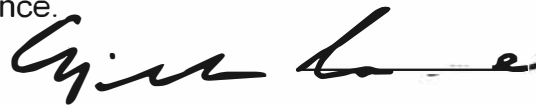
Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Alexandria Township School District Board of Education's basic financial statements. The accompanying introductory section, combining fund financial statements, financial schedules and statistical information are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying introductory section, combining fund financial statements, financial schedules and statistical information are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying introductory section, combining fund financial statements, financial schedules and statistical information are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory section, financial schedules and statistical section have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 15, 2022 on our consideration of Alexandria Township School District Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Alexandria Township School District Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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February 15, 2022

***REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
PART I***

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Alexandria Township School District
Alexandria Township

Management's Discussion and Analysis
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021
Unaudited

This section of the Alexandria Township School District's annual financial report presents its discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

- In total, net position increased \$880,310, which represents a 14.39 percent increase from 2021.
- General revenues accounted for \$10,470,154 in revenue or 80.89 percent of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, operating grants and contributions for \$2,474,106 or 19.11 percent to total revenues of \$12,944,260.
- The School District had \$12,022,689 in expenses; only \$2,474,106 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues (primarily property taxes) of \$10,470,154 were adequate to provide for these programs.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report consists of three parts: management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the district.

- The first two statements are **district-wide financial statements** that provide both short-term and long-term information about the District's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are **fund financial statements** that focus on individual parts of the District, reporting the District's operations in more detail than the district-wide statements.
- The **governmental funds statements** tell how basic services such as regular and special education were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.
- **Proprietary funds** statements offer short- and long-term financial information about the activities the District operates like businesses such as food services.
- **Fiduciary funds** statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the District acts as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others, such as student activities.

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District-Wide Statements

The district-wide statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the District's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two district-wide statements report the District's net position and how they have changed. Net position – the difference between the district's assets and liabilities – is one way to measure the District's financial health or position.

Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating. To assess the District's overall health, you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the District's property tax base, the condition of school buildings and other facilities, current laws in New Jersey restricting revenue growth, and required educational programs.

In the district-wide financial statements, the District's activities are divided into two categories:

- **Governmental activities:** Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as instruction, special education, support services, operation and maintenance of plant facilities, pupil transportation, administration, and extracurricular activities.
- **Business-type activities:** This service is provided on a charge for goods and services basis to cover the costs of certain services it provides. The food service is reported as business activity.

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Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's fund, focusing on its most significant funds. Funds are accounting devices the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs. The School District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. Some funds are required by State law while the District establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes such as repaying long-term debts and to show that it is properly using certain revenues such as federal grants.

The District has three kinds of funds:

Governmental funds: Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at the year-end that are available for spending. The governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer resources that can be spent in the future to finance the District's programs. The relationship (or difference) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

Enterprise funds: The District's enterprise funds are the same as its business-type activities but provide more detail and additional information.

Fiduciary funds: The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others, such as the student activities funds. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The District excludes these activities from the district-wide financial statements because it cannot use assets to finance its operations.

Financial Analysis of the District as a Whole

The Statement of Net Position provides the perspectives of the District as a whole, showing assets, liabilities, and the difference between them (net position). Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a district's financial position.

The District's financial position is the product of several financial transactions including the net results of activities, the acquisition and payment of debt, the acquisition and disposal of capital assets, and the depreciation of capital assets.

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Table 1 provides a summary of the District's net position at 6/30/21 with comparisons to 6/30/20.

**Table 1
Net Position**

	6/30/2021	6/30/2020	Variance	
			Dollars	%
ASSETS				
Current & Other Assets	\$ 3,820,217	\$ 3,458,331	\$ 361,886	10.46
Capital Assets, net	5,697,286	5,152,023	545,263	10.58
Deferred Amount of Pension Liability	202,169	300,090	(97,921)	(32.63)
Total Assets	<u>9,719,672</u>	<u>8,910,444</u>	<u>809,228</u>	9.08
LIABILITIES				
Long-Term Liabilities	1,405,198	1,541,834	(136,636)	(8.86)
Deferred Amount of Pension Liability	816,229	879,563	(63,334)	(7.20)
Other Liabilities	516,385	372,454	143,931	38.64
Total Liabilities	<u>2,737,812</u>	<u>2,793,851</u>	<u>(56,039)</u>	(2.01)
NET POSITION				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	5,643,726	5,117,464	526,262	10.28
Restricted	3,129,676	3,150,184	(20,508)	(0.65)
Unrestricted	<u>(1,776,499)</u>	<u>(2,151,055)</u>	<u>374,556</u>	(17.41)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 6,996,903</u>	<u>\$ 6,116,593</u>	<u>\$ 880,310</u>	14.39

The negative balance in unrestricted net assets is not a negative reflection on the District's financial condition, but is the result of reporting required by GASB Statement No. 68 Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions which allocates the proportionate share of the State's net pension liability for PERS to each contributing entity throughout the State.

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Table 2 provides a summary of the District's changes in net position in fiscal year 2021 with comparisons to fiscal year 2020.

**Table 2
Changes in Net Position**

	Fiscal Year Ending		Variance	
	6/30/2021	6/30/2020	Dollars	%
Revenues				
Program Revenues:				
Charges for Services	\$ 56,551	\$ 205,879	\$ (149,328)	(72.53)
Operating Grants	2,417,555	1,938,856	478,699	24.69
General Revenues:				
Property Taxes	8,928,701	8,753,628	175,073	2.00
Unrestricted Grants	1,497,164	1,441,385	55,779	3.87
Other	44,289	57,310	(13,021)	(22.72)
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 12,944,260</u>	<u>\$ 12,397,058</u>	<u>\$ 547,202</u>	4.41
Program Expenses				
Instruction:				
Regular	2,904,615	3,177,131	(272,516)	(8.58)
Special	1,283,232	1,138,698	144,534	12.69
Other	68,137	138,283	(70,146)	(50.73)
Support Services:				
Tuition	223,454	116,241	107,213	92.23
Student & Instructional Staff	1,548,468	1,821,296	(272,828)	(14.98)
General & Business Administration	272,855	323,849	(50,994)	(15.75)
School Administration	280,912	284,638	(3,726)	(1.31)
Maintenance	1,046,931	923,945	122,986	13.31
Transportation	448,452	427,810	20,642	4.83
Food Service	29,359	88,010	(58,651)	(66.64)
Unallocated Benefits	3,814,901	3,366,384	448,517	13.32
Fixed Assets Adjustment	(163,345)	41,848	(205,193)	(490.33)
Unallocated Depreciation	247,839	229,645	18,194	7.92
Prior Period Adjustment			-	-
Capital Lease Payments	16,879	(18,517)	35,396	(191.15)
Total Expenses	<u>12,022,689</u>	<u>12,059,261</u>	<u>(36,572)</u>	(0.30)
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	<u>\$ 921,571</u>	<u>\$ 337,797</u>	<u>\$ 583,774</u>	172.82

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GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES.

The statement of activities reports the cost of program services and the changes for services and grants of which offset the cost of those services.

Instruction expenses include activities directly dealing with the teaching of pupils and the interaction between teacher and student.

Pupils and instructional staff include activities involved with assisting staff with the content and process of teaching to students.

General administration, school administration, and business include expenses associated with administrative and financial supervision of the District.

Operation and maintenance of facilities activities involve keeping the school grounds, buildings, and equipment in an effective working condition.

Curriculum and staff development includes expenses related to planning, research, development, and evaluation of support services, as well as the reporting of this information internally and to the public.

Pupil transportation includes activities involved with the conveyance of students to and from school, as well as to and from school activities, as provided by State law.

Extracurricular activities include expenses related to student activities provided by the school district which are designed to provide opportunities for students to participate in school events, public events, or a combination of these for the purposes of motivation, enjoyment, and skill improvement.

Interest on debt involves the transactions associated with the payment of interest and other related charges to debt of the School District.

Unallocated depreciation is associated with current year depreciation expenditures for capital assets.

Food Service includes costs for food service operations.

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The School District's Funds

The School District uses funds to control and manage money for particular purposes. The Fund's basic financial statement allows the School District to demonstrate its stewardship over and accountability for resources received from the Alexandria Township's taxpayer's and other entities, including the State of New Jersey and the Federal Government. These statements also allow the reader to obtain more insight into the financial workings of the School District, and assess further the School District's overall financial health.

The School District's budget is prepared according to New Jersey law, and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund. This past year, the district implemented a zero-based budgeting approach whereby every expenditure is supported by rationale.

Over the course of the year, the School District revises its budget as it attempts to take into consideration unexpected changes in revenue and expenditures.

A schedule showing the School District's original and final budget compared with actual operating results provided in the section of the CAFR, entitled Budgetary Comparison Schedules.

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Capital Assets And Long Term Debt

At the end of the fiscal year 2021, the District had \$15,195,048 invested in land, buildings, furniture, equipment, construction in progress, and vehicles, net of accumulated depreciation.

Table 4 provides a summary of the School District's capital assets net of depreciation at 6/30/21:

(Net of Depreciation)

	6/30/2021
Land	\$ 155,364
Construction in Progress	775,945
Land Improvements	542,465
Buildings & Improvements	13,148,280
Furniture & Equipment	572,994
Total	\$ 15,195,048

Table 5 provides a summary of the District's outstanding debt at 6/30/21:

**Table 5
Outstanding Debt at Year-end**

	6/30/2021
General Obligation Bonds	\$ -
Compensated Absences	45,127
PERS Net Pension Liability	1,405,198
Unamortized Bond Premiums	-
	\$ 1,450,325

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Factors Bearing on the District's Future

The Alexandria Township School District is in good financial condition although at the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the District was not aware of existing circumstances that could affect its financial health in the future.

A concern is with the increased reliance on local property taxes to support the District's programs. Additionally, health benefit costs are rising in the double digits. Future finances are not without challenges.

Alexandria Township is primarily a residential community, with very few ratables; thus the burden is focused on homeowners to bear the tax burden.

New Jersey school districts have no taxing authority. Municipalities collect all property taxes for their respective communities and pay over to the other government agencies what is collected on their behalf. The municipalities pay over to the school districts the exact amount approved by the voters or, in the case of a budget defeat, the amount agreed to by the municipalities and Board of Education.

As of June 30, 2021, the Alexandria Township Board of Education has no outstanding bond payments and therefore, has no long-term debt.

In conclusion, the Alexandria Township School District has committed itself to financial excellence for many years. In addition, the District's system for financial planning, budgeting, and internal financial controls are well regarded. The District plans to continue its sound fiscal management to meet the challenge of the future.

Contacting the School District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Jack Trent, at Alexandria Township Board of Education, 557 County Road 513, Pittstown, NJ 08867.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DISTRICT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the District. These statements include the financial activities of the overall District, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activities of the District.

Alexandria Township Board of Education
Statement of Net Position
6/30/2021

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,064,787	\$ 13,263	\$ 2,078,050
Investments			-
Receivables, governmental entities	197,400	644	198,044
Other receivables (net)	1,900		1,900
Inventory		1,136	1,136
Restricted assets:			-
Maintenance reserve account-cash	688,739		688,739
Capital reserve account - cash	617,391		617,391
Emergency reserve account - cash	250,000		250,000
Capital assets, net (Note 4):	5,694,175	3,111	5,697,286
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	202,169		202,169
Total Assets	<u>9,716,561</u>	<u>18,154</u>	<u>9,734,715</u>
LIABILITIES			
Cash Overdraft			-
Accounts payable	178,226		178,226
Deferred revenue	9,725	5,844	15,569
Other current liabilities	23,053		23,053
Payable to federal government			-
			-
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	816,229		816,229
Pension liability for PERS - non current	1,405,198		1,405,198
Noncurrent liabilities (Note 5):			
Due within one year	24,856		24,856
Due beyond one year	274,681		274,681
Total liabilities	<u>2,731,968</u>	<u>5,844</u>	<u>2,737,812</u>
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	5,640,615	3,111	5,643,726
Restricted for:			
Unemployment Compensation	58,319		58,319
Student Activities	41,171		41,171
Capital projects	1,841,447		1,841,447
Other purposes	1,188,739		1,188,739
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(1,785,698)	9,199	(1,776,499)
Total net assets	<u>\$ 6,984,593</u>	<u>\$ 12,310</u>	<u>\$ 6,996,903</u>

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

Alexandria Township Board of Education
 Statement of Activities
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Governmental activities:							
Instruction:							
Regular	\$ 2,904,615	\$ 43,874			\$ (2,860,741)		\$ (2,860,741)
Special education	1,283,232		156,031		(1,127,201)		(1,127,201)
Other special instruction	3,724				(3,724)		(3,724)
Vocational					-		-
Other instruction	64,413				(64,413)		(64,413)
Nonpublic school programs					-		-
Adult/continuing education programs					-		-
Support services:							
Tuition	223,454				(223,454)		(223,454)
Student and instruction related services	1,548,468	12,677	101,804		(1,433,987)		(1,433,987)
Other Administrative Services							
Student & instruction related services					-		-
School administrative services	280,912				(280,912)		(280,912)
General and business administrative services	272,855				(272,855)		(272,855)
Central Services	195,263				(195,263)		(195,263)
Plant operations and maintenance	851,668				(851,668)		(851,668)
Pupil transportation	448,452				(448,452)		(448,452)
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	**	**					
Business and other support services					-		-
Compensated absences	(45,127)				45,127		45,127
Pension plan expense	(102,049)				102,049		102,049
Special schools					-		-
Food service	-				-		-
Debt service					-		-
Unallocated benefits	3,814,901		2,151,077		(1,663,824)		(1,663,824)
Unallocated depreciation	247,839				(247,839)		(247,839)
Total governmental activities	<u>11,992,620</u>	<u>56,551</u>	<u>2,408,912</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,527,157)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,527,157)</u>
Business-type activities:							
Food Service	29,359	-	8,643			(20,716)	(20,716)
Total business-type activities	<u>29,359</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,643</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,716)</u>	<u>(20,716)</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 12,021,979</u>	<u>\$ 56,551</u>	<u>\$ 2,417,555</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (9,527,157)</u>	<u>\$ (20,716)</u>	<u>\$ (9,547,873)</u>
General revenues:							
Taxes:							
Property taxes, levied for general purposes, net					8,928,701		\$ 8,928,701
Taxes levied for debt service							-
Federal and State aid not restricted					1,497,164		1,497,164
Interest and Investment Earnings - Unrestricted						***	
Interest and Investment Earnings - Restricted					22	****	22
Investment Earnings					1,420	10	1,430
Miscellaneous Income					44,125		44,125
Adjustments:							
PERS payment					0		-
Fixed Assets Adjustment					(163,345)		(163,345)
Capital Lease Payments					16,879		16,879
Food Service Transfer						-	-
Total general revenues, special items, extraordinary items and transfers					<u>10,324,966</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10,324,976</u>
Change in Net Assets					<u>797,809</u>	<u>(20,706)</u>	<u>777,103</u>

**Alexandria Township Board of Education
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

Functions/ Programs	Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Net Assets—beginning	6,083,577	33,016	6,116,593
Net Position, July 1	6,083,577	33,016	6,116,593
Prior Period Adjustments	<u>103,207</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,207</u>
Net Assets, July 1 (Restated)	6,186,784	33,016	6,219,800
Net Assets—ending	<u>\$ 6,984,593</u>	<u>\$ 12,310</u>	<u>6,996,903</u>

- * Student Activity revenue is reported "charges for services"; scholarship revenue is reported as "operating grants and contributions"
- ** Internal service fund (ex. Worker's comp) revenue is reported as "charges for services"
- *** Includes the interest earnings on the flexible benefits bank account
- **** Includes the interest earnings on the unemployment compensation bank account and workers' compensation bank account

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Individual Fund statements and schedules present more detailed information for the individual fund in a format that segregates information by fund type.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

**Alexandria Township Board of Education
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2021**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	654,066	25,689	1,385,032		2,064,787
Investments					0
Receivables, net	1,900				1,900
Receivables- Intergovernmental (other)		822			822
Receivables - State	181,918				181,918
Receivables - Federal		14,660			14,660
Interest receivable on investments					0
Inventory					0
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	1,556,130				1,556,130
Other assets					0
	<u>2,394,014</u>	<u>41,171</u>	<u>1,385,032</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,820,217</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	17,250		160,977		178,227
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings Payable	23,053 ***				23,053
Unemployment Compensation Claims Payable	0 ****				0
Accrued Interest					0
Interfund payable					0
Payable to federal government					0
Payable to state government					0
Other current liabilities					0
Deferred revenue	9,725				9,725
Total liabilities	<u>50,028</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>160,977</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>211,005</u>
Fund Balances:					
Restricted Fund Balance:					
Reserve for Capital Reserve	617,391				617,391
Maintenance Reserve	688,739				688,739
Emergency Reserve	250,000				250,000
Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	250,000				250,000
Reserve for Excess Surplus	0				0
Unemployment Compensation	58,319				58,319
Student Activities		41,171			41,171
Assigned Fund Balance:					
Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	0				0
Unreserved - Designated for Impact Aid Reserve					0
Committed Fund Balance					
Reserve for encumbrances	175,979				175,979
Unreserved, reported in:					
General fund	303,558				303,558
Special Revenue fund					0
Debt service fund					0
Capital projects fund			1,224,055		1,224,055
Permanent fund					0
Total Fund balances	<u>2,343,986</u>	<u>41,171</u>	<u>1,224,055</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,609,212</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>2,394,014</u>	<u>41,171</u>	<u>1,385,032</u>	<u>0</u>	

Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of net assets (A-1) are different because:

The net pension liability for PERS is not due and payable in the current period and is not reported in the governmental funds \$ (1,405,198)

Deferred outflows and inflows or resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and therefore are not reported in the funds:
 Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions \$ 202,169
 Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions \$ (816,229)

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is \$15,195,048 and the accumulated depreciation is \$9,500,873 (See Note 4) 5,694,175

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds. (see Note 5) (299,536)

Net assets of governmental activities \$ 6,984,593

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

- * Include former fiduciary fund cash and cash equivalents.
- ** Include payable due to the State for unreimbursed unemployment invoices.
- *** Include payroll deductions payable and flexible benefits liabilities (flex spending has no net position, only liabilities).
- **** Include unspent employee payroll unemployment contributions

Alexandria Township Board of Education
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, And Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Local sources:					
Local tax levy	\$ 8,928,701				\$ 8,928,701
Transportation Fees					-
Rental Facilities					-
Interest on Investments	1,420				1,420
Other Restricted Miscellaneous Revenues	22 *				22
Tuition charges	43,874				43,874
Miscellaneous	44,125	32,351 **			76,476
Total - Local Sources	9,018,142	32,351	-	-	9,050,493
State sources	3,648,241				3,648,241
Federal sources		238,161			238,161
Local sources:					-
Total revenues	12,666,383	270,512	-	-	12,936,895
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
Regular instruction	2,904,615				2,904,615
Special education instruction	1,124,043	159,189			1,283,232
Other special instruction	3,724				3,724
Vocational education					-
Other instruction	64,413				64,413
Nonpublic school programs					-
Adult/continuing education programs					-
Support services and undistributed costs:					-
Tuition	223,454				223,454
Student & instruction related services	1,433,987	114,481 ***			1,548,468
School administrative services	280,912				280,912
General administrative services	272,855				272,855
Central services	195,263				195,263
Administrative information technology					-
Plant operations and maintenance	851,668				851,668
Pupil transportation	448,452				448,452
Undistributed expenditures - Food Services					-
Unallocated benefits	3,814,901				3,814,901
Special schools					-
ARRA - Equalization Stabilization Fund (ESF)					-
ARRA - Government Services Fund (GSF)					-
Transfer to charter school					-
Debt service:					-
Principal					-
Interest and other charges					-
Capital outlay	182,305		775,945		958,250
Total expenditures	11,800,592	273,670	775,945	-	12,850,207
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	865,791	(3,158)	(775,945)	-	86,688
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Capital leases (non-budgeted)	35,880				35,880
Writeoff of Receivables - net					-
Transfers in - Food Service					-
Transfers out	(2,000,000)		2,000,000		-
Total other financing sources and uses	(1,964,120)	-	2,000,000	-	35,880
Net change in fund balances	(1,098,329)	(3,158)	1,224,055	-	122,568
Fund balance—July 1	3,383,437				3,383,437
Prior Period Adjustment	58,878 ****	44,329 *****			103,207
Fund Balance, July 1, Restated	3,442,315	44,329	-	-	3,486,644
Fund balance—June 30	\$ 2,343,986	\$ 41,171	\$ 1,224,055	\$ -	\$ 3,609,212

* includes interest earnings on the unemployment compensation bank account

** Special Revenue Fund now includes revenues from scholarships and student activities

*** Special Revenue Fund now includes expenditures from scholarships and student activities

**** Unemployment Fund Net Position as of June 30, 2020

***** Scholarship Fund and Student Activity Fund Net Position as of June 30, 2021

**Alexandria Township Board of Education
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds (from B-2)		122,568
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (A-2) are different because:</p>		
<p>Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the period.</p>		
Depreciation expense	\$ (247,839)	
Fixed assets adjustment	(163,345)	
Capital outlays	<u>958,250</u>	
		\$ 547,066
<p>Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets:</p>		
Repayment of Bond Principal		
Retirement of Bonds Outstanding	<u> </u>	
		\$ -
<p>Payment of long-term liabilities is an expenditure in the governmental funds and reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.</p>		
Capital Lease Payments	\$ 16,879	
Voluntary Separation of Service Program Payments	<u> </u>	
		\$ 16,879
<p>The net pension liability reported in the statement of activities does not require the use of current financial resources and is not reported as an expenditure in the governmental funds:</p>		
Decrease in Pension Liability	136,636	
Decrease in Deferred Outflows	(97,921)	
Decrease in Deferred Inflows	63,334	
		<u> </u>
		\$ 102,049
<p>Proceeds from debt issues are a financing source in the governmental funds. They are not revenue in the statement of activities; issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.</p>		
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt		
Refunds - bond insurance		
Acceptance of Voluntary Separation Program		
Capital lease proceeds	<u>(35,880)</u>	
		\$ (35,880)
<p>In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses, e.g., compensated absences (vacations) are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are reported in the amount of financial resources used (paid). When the earned amount exceeds the paid amount, the difference is reduction in the reconciliation (-); when the paid amount exceeds the earned amount the difference is an addition to the reconciliation (+).</p>		
<p>Prior year accrued interest on long term debt which was paid in the current year</p>		
Decrease in compensated absences payable	<u>45,127</u>	
		<u>\$ 45,127</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities		<u><u>\$ 797,809</u></u>

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

**Alexandria Township Board of Education
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Funds
June 30, 2021**

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds	
	Food Service	Totals
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 13,263	\$ 13,263
Investments		-
Receivable - State	43	43
Receivable - Federal	601	601
Interfund Receivable		-
Inventories:		
Commodities	1,136	1,136
Regular		-
Total current assets	15,043	15,043
Noncurrent assets:		
Furniture, machinery & equipment	95,975	95,975
Less accumulated depreciation	(92,864)	(92,864)
Total noncurrent assets	3,111	3,111
Total assets	18,154	18,154
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	-	-
Interfund payable	-	-
Deposits payable	-	-
Unearned Income	5,844	5,844
Total current liabilities	5,844	5,844
Noncurrent Liabilities:		
Compensated absences		-
Total noncurrent liabilities	-	-
Total liabilities	5,844	5,844
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets net of related debt	3,111	3,111
Restricted for:		
Capital projects		-
Unrestricted	9,199	9,199
Total net assets	\$ 12,310	\$ 12,310

Alexandria Township Board of Education
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund	
	Food Service	Total Enterprise
Operating revenues:		
Charges for services:		
Daily sales - reimbursable programs		-
Daily sales - non-reimbursable programs		-
Special functions		-
Deductions from employees' salaries		-
Total operating revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Operating expenses:		
Cost of sales - reimburseable programs	9,937	9,937
Cost of sales - non-reimburseable programs		-
Salaries	120	120
Employee benefits		-
Purchased property service		-
Other purchased professional services		-
Cleaning, repair and maintenance services		-
Management Fees	8,199	8,199
Rentals		-
Insurance	422	422
Uniforms		-
General supplies		-
Miscellaneous expense	7,626	7,626
Depreciation	1,142	1,142
Food distribution program Expense	1,913	1,913
Total Operating Expenses	<u>29,359</u>	<u>29,359</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>(29,359)</u>	<u>(29,359)</u>
Nonoperating revenues:		
State sources:		
State school lunch program	315	315
Federal sources:		
National school lunch	6,415	6,415
School breakfast program	0	-
Special milk program		-
Food Distribution Program	1,913	1,913
Interest and investment revenue	10	10
Subsidy Operating - General Fund		-
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>8,653</u>	<u>8,653</u>
Income (loss) before contributions & transfers	<u>(20,706)</u>	<u>(20,706)</u>
Capital contributions		-
Change in net assets	<u>(20,706)</u>	<u>(20,706)</u>
Total net assets—beginning	33,016	33,016
Prior Period Adjustment Related to Fixed Assets		-
Total net assets—ending	<u>\$ 12,310</u>	<u>\$ 12,310</u>

Alexandria Township Board of Education
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Business-type Activities -	
	Food	Total
	Service	Enterprise
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from customers	\$ (20,697)	\$ (20,697)
Payments to employees		-
Payments for employee benefits		-
Payments to suppliers		-
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	(20,697)	(20,697)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
State Sources	315	315
Federal Sources	8,328	8,328
Operating subsidies and transfers from other funds	(1,570)	(1,570)
Net cash provided by (used for) non-capital financing activities	7,073	7,073
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Change in capital contributions		-
Purchases of capital assets		-
Gain/Loss on sale of fixed assets (proceeds)		-
Net cash provided by (used for) capital and related financing activities	-	-
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest and dividends	10	10
Proceeds from sale/maturities of investments		-
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	10	10
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(13,614)	(13,614)
Balances—beginning of year	26,877	26,877
Balances—end of year	13,263	13,263
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Operating income (loss)	(27,789)	(27,789)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities		-
Depreciation and net amortization	1,142	1,142
Purchase of Fixed Assets	-	-
Disposal of Fixed Assets	661	661
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable, net	(199)	(199)
(Increase) decrease in inventories	5,567	5,567
(Increase) decrease in other current assets	959	959
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable		-
Increase (decrease) in Unearned Income	(1,038)	(1,038)
Total adjustments	7,092	7,092
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	\$ (20,697)	\$ (20,697)

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

**Alexandria Township Board of Education
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
6/30/2021**

	Agency Fund	
	Student Activity	Payroll
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 41,171	\$ 23,053
Investments, at fair value:		
U.S. government obligations		
NJ municipal bonds		
Due from General Fund		
Total investments	-	-
Total assets	41,171	\$ 23,053
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable		
Due to General Fund		
Payable to student groups	41,171	
Accrued salaries and wages		
Net Payroll		2,208
Payroll deductions and withholdings		20,845
Total liabilities	41,171	23,053
NET ASSETS	\$ -	\$ -

**Alexandria Township Board of Education
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

	Unemployment Compensation Trust
ADDITIONS	
Contributions:	
Plan member	
Other	
Total Contributions	-
Investment earnings:	
Net increase (decrease) in fair value of investments	
Interest	22
Dividends	
Less investment expense	
Net investment earnings	22
Total additions	22
DEDUCTIONS	
Quarterly contribution reports	
Unemployment claims	
Scholarships awarded	
Refunds of contributions	
Administrative expenses	581
Total deductions	581
Change in net assets	(559)
Net assets—beginning of the year	58,878
Net assets—end of the year	\$ 58,319

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Alexandria Township School District Board of Education have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

The accompanying financial statements present the financial position of the District and the various funds and fund types, the result of operations of the District and the various fund and fund types, and the cash flows of the proprietary funds. The financial statements are presented as of June 30, 2021.

A. Reporting Entity:

Alexandria Township School District Board of Education is a Type II district located in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey. As a Type II district, the District functions independently through a Board of Education (Board). The Board is comprised of nine members appointed to three-year terms.

The District provides a full range of educational services appropriate to grade levels Pre-K through 8. These include regular, vocational, as well as special education for handicapped youngsters.

The primary criterion for including activities within the District's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of the GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, is the degree of oversight responsibility maintained by the District. Oversight responsibility includes financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. The combined financial statements include all funds of the District over which the Board exercises operating control. The operations of the District include educational services to grade levels Pre-K through 8. There were no additional entities required to be included in the reporting entity under the criteria as described above, in the current fiscal year. Furthermore, the District is not includable in any other reporting entity on the basis of such criteria.

B. Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting:

The School District's basic financial statements consist of District-wide statements, including a statement of net assets and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Basis of Presentation

District-wide Statements: The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the overall District, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activity of the District. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

The statement of net assets presents the financial condition of the governmental and business-type activity of the School District at fiscal year end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the business-type activity of the District and for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function or business segment is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the School District.

Fund Financial Statements: During the fiscal year, the School District segregates transactions related to certain School District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. The fund financial statements provide information about the District's funds, including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category – *governmental*, *proprietary*, and *fiduciary* – are presented. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has elected to require New Jersey districts to treat each governmental fund as a major fund in accordance with the option noted in GASB No. 34, paragraph 76. The NJDOE believes that the presentation of all funds as major is important for public interest and to promote consistency among district financial reporting models.

Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types."

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Basis of Presentation (Continued):

Governmental Fund Types

General Fund: The general fund is the general operating fund of the District and is used to account for all expendable financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund: The District accounts for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes in the special revenue funds.

Capital Projects Fund: The capital projects fund is used to account for all financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds).

Debt Service Fund: The debt service fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued to finance major property acquisition, construction and improvement programs.

Proprietary Fund Type

Enterprise (Food Service) Fund: The enterprise fund accounts for all revenues and expenses pertaining to cafeteria operations. The Food Service Fund is utilized to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The stated intent is that the cost (i.e. expenses including depreciation and indirect costs) of providing goods or services to the students on a continuing basis are financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

Fiduciary Fund Types

Trust and Agency Funds: This fund is used to account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments and/or other funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The following is a description of the trust and agency funds of the District.

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Basis of Presentation (Continued):

Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund: This fund is used to account for the portion of employee deductions for unemployment compensation required to be deposited and accumulated for future unemployment claims under the Benefit Reimbursement Method.

Student Activities Fund: This fund is used to account for funds derived from athletic events or other activities of pupil organizations and accumulated for payment of student group activities.

Payroll Agency Fund: This fund accounts for the withholding and remittance of employee salary deductions.

C. Basis of Accounting:

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements.

District-wide, Proprietary, and Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements: The District-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting; the enterprise fund and fiduciary funds use the accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred revenue, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures. Ad Valorem (Property) Taxes are susceptible to accrual as under New Jersey State Statute a municipality is required to remit to its school district the entire balance of taxes in the amount voted upon or certified, prior to the end of the school year. The District records the entire approved tax levy as revenue (accrued) at the start of the fiscal year, since the revenue is both measurable and available. The District is entitled to receive monies under the established payment schedule and the unpaid amount is considered to be an "accounts receivable". Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued):

Governmental Fund Financial Statements: Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

It is the District's policy, that when an expenditure is incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, or unassigned) amounts are available, to apply restricted resources first followed by unrestricted resources. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, it is the District's policy to apply committed resources first followed by assigned resources and then unassigned resources when an expenditure is incurred for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the District may fund certain programs by a combination of specific cost reimbursement grants, categorical block grants and general revenue. Therefore, when program expenses are incurred, both restricted and unrestricted net position may be available to finance the program. It is the District's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs followed by general revenue.

D. Budgets/Budgetary Control:

Annual appropriated budgets are prepared in the spring of each year for the general, special revenue, and debt service funds. The budgets are submitted to the county office and are voted upon at the annual school election on the third Tuesday in April. Budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The legal level of budgetary control is established at line item accounts within each fund. Line item accounts are defined as the lowest (most specific) level of detail as established pursuant to the minimum chart of accounts referenced in N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.2(m)1.

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Budgets/Budgetary Control (Continued):

All budget amendments must be approved by School Board resolution. Budget amendments were made during the year ended June 30, 2021.

Formal budgetary integration into the accounting system is employed as a management control device during the year. For governmental funds there are no substantial differences between the budgetary basis of accounting and generally accepted accounting principles with the exception of the legally mandated revenue recognition of the last state aid payment for budgetary purposes only and the special revenue fund as noted below. Encumbrance accounting is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the governmental fund types. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

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

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Budgets/Budgetary Control (Continued):

Explanation of Differences between Budgetary Inflows and Outflows and GAAP Revenues and Expenditures

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>
Sources/inflows of resources		
Actual amounts (budgetary) "revenues"	\$ 12,656,706	\$ 263,619
Adjust for State Aid Payment:		
Add: Prior Year Payment		
Less: Current Year Payment		
Adjust for Encumbrances:		
Add Prior Year Encumbrances	138,036	6,893
Less Current Year Encumbrances	<u>(128,359)</u>	<u> </u>
Total Revenues (GAAP Basis)	<u>\$ 12,666,383</u>	<u>\$ 270,512</u>
Uses/outflows of resources		
Actual amounts (budgetary) "total outflows"	\$ 11,800,592	\$ 266,777
Adjustments:		
Add Prior Year Encumbrances		6,893
Less Current Year Encumbrances	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Expenditures (GAAP Basis)	<u>\$ 11,800,592</u>	<u>\$ 273,670</u>

E. Encumbrances:

Under encumbrance accounting, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of resources are recorded to reserve a portion of the applicable appropriation. Open encumbrances in governmental funds other than the special revenue fund are reported as reservations of fund balances at fiscal year-end as they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities but rather commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services.

Open encumbrances in the special revenue fund for which the District has received advances are reflected in the balance sheet as unearned revenues at fiscal year-end.

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

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Short-term Interfund Receivables/Payables:

Short-term interfund receivables/payables represents amounts that are owed, other than charges for goods or services rendered to/from a particular fund in the District, and that are due within one year.

G. Inventories and Prepaid Expenses:

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Inventories and prepaid expenses, which benefit future periods, other than those recorded in the enterprise fund are recorded as expenditures during the year of purchase.

H. Fixed Assets:

The District has established a formal system of accounting for its capital assets. Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost. Donated capital assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized. The School District does not possess any infrastructure. The capitalization threshold used by school districts in the State of New Jersey is \$2,000.

All reported capital assets except for land and construction in progress are depreciated. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method under the half-year convention over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
School Buildings	50
Building Improvements	20
Electrical/Plumbing	30
Vehicles	8
Office & computer equipment	5-10
Instructional equipment	10
Grounds equipment	15

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

H. Fixed Assets (continued):

In the fund financial statements, fixed assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Fixed assets are not capitalized and related depreciation is not reported in the fund financial statements.

I. Accrued Salaries and Wages:

Certain District employees, who provide services to the District over the ten month academic year, have the option to have their salaries evenly disbursed during the entire twelve-month year. New Jersey statutes require that these earned but undisbursed amounts be retained in a separate bank account.

J. Compensated Absences:

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

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

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

J. Compensated Absences (Continued):

The liability for compensated absences was accrued using the termination payment method, whereby the liability is calculated based on the amount of sick leave that is expected to become eligible for payment upon termination. The District estimates its accrued compensated absences liability based on the accumulated sick and vacation days at the balance sheet date by those employees who are currently eligible to receive termination payments. Salary-related payments for the employer's share of social security and medicare taxes, as well as pension contributions, are included.

For the District-wide Statements, the current portion is the amount estimated to be used in the following year. In accordance with GAAP, for the governmental funds, in the Fund Financial Statements, all of the compensated absences are considered long-term and therefore, are not a fund liability and represents a reconciling item between the fund level and District-wide presentations.

K. Deferred Revenue:

Deferred revenue in the special revenue fund represents cash which has been received but not yet earned.

L. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations:

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported on the District-wide financial statements. In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, contractually required pension contributions and compensated absences that are paid from governmental funds are reported as liabilities on the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current year. Bonds are recognized as a liability on the fund financial statements when due.

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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

M. Net Assets:

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the School District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The School District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

N. Fund Balance Reserves:

The School District reserves those portions of fund balance which are legally segregated for a specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and, therefore, are not available for appropriation or expenditure. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion which is available for appropriation in future periods. A fund balance reserve has been established for encumbrances.

O. Memorandum Only - Total Columns:

Total columns are captioned "memorandum only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither are such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

New Jersey School Districts are limited as to the types of investments and types of financial institutions they may invest in. *N.J.S.J8A:20-37* provides a list of permissible investments that may be purchased by New Jersey school districts.

Additionally, the District has adopted a cash management plan that requires it to deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect Governmental Units from loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey.

N.J.S.A.17:9-41 et. Seq. establishes the requirements for the security of deposits of governmental units. The statute requires that no governmental unit shall deposit public funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with the Act. Public depositories include Savings and Loan institutions, banks (both state and national banks) and savings banks the deposits of which are federally insured. All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value at least equal to five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of Governmental Units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, pins the collateral of all other public depositories, is available to pay the full amount of their deposits to the Governmental Units.

P. Tuition Receivable/Payable:

Tuition charges are established by the Board of Education based on estimated costs. The charges are subject to adjustment when the final costs have been determined. These adjustments are recorded upon certification by the State Board of Education, which is normally three years following the contract year.

Accordingly, the tuition rate adjustments for the years 2018-2019 have been certified and finalized. Tuition charges for the years subsequent to the years 2018-2019 have been estimated and projected based on calculated tuition costs per pupil and number of students.

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and cash equivalents includes petty cash, change funds, amounts in deposits, and short term investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Investments are stated at cost, which approximates market. The Board classifies certificates of deposit which have original maturity dates of more than three months but less than twelve months from the date of purchase, as investments.

GASB Statement No. 40, *Governmental Accounting Standards Board Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures*, requires disclosure of the level of custodial credit risk assumed by the District in its cash, cash equivalents, and investments, if those items are uninsured or unregistered. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned.

Interest Rate Risk - In accordance with its cash management plan, the District ensures that any deposit or investment matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds, deposited or invested, so that there is not a risk to the market value of such deposits or investments.

Credit Risk - The District limits its investments to those authorized in its cash management plan which are those permitted under state statute as detailed below and on the following page.

A. Deposits:

New Jersey statutes require that school districts deposit public funds in institutions located in New Jersey which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Savings Association Insurance Fund, or by any other agency of the United States that insure deposits. School districts are also permitted to deposit public funds in the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

New Jersey statutes require public depositories to maintain collateral for deposits of public funds that exceed depository insurance limits as follows:

The market value of the collateral must equal at least 5% of the average daily balance of collected public funds; or

If the public funds deposited exceed 75% of the capital funds of the depository, the depository must provide collateral having a market value at least equal to 100% of the amount exceeding 75%.

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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

A. Deposits (Continued):

All collateral must be deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank or a banking institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System and has capital funds of not less than \$25,000,000.

The State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund is authorized by statute and regulations of the State Investment Council to invest in fixed income and debt securities which mature or are to be redeemed within one year, except that up to 25% of the Fund may be invested in eligible securities which mature within two years; provided, however, that the average maturity of all investments in the Fund shall not exceed one year. Collateralization of Fund investments is generally not required. "Other Than State" participants contribute one tenth of one percent per year of the value of the aggregate units owned by them to establish a Reserve Fund, which is supplemented by the proportional interest of "Other Than State" participants in gains on investment transactions realized.

The Reserve Fund is available to cover losses of "Other Than State" participants occasioned by the bankruptcy of an issuer of an investment held by the Fund and losses on sales of securities

B. Investments:

New Jersey statutes permit the Board to purchase the following types of securities:

- Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America. This includes instruments such as Treasury bills, notes and bonds.
- Government money market mutual funds.
- Any federal agency or instrumentality obligation authorized by Congress that matures within 397 days from the date of purchase, and has a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or external factors.
- Bonds or other obligations of the school district or local unit of which the school district is a part.
- Any other obligations with maturities not exceeding 397 days, as permitted by the Division of Investments, New Jersey State Department of Treasury.

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

B. Investments (Continued):

- Local government investment pools.
- New Jersey State Cash Management Fund.
- Repurchase agreements of fully collateralized securities, subject to special conditions.

As of June 30, 2021, cash and cash equivalents of the District consist of the following:

	<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u>
Checking, Savings and Money Management	\$ 3,356,054
NJ Cash Management Account	\$ <u> 0</u>
	\$ 3,356,054 =====

All of the balances were covered by the either federal depository insurance or by a collateral pool maintained by the banks as required by New Jersey statutes.

Risk Category

All bank deposits, as of the balance sheet date, are entirely insured or collateralized by a collateral pool maintained by public depositories as required by the Governmental Unit Deposit Program Act. In general, bank deposits are classified as to credit risk by three categories described below:

Category 1 – Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Board or by its agent in the Board’s name.

Category 2 – Collateralized with securities held by the pledging public depository’s trust department or agent in the Board’s name.

Category 3 – Uncollateralized including any deposits that are collateralized with securities held by the pledging public depository, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the Board’s name.

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

B. Investments (Continued):

As of June 30, 2021, the Board has funds invested and on deposit in checking accounts, Money Market/Statement Savings, New Jersey Cash Management Account. These funds constitute “deposits with financial institutions” as defined by GASB Statement No. 3 and are summarized as follows:

<u>Risk Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	\$ 3,356,054
2	None
3	None
	\$ 3,356,054
	=====

NOTE 3. GOVERNMENTAL UNIT DEPOSIT PROTECTION ACT (GUDPA)

The District has deposited cash in 2021 with an approved public fund depository qualified under the provisions of the 2021 Government Unit Deposit Protection Act. In addition to savings and checking accounts the District invests monies in certificates of deposits.

The Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act P.L. 1970, Chapter 236, was passed to afford protection against bankruptcy or default by a depository. C.17:9-42 provides that no governmental unit shall deposit funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with this act. C.17:9-42 provides that every public depository having public funds on deposit shall, as security for such deposits, maintain eligible collateral having a market value at least equal to either (1) 5% of the average daily balance of collected public funds on deposit during the 6 month period ending on the next preceding valuation date (June 30 or December 31) or (2) at the election of the depository, at least equal to 5% of the average balance of collected public funds on deposit on the first, eighth, fifteenth, and twenty-second days of each month in the 6 month period ending on the next preceding valuation date (June 30 or December 31). No public depository shall be required to maintain any eligible collateral pursuant to this act as security for any deposit or deposits of any governmental unit to the extent such deposits are insured by F.D.L.C. or any other U.S. agency which insures public depository funds.

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 3. GOVERNMENTAL UNIT DEPOSIT PROTECTION ACT (GUDPA)

(Continued)

No public depository shall at any time receive and hold on deposit for any period in excess of 15 days public funds of a governmental unit(s) which, in the aggregate, exceed 75% of the capital funds of the depository, unless such depository shall, in addition to the security required to be maintained under the paragraph above, secure such excess by eligible collateral with a market value at least equal to 100% of such excess.

In the event of a default, the Commissioner of Banking within 20 days after the default occurrence shall ascertain the amount of public funds on deposit in the defaulting depository and the amounts covered by federal deposit insurance and certify the amounts to each affected governmental unit. Within 10 days after receipt of the certification, each unit shall furnish to the Commissioner verified statements of its public deposits. The Commissioner shall ascertain the amount derived or to be derived from the liquidation of the collateral maintained by the defaulting depository and shall distribute such proceeds pro rata among the governmental units to satisfy the net deposit liabilities to such units.

If the proceeds of the sale of the collateral are insufficient to pay in full the liability to all affected governmental units, the Commissioner shall assess the deficiency against all other public depositories having public funds on deposit determined by a formula determined by law. All sums collected by the Commissioner shall be paid to the governmental units having deposits in the defaulting depository in the proportion that the net deposit liability to each such governmental unit bears to the aggregate of the net deposit liabilities to all such governmental units.

All public depositories are required to furnish information and reports dealing with public funds on deposit every six months, June 30th and December 31st, with the Commissioner of Banking. Any public depository which refuses or neglects to give any information so requested may be excluded by the Commissioner from the right to receive public funds for deposit until such time as the Commissioner shall acknowledge that such depository has furnished the information requested.

Upon review and approval of the Certification Statement that the public depository complies with statutory requirements, the Commissioner issues forms approving the bank as a municipal depository. The District should request copies of these approval forms semiannually to assure that all depositories are complying with requirements.

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 4. CAPITAL ASSETS

Fixed asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements/ Adjustments</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental activities:				
<i>Capital assets not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	155,364	-	-	155,364
Construction in progress	-	775,945	-	775,945
Total capital assets not being depreciated	155,364	775,945	-	931,309
<i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>				
Land Improvements	542,465		-	542,465
Building and building improvements	13,148,280		-	13,148,280
Machinery and equipment	577,704	15,476	(20,186)	572,994
Totals at historical cost	14,268,449	15,476	(20,186)	14,263,739
Less accumulated depreciation for :				
Land Improvements	391,292	12,170	-	403,462
Building and Improvements	8,589,907	189,890	-	8,779,797
Machinery and Equipment	295,504	45,779	(23,669)	317,614
Total	9,276,703	247,839	(23,669)	9,500,873
Total capital assets being depreciated, net of accumulated depreciation	4,991,746	(232,363)	3,483	4,762,866
Governmental activity capital assets, net	<u>\$ 5,147,110</u>	<u>\$ 543,582</u>	<u>\$ 3,483</u>	<u>\$ 5,694,175</u>
Business-type activities:				
<i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>				
Equipment	\$ 117,875	\$ -	\$ (21,900)	95,975
Less accumulated depreciation	112,962	1,142	(21,240)	92,864
Enterprise fund capital assets, net	<u>\$ 4,913</u>	<u>\$ (1,142)</u>	<u>\$ (660)</u>	<u>\$ 3,111</u>

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 4. CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

On January 11, 2001, the NJ State Department of Education announced that effective July 1, 2001, the capitalization threshold used by school districts in the State of New Jersey is increased to \$2,000. The previous threshold was \$500. Applying the higher capitalization threshold retroactively (removal of old assets from the General Fixed Assets Account Group) will be permitted by the State regulations in situations where (1) the assets have been fully depreciated, or (2) the assets have exceeded their useful lives. The retirement of machinery and equipment is due to the retroactive application of the higher threshold of equipment capitalization. That is, the District has removed from their records assets with a historical cost greater than \$500 but not greater than \$2,000 that were fully depreciated or had exceeded their useful lives.

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Instruction	-
Student and Instruction - Related Services	-
School Administrative Related Services	
General and Business Administrative Services	-
Central Services	-
Administrative Information Technology	-
Plant Operations and Maintenance	-
Pupil Transportation	-
Business and Other Support Services	-
Unallocated	247,839
Total	<u>\$ 247,839</u>

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 5. GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in the general long-term debt account group:

	Balance 7/1/2020	Issued	Retired	Balance 6/30/2021	Amounts Due Within One Year
Capital Leases	34,559	35,880	16,879	53,560	24,856
Compensated Absences Payable	291,104	45,463	90,590	245,977	
	<u>\$ 325,663</u>	<u>\$ 81,343</u>	<u>\$ 107,469</u>	<u>\$ 299,537</u>	<u>\$ 24,856</u>

A. Bonds Payable:

As of June 30, 2021, the District did not have any outstanding bonds.

B. Bonds Authorized But Not Issued:

As of June 30, 2021, the District did not have any authorized but not used bonds.

C. Capital Leases Payable:

The District is leasing twelve Apple desktop computers and six Apple Laptops under capital leases. The District also leases Cannon Copiers. The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments under these capital leases and the net minimum lease payments at June 30, 2021.

Year ending June 30,	<u>Total</u>
2022	\$ 25,693
2023	\$ 7,176
2024	\$ 7,176
2025	\$ 7,176
2026	\$ 6,578
Total Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$ 53,799</u>
Less: Amount Representing Interest	<u>\$ (837)</u>
Net Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$ 52,962</u>

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NOTE 6. PENSION PLANS

Plan Descriptions

All required employees of the District are covered by either the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) or the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) which have been established by state statute and are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits (Division). According to the State of New Jersey Administrative Code, all obligations of both Systems will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should the Systems terminate. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information for the Public Employees Retirement System and the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund. These reports may be obtained by writing to the Division of Pensions and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625.

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

The TPAF was established as of January 1, 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:66 to provide retirement benefits, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. The TPAF is considered a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan with a special funding situation, as under current statute, all employer contributions are made by the State of New Jersey on behalf of the District and the system's other related noncontributing employers.

Membership is mandatory for substantially all teachers or members of the professional staff certified by the State Board of Examiners, and employees of the DOE who have titles that are unclassified, professional and certified.

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

The PERS was established as of January 1, 1955 under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A to provide retirement, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. The PERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan. Membership is mandatory for substantially all full-time employees of the State of New Jersey or any county, municipality, school district or public agency, provided the employee is not required to be a member of another State-administered retirement system or other state or local jurisdiction.

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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NOTE 6. PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Plan Descriptions (Continued)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)(Continued)

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

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the District recognized pension expense of \$86,480 consisting of employer contributions of \$94,265 and non-employer contributions of (\$7,785). At June 30, 2021, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 25,586	\$ 4,969
Changes of assumptions	45,586	588,370
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	48,031	-
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	82,966	222,890
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	-	-
Total:	<u>\$ 202,169</u>	<u>\$ 816,229</u>

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 6. PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

\$0 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from school district, charter school, or renaissance school project contributions subsequent to the measurement date (i.e. for the school year ending June 30, 2021, the plan measurement date is June 30, 2020) will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30:		
2021	\$	(176,327)
2022	\$	(160,756)
2023	\$	(91,868)
2024	\$	(37,150)
2025		(8,035)
Total	\$	<u>(474,136)</u>

Additional Information

Collective balances at December 31, 2019 and 2020 are as follows:

	<u>12/31/2019</u>	<u>12/31/2020</u>
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$ 300,090	\$ 202,169
Collective deferred inflows of resources	879,563	816,229
Collective net pension liability	1,541,834	1,405,198
District's Proportion	<u>0.0081%</u>	<u>0.0086%</u>

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 6. PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

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

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the District recognized pension expense of \$1,825,538 and revenue of \$1,825,538 for support provided by the State. At June 30, 2021, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 438,959	\$ 81,121
Changes of assumptions	3,476,887	6,335,476
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	291,897	-
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	67,319	7,431
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	-	-
Total:	<u>\$ 4,275,062</u>	<u>\$ 6,424,028</u>

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 6. PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)

\$0 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

2021	(116,831)
2022	(83,975)
2023	(345,145)
2024	(864,501)
2025	(653,778)
Therafter	<u>(149,478)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (2,213,708)</u>

Vesting and Benefit Provisions

The vesting and benefit provisions for PERS are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and 43.3B, and 3N.J.S.A. 18A:6C for TPAF. All benefits vest after eight to ten years of service, except for medical benefits that vest after 25 years of service. Retirement benefits for age and service are available at age 60 and are generally determined to be 1/60 of the final average salary for each year of service credit, as defined. Final average salary equals the average salary for the final three years of service prior to retirement (or highest three years' compensation if other than the final three years). Members may seek early retirement after achieving 25 years of service credit or they may elect deferred retirement after achieving eight to ten years of service in which case benefits would begin the first day of the month after the member attains normal retirement age. The TPAF and PERS provides for specified medical benefits for members who retire after achieving 25 years of qualified service, as defined, or under the disability provisions of the System.

Members are always fully vested for their own contributions and, after three years of service credit, become vested for 2% of related interest earned on the contributions. In the case of death before retirement, members' beneficiaries are entitled to full interest credited to the members accounts.

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 6. PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Significant Legislation

During the year ended June 30, 1997, legislation was enacted (Chapter 114, P.L. 1997) authorizing the New Jersey Economic Development Authority to issue bonds, notes or other obligations for the purpose of financing, in full or in part, the State of New Jersey's portion of the unfunded accrued liability under the State of New Jersey retirement systems. Additional legislation enacted during the year ended June 30, 1997 (Chapter 115, P.L. 1997) changed the asset valuation method from market related value to full-market value. This legislation also contained a provision to reduce the employee contribution rate by $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% to 4.5% for calendar years 1998 and 1999, and to allow for a reduction in the employee's rate after calendar year 1999, providing excess valuation assets are available. The legislation also provided that the Districts' normal contributions to the Fund may be reduced based on the revaluation of assets. Due to recognition of the bond proceeds and the change in asset valuation method as a result of enactment of Chapters 114 and 115, all unfunded accrued liabilities were eliminated, except for the unfunded liability for local early retirement incentive benefits, accordingly, the pension costs for TPAF and PERS were reduced.

Contribution Requirements

The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A, Chapter 62, P.L. of 1994, Chapter 115, P.L. of 1997 and N.J.S.A. 18:66, and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. TPAF and PERS provide for employee contributions of 5% of employees' annual compensation, as defined. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate in both TPAF and PERS. The actuarially determined contribution includes funding for both cost-of-living adjustments, noncontributory death benefits, and post-retirement medical premiums. Under current statute the District is a non-contributing employer of the TPAF.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the State of New Jersey contributed \$1,820,610 to the TPAF for normal and post-retirement benefits on behalf of the District. Also, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:66-66 the State of New Jersey reimbursed the District \$330,467 during the year ended June 30, 2021 for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members, as calculated on their base salaries. This amount has been included in the general-purpose financial statements, and the combining and individual fund and account group statements and schedules as a revenue and expenditure in accordance with GASB 27.

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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NOTE 7. POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan description and benefits provided

The State provides post-retirement medical (PRM) benefits for certain State and other retired employees meeting the service credit eligibility requirements. In Fiscal Year 2020, the State paid PRM benefits for 143,053 State and local retirees.

The State funds post-retirement medical benefits on a “pay-as-you-go” basis, which means that the State does not pre-fund, or otherwise establish a reserve or other pool of assets against the PRM expenses that the State may incur in future years. For Fiscal Year 2020, the State contributed \$1.578 billion to pay for pay-as-you-go PRM benefit costs incurred by covered retirees. The State’s “pay as-you-go” contributions have decreased from Fiscal Year 2019 amounts. Reductions are attributable to various cost savings initiatives implemented by the State, including new Medicare Advantage contracts. The State has appropriated \$1.775 billion in Fiscal Year 2021 as the State’s contribution to fund pay-as-you-go PRM costs.

In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions, the State is required to quantify and disclose its obligations to pay Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) to retired plan members. This new standard supersedes the previously issued guidance, GASB Statement No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions, effective for Fiscal Year 2018. The State is now required to accrue a liability in all instances where statutory language names the State as the legal obligor for benefit payments. The Fiscal Year 2020 total State OPEB liability to provide these benefits in \$65.5 billion, a decrease of \$10.5 billion or 13.8 percent from the \$76.0 billion liability recorded in Fiscal Year 2019.

The School Employees Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) Act is found in New Jersey Statutes Annotated, Title 52, Article 17.25 et. seq. Rules governing the operation and administration of the program are found in Title 17, Chapter 9 of the New Jersey Administrative Code.

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB No. 75.

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NOTE 7. POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

Total OPEB Liability

The State, a non-employer contributing entity, is the only entity that has a legal obligation to make employer contributions to OPEB for qualified retired PERS and TPAF participants. The LEA’s proportionate share percentage determined under paragraphs 193 and 203 through 205 of GASB No. 75 is zero percent. Accordingly, the LEA did not recognize any portion of the collective net OPEB liability on the Statement of Net Position. Accordingly, the following OPEB liability note information is reported at the State’s level and is not specific to the board of education/board of trustees. Note that actual numbers are published in the [NJ State’s ACFR \(https://www.nj.gov/treasury/omb/publications/archives.shtml\)](https://www.nj.gov/treasury/omb/publications/archives.shtml)

Actuarial assumptions and other inputs. The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2020 actuarial valuation reported by the State in the State’s most recently issued ACFR was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation rate	2.50%		
Salary Increases		<u>TPAF</u>	<u>PERS</u>
Through 2026		1.55 – 4.45% Based on service years	2.00 - 6.00% Based on service years
Thereafter		1.55 – 4.45% Based on service years	3.00 - 7.00% Based on service years

Preretirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Healthy “Teachers” (TPAF/ABP), “General” (PERS), and “Safety” (PERS) classification headcount-weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2020. Postretirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 “General” classification headcount-weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2020. Disability mortality was based on the Pub-2010 “General” classification headcount-weighted disabled mortality table with fully generation mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2020.

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NOTE 7. POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies for the periods July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018, July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2018, and July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2018 for TPAF, PERS and PFRS and PFRS, respectively.

Health Care Trend Assumptions

For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend rate is initially 5.6% and decreases to a 4.5% long-term trend rate after eight years. For post-65 medical benefits, the actual fully-insured Medicare Advantage trend rate for fiscal year 2021 through 2022 are reflected. The assumed post-65 medical trend is 4.5% for all future years. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 7.0% and decreases to a 4.5% long-term trend rate seven years. For the Medicare Part B reimbursement, the trend rate is 5.0%.

Discount rate

The discount rate for June 30, 2020 was 2.21%. This represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the Division. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. As the long-term rate of return is less than the municipal bond rate, it is not considered in the calculation of the discount rate, rather the discount rate is set at the municipal bond rate.

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NOTE 7. POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

Total OPEB Liability (Continued)

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability reported by the State of New Jersey:

	<u>Increase/Decrease Total OPEB Liability</u>
Balance as of June 30, 2018 Measurement Date	\$ 41,729,081,045
Changes Recognized for the Fiscal Year	
Service Cost	\$ 1,790,973,822
Interest on the Total OPEB Liability	1,503,341,357
Changes of benefit terms	-
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	11,544,750,637
Changes of Assumptions	12,386,549,981
Gross Benefit Payments	(1,180,515,618)
Contributions From the Non-Employer	N/A
Contributions From the Member	35,781,384
Net Investment Income	N/A
Administrative Expense	N/A
Net Changes	<u>\$ 26,080,881,563</u>
Balance as of June 30, 2019 Measurement Date	\$ 67,809,962,608

The State's total OPEB liability attributable to the District: \$ 29,643,218.

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.87% percent in 2019 to 3.50% percent in 2020.

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NOTE 7. POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

Total OPEB Liability (Continued)

Sensitivity of Total Nonemployer OPEB Liability to changes in the discount rate:

The following presents the total nonemployer OPEB liability as of June 30, 2020, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the total nonemployer OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

1% decrease (1.21%)	discount rate (2.21%)	1% increase (3.21 %)
\$ 81,748,410,002	67,809,962,608	56,911,439,160

Sensitivity of Total Nonemployer OPEB Liability to changes in the healthcare trend rate:

The following presents the total nonemployer OPEB liability as of June 30, 2020 calculated using the healthcare trend rate as disclosed above as well as what the total nonemployer OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using a healthcare trend rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate.

1% decrease	Healthcare cost trend rate	1% increase
\$ 54,738,488,540	67,809,962,608	83,375,182,975

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

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the board of education recognized OPEB expense of \$ 1,444,785 determined by the State as the total OPEB liability for benefits provided through a defined benefit OPEB plan that is not administered through a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB No. 75 and in which there is a special funding situation.

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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NOTE 7. POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

Total OPEB Liability (Continued)

In accordance with GASB No. 75, the Alexandria Township Board of Education’s proportionate share of school retirees OPEB is zero, there is no recognition of the allocation of proportionate share of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. At June 30, 2020, the State reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to retired school employee’s OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows Of Resources	Deferred inflows Of Resources
Changes in proportion	\$ 2,193,728,802	\$ (2,193,728,802)
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 10,295,318,750	\$ (9,170,703,615)
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	\$ 11,534,251,250	\$ (7,737,500,827)
 Total	 <u>\$ 24,023,298,802</u>	 <u>\$ (19,101,933,244)</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to retired school employee’s OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Measurement Period Ending June 30,	
2021	\$ 43,440,417
2022	\$ 43,440,417
2023	\$ 43,440,417
2024	\$ 43,440,417
2025	\$ 43,440,417
Total Thereafter	\$ 4,704,163,473
	<u>\$ 4,921,365,558</u>

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the State of New Jersey contributed on behalf of the District \$ 434,204 to the TPAF for post-retirement medical benefits.

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NOTE 8. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

There were no interfund balances on the balance sheet at June 30, 2021.

NOTE 9. CONTINGENCIES

The District receives financial assistance from the State of New Jersey and the U.S. Government in the form of grants. Entitlement to the funds is generally conditional upon compliance with terms and conditions of the grant agreements and applicable regulations, including the expenditure of the funds for eligible purposes. The State and Federal grants received and expended in the 2019-2020 fiscal year were subject to the Single Audit Act of 1984 and New Jersey OMB Circular 04-04 which mandates that grant revenues and expenditures be audited in conjunction with the Board's annual audit. Substantially, all grants and cost reimbursements are subject to financial and compliance audits by the grantors. Further, the School Child Nutrition Program is a recipient of federal (USDA) reimbursements and is subject to certain related federal regulations. The federal reimbursements are subject to subsequent audit and interpretation by the New Jersey Department of Education. The Board and management do not believe such an audit would result in material amounts of disallowed costs.

NOTE 10. LITIGATION

There is no litigation, pending litigation, claims, contingent liabilities, unasserted claims or assessments or statutory violations which involve the Board of Education and which might materially affect the financial position of the District, as of the date of this report.

NOTE 11. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

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

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

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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NOTE 11. COMPENSATED ABSENCES (Continued)

The liability for vested compensated absences of the governmental fund types is recorded in the general long-term account group. The current portion of the compensated absences balance of the governmental funds is not considered material to the applicable funds total liabilities, and therefore, is not shown separately from the long-term liability balance of compensated absences.

The liability for vested compensated absences of the proprietary fund types is recorded within those funds as the benefits accrue to employees.

Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries are paid.

NOTE 12. DEFERRED COMPENSATION

The Board offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b). The plan, which is administered by a benefits management company, permits participants to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Amounts deferred under the plan are not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency. The Board has no liability for losses under the plan but does have the duty of due care that would be required of an ordinary prudent investor. The Board offers several plan administrators for its employees to utilize.

NOTE 13. RISK MANAGEMENT

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

Property and Liability Insurance – The District maintains commercial insurance coverage for property, liability, student accident and surety bonds. A complete schedule of insurance coverage can be found in the Statistical Section of this Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance – The District has elected to fund its New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the “Contributory Method”. Under this plan, the District and its employees contribute to the New Jersey Unemployment Trust Fund for benefits paid to its former employees. The District remits quarterly the amounts due to the State.

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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NOTE 13. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Joint Insurance Pool – The School District is a member of the Hunterdon and Camden County Educator’s Insurance Consortium, a sub-fund of the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group. The Fund provides its members with the following coverages:

Property – Blanket Building & Grounds	Electronic Data Processing
Equipment Breakdown	Crime
Comprehensive General Liability	Automotive Liability
Worker’s Comprehensive & Employer’s Liability	
School Leaders Errors & Omissions Liability	

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

NOTE 14. CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS

The designation for Reserved Fund Balance – Excess Surplus is a required calculation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-7, as amended. New Jersey school districts are required to reserve General Fund fund balance at the end of the fiscal year of June 30 if a required minimum amount is not appropriated as budgeted fund balance in their subsequent year’s budget. The Excess Fund Balance at June 30, 2021 is \$0.

NOTE 15. RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL REPORTS

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedules agree with the amounts reported in the related federal and state financial reports.

NOTE 16. OTHER

Revenues and expenditures reported under the Food Distribution Program represent current year value received and current year distributions respectively. The amount reported as TPAF Pension Contributions represents the amount paid by the state on behalf of the district for the year ended June 30, 2021 TPAF Social Security Contributions represents the amount reimbursed by the state for the employer’s share of social security contributions for TPAF members for the year ended June 30, 2021.

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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NOTE 17. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Alexandria Township Board of Education has evaluated subsequent events occurring after June 30, 2021 through the date of February 15, 2022, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. The District has determined there are no material subsequent events needed to be disclosed, except for the following:

- On November 3, 2020, the voters of the School District approved a referendum authorizing the following actions:
 1. Addition of a 10 classroom wing onto AMS
 2. Razing, removal and abatement of LDW
 3. Fix all “end of life” mechanicals at AMS and install brownout protection for electricals
 4. Remove and replace the roof at AMS, with the exception of the old gym done in 2019
 5. New parking for 50 vehicles at AMS
 6. Door lockset replacement with security locks and safety film on all doors
 7. Update the locker rooms in the old gym at AMS
 8. Update the 4th grade bathrooms at AMS
 9. Level the soccer field and move the filed hockey field to ground level
 10. Underground water reservoir for fire emergencies

- To facilitate and finance the expenditures associated with the above referendum project, temporary notes totaling \$12,994,000 were issued on July 27, 2021. These notes were issued with a coupon interest rate of 1% and a maturity date of July 27, 2022.

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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NOTE 18. CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

A capital reserve account was established by the Alexandria Township Board of Education by inclusion of \$1 on October 19, 2000 for the accumulation of funds for use as capital outlay expenditures in subsequent fiscal years. The capital reserve account is maintained in the general fund, and its activity is included in the general fund annual budget.

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

The activity of the capital reserve for the July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 fiscal year is as follows:

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2020	\$ 2,216,805
Increased by:	
Appropriation	400,000
Interest Earnings	586
Transfers - Out	<u>(2,000,000)</u>
Ending Balance, June 30, 2021	<u><u>\$ 617,391</u></u>

NOTE 19. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The District receives a substantial amount of its support from federal and state governments. A significant reduction in the level of support, if this were to occur, could have an effect on the District's programs and activities.

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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NOTE 20. GASB #54 – FUND BALANCE DISCLOSURES

In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, the Alexandria Board of Education classifies governmental fund balances as follows:

- Non-spendable - includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form or because legal or contractual constraints.
- Restricted - includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by external parties, constitutional provision or enabling legislation.
- Committed - includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the government through formal action of the highest level of decision making authority and does not lapse at year-end.
- Assigned - includes fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted or committed. Fund Balance may be assigned by the Business Administrator.
- Unassigned - includes balance within the General Fund which has not been classified within the above mentioned categories and negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

General Fund – Of the \$2,472,345 General Fund fund balance at June 30, 2021, \$0 is restricted for excess surplus – current year; \$1,864,449 is restricted for other purposes. \$175,979 is committed for other purposes; \$0 is assigned as designated for subsequent year’s expenditures and \$431,917 is unassigned.

NOTE 21. ESTIMATES

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

NOTE 22. DEFICIT BALANCE IN UNRESTRICTED NET POSITION

The District is reporting a deficit balance in unrestricted net position for governmental activities as of June 30, 2021 of (\$1,785,698) on Schedule A-1 Statement of Net Position. The deficit balance is not a negative reflection on the District’s financial condition, but is the result of reporting required by GASB Statement No. 68 Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions which allocates the proportionate share of the State’s net pension liability for PERS to each contributing entity throughout the State.

APPENDIX C

Form of Bond Counsel's Approving Legal Opinion

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_____, 2022

The Board of Education of the
Township of Alexandria
Pittstown, New Jersey

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as bond counsel in connection with the authorization, sale and issuance of \$12,994,000 aggregate principal amount of School Bonds, Series 2022 (the “Bonds”) of The Board of Education of the Township of Alexandria in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the “Board” when referring to the governing body and the “School District” when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board).

The Bonds are issued pursuant to: (i) Title 18A, Chapter 24 of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the “Education Law”); (ii) a proposal adopted by the Board on August 20, 2020 (the “Proposal”) and approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the legal voters present and voting at the annual School District election held on November 3, 2020 and (iii) a resolution duly adopted by the Board on June 2, 2022 (the “Resolution”).

The Bonds are issued in fully registered book-entry only form, without coupons, initially registered in the name of and held by Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”), an automated depository for securities and clearing house for securities transactions. Purchases of the Bonds will be made in book-entry only form in principal amounts of \$1,000 each or any integral multiple thereof with a minimum purchase of \$5,000 required, through book entries made on the books and records of DTC and its participants. So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made by the Board directly to Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC. Disbursement of such payments to DTC participants is the responsibility of DTC and disbursement of such payments to the beneficial owners of the Bonds is the responsibility of DTC participants.

The Bonds are dated their date of delivery and shall bear interest from such date, which interest shall be payable commencing July 15, 2023 and semi-annually thereafter on the fifteenth day of January and July in each year until maturity or prior redemption, and shall mature on July 15 of the years and in the principal amounts as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2024	\$469,000	3.25%	2034	\$695,000	3.75%
2025	485,000	3.50	2035	725,000	3.75
2026	505,000	3.50	2036	755,000	3.75
2027	525,000	3.50	2037	785,000	4.00
2028	550,000	3.50	2038	815,000	4.00
2029	570,000	3.50	2039	850,000	4.00
2030	595,000	3.75	2040	885,000	4.00
2031	620,000	3.75	2041	920,000	4.00
2032	645,000	3.75	2042	930,000	4.00
2033	670,000	3.75			

The Bonds of this issue are subject to optional redemption prior to their stated maturities.

We have examined such matters of law, certified copies of the proceedings, including the bond referendum proceedings, and other documents and proofs relative to the issuance and sale of the Bonds as we have deemed necessary or appropriate for the purposes of the opinion rendered below. In such examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity to the original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies. As to any facts material to our opinion we have, when relevant facts were not independently established, relied upon the aforesaid instruments, certificates and documents.

We are of the opinion that: (i) such proceedings and proofs show lawful authority for the sale and issuance of the Bonds pursuant to the Education Law, the Proposal and the Resolution; (ii) the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the Board; and (iii) all the taxable real property within the School District is subject to the levy of *ad valorem* taxes, without limitation as to rate or amount, for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds.

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), sets forth certain requirements which must be met subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds for the interest thereon to be and remain excludable from gross income for Federal income tax purposes. Noncompliance with such requirements could cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for Federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of the issuance of the Bonds. The Board has covenanted to maintain the exclusion of the interest on the Bonds from gross income for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103(a) of the Code.

In our opinion, under existing law, and assuming continuing compliance by the Board with the aforementioned covenant, under existing statutes, regulations, rulings and court

decisions, interest on the Bonds is not includable for Federal income tax purposes in the gross income of the owners of the Bonds pursuant to Section 103 of the Code. The Bonds are not “specified private activity bonds” within the meaning of Section 57 of the Code and, therefore, the interest on the Bonds will not be treated as a preference item for purposes of computing the Federal alternative minimum tax.

We are also of the opinion that, under existing laws of the State of New Jersey, interest on the Bonds and any gain on the sale thereof is not includable in gross income under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act, 1976 N.J. Laws c. 47, as amended and supplemented.

The Bonds maturing on July 15 in the years 2024 through 2035, inclusive and 2037 through 2039, inclusive (the “Premium Bonds”), have been sold to the public at a premium. Section 171 of the Code provides rules under which a bond premium may be amortized and a deduction allowed for the amount of the amortizable bond premium for a taxable year. Under Section 171(a)(2) of the Code, however, no deduction is allowable for the amortizable bond premium in the case of bonds, like the Premium Bonds, the interest on which is excludable from gross income. Under Section 1016(a)(5) of the Code, the purchaser's basis in a Premium Bond will be reduced by the amount of the amortizable bond premium disallowable as a deduction under Section 171(2) of the Code. Proceeds received from the sale, exchange, redemption or payment of a Premium Bond in excess of the owner's adjusted basis (as reduced pursuant to Section 1016(a)(5) of the Code), will be treated as a gain from the sale or exchange of such Premium Bonds and not as interest.

We are also of the opinion that the difference between the stated principal amount of the Bonds maturing on July 15 in the years 2041 and 2042 (the “Discount Bonds”) and their respective initial offering prices to the public (excluding bond houses, brokers or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters or wholesalers), at which price a substantial amount of the Discount Bonds of the same maturity and interest rate were sold, constitutes original issue discount which is excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes to the same extent as interest on the Discount Bonds. Further, such original issue discount accrues actuarially on a constant interest rate basis over the term of each Discount Bond and the basis of each Discount Bond acquired at such initial offering price by an initial purchaser thereof will be increased by the amount of such accrued original issue discount.

Except as stated in the preceding paragraphs, we express no opinion as to any Federal, state or local tax consequences of the ownership or disposition of the Bonds. Furthermore, we express no opinion as to any Federal, state or local tax law consequences with respect to the Bonds, or the interest thereon, if any action is taken with respect to the Bonds or the proceeds thereof upon the advice or approval of other bond counsel.

This opinion is qualified to the extent that the enforceability of the rights or remedies with respect to the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, debt adjustment,

moratorium, reorganization or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights or remedies heretofore or hereafter enacted to the extent constitutionally applicable and their enforcement may also be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases.

We have examined one of the executed Bonds and, in our opinion, its form and execution are regular and proper.

Very truly yours,

WILENTZ, GOLDMAN & SPITZER, P.A.

APPENDIX D

Form of Continuing Disclosure Certificate

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CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate dated as of July 21, 2022 (the “Disclosure Certificate”) is executed and delivered by The Board of Education of the Township of Alexandria in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the “Board” when referring to the governing body and the “School District” when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) in connection with the issuance of its \$12,994,000 aggregate principal amount of School Bonds, Series 2022 dated their date of delivery (the “Bonds”). The Bonds are being issued by virtue of a proposal adopted by the Board on August 20, 2020 and approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the legal voters present and voting at the annual School District election held on November 3, 2020 and pursuant to a resolution entitled, “RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF \$12,994,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2022 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH”, duly adopted by the Board on June 2, 2022 (the “Bond Resolution”). The Board covenants and agrees as follows:

SECTION 1. Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate. This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the Board for the benefit of the Bondholders and Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter(s) in complying with the Rule (as defined below). The Board acknowledges it is an “Obligated Person” under the Rule (as defined below).

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

“*Annual Report*” shall mean any Annual Report provided by the Board pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Certificate.

“*Beneficial Owner*” shall mean any person which (a) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of any Bonds, as applicable (including persons holding Bonds, as applicable through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (b) is treated as the owner of any Bonds, as applicable, for Federal income tax purposes.

“*Continuing Disclosure Information*” shall mean, collectively, (i) each Annual Report, (ii) any notice required to be filed by the Board with the EMMA (as defined herein) pursuant to Section 3 of this Disclosure Agreement, and (iii) any notice of a Listed Event required to be filed by the Board with EMMA pursuant to Section 5 of this Disclosure Agreement.

“Disclosure Representative” shall mean the Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the Board or his/her designee, or such other person as the Board shall designate in writing from time to time for the purposes of this Disclosure Certificate.

“Dissemination Agent” shall mean, initially, the Board or any Dissemination Agent subsequently designated in writing by the Board which has filed with the Board a written acceptance of such designation.

“EMMA” shall mean the Electronic Municipal Market Access system, a website created by the MSRB (as defined herein) and approved by the SEC (as defined herein) to provide a central location where investors can obtain municipal bond information including disclosure documents. The Board or the Dissemination Agent shall submit disclosure documents to EMMA as a PDF file to www.emma.msrb.org.

“Financial Obligation” shall mean a: (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) guarantee of (a) or (b) listed hereinabove. The term *“Financial Obligation”* shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB (as defined below) consistent with the Rule (as defined below).

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

“MSRB” shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

“Rule” shall mean Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

“SEC” shall mean the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

“SEC Release No. 34-59062” shall mean Release No. 34-59062 of the SEC dated December 5, 2008.

“State” shall mean the State of New Jersey.

“Underwriters” shall mean any of the original underwriters of the Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with the purchase of the Bonds.

SECTION 3. Provision of Annual Reports. (a) The Board shall provide or cause to be provided to the Dissemination Agent not later than December 31 of each year, commencing December 31, 2022 (for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022), an Annual Report which is consistent with the requirements of Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate. Each Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information as provided in Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate; provided that the audited financial statements of the Board

may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report; and provided, further, that if the audited financial statements of the Board are not available by December 31, the Board shall include unaudited financial statements with its Annual Report and when such audited financial statements become available to the Board, the same shall be submitted to the Dissemination Agent no later than thirty (30) days after the receipt of the same by the Board.

(b) Not later than January 31 of each year (commencing January 31, 2023) the Dissemination Agent shall provide to EMMA a copy of the Annual Report received by the Dissemination Agent pursuant to subsection (a) hereof.

(c) If the Board does not provide or is unable to provide an Annual Report by the applicable date required in subsection (a) above, such that the Dissemination Agent cannot file the Annual Report with EMMA in accordance with subsection (b) above, the Dissemination Agent shall, in a timely manner, send a notice of such event to EMMA in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, with copies to the Board (if the Dissemination Agent is not the Board).

(d) Each year the Dissemination Agent shall file a report with the Board (if the Dissemination Agent is not the Board), certifying that the Annual Report has been provided to EMMA pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate, stating the date it was provided.

(e) If the fiscal year of the Board changes, the Board shall give written notice of such change to the Dissemination Agent and the Dissemination Agent shall, within five (5) business days after the receipt thereof from the Board, forward a notice of such change to EMMA in the manner provided in Section 5(e) hereof.

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

(1) The audited financial statements of the Board (or unaudited financial statements if audited financial statements are not then available, which audited financial statements will be delivered when and if available).

The audited financial statements are to be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

(2) The general financial information and operating data of the Board consistent with the information set forth in the Official Statement dated June 29, 2022, prepared in connection with the sale of the Bonds (the "Official Statement") in Appendix A under the sections relating to (1) Board indebtedness; (2) property valuation information; and (3) tax rate, levy and collection data.

Any or all of the items listed above may be incorporated by reference from other documents, including official statements of debt issues with respect to which the Board is an "Obligated Person" (as defined by the Rule), which have been filed with EMMA or the Securities and Exchange Commission. If the document incorporated by reference is a final

official statement, it must be available from the MSRB. The Board shall clearly identify each such other document so incorporated by reference.

SECTION 5. Reporting of Significant Events. (a) This Section 5 shall govern the giving of notices of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds:

- (1) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) Nonpayment related defaults, if material;
- (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (7) Modifications to rights of Bondholders, if material;
- (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) Defeasances of the Bonds;
- (10) Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- (11) Ratings changes rating to the Bonds;
- (12) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Board;
- (13) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Board or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Board, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;

- (14) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee for the Bonds or the change of name of a trustee for the Bonds, if material;
- (15) Incurrence of a financial obligation, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation, any of which affect Bondholders, if material; and
- (16) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

The Board shall, in a timely manner not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of any Listed Event, file a notice of the occurrence of such Listed Event with the MSRB in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of this Disclosure Certificate. In determining the materiality of any of the Listed Events specified in this subsection (a) of this section 5, the Board may, but shall not be required to, rely conclusively on an opinion of counsel.

(b) Whenever the Board has or obtains knowledge of the occurrence of any of the Listed Events, the Board shall, as soon as possible, determine if such event would constitute information material to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds.

(c) If the Board determines that the occurrence of a Listed Event would be material to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, the Board shall promptly notify the Dissemination Agent in writing (if the Board is not the Dissemination Agent) and the Board shall instruct the Dissemination Agent to report such Listed Event and the Dissemination Agent shall report the occurrence of such Listed Event pursuant to subsection (e) hereof.

(d) If the Board determines that the occurrence of a Listed Event would not be material to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, the Board shall promptly notify the Dissemination Agent in writing (if the Dissemination Agent is not the Board) and the Dissemination Agent (if the Dissemination Agent is not the Board) shall be instructed by the Board not to report the occurrence.

(e) If the Dissemination Agent has been instructed in writing by the Board to report the occurrence of a Listed Event, the Dissemination Agent shall file a notice of such occurrence with EMMA, with a copy to the Board (if the Dissemination Agent is not the Board). Notwithstanding the foregoing, notice of Listed Events described in subsections (a)(8) and (9) hereof need not be given under this subsection any earlier than the notice (if any) of the underlying event is given to the Beneficial Owner of the affected Bonds pursuant to the Bond Resolution.

SECTION 6. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The Board's obligations under this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds or when the Board is no longer an "Obligated Person" (as defined in the Rule). The Board shall file a notice of the termination of its reporting

obligations pursuant to the provisions hereof with the Dissemination Agent, which notice shall be filed with EMMA in accordance with the provisions of Section 5(e) hereof.

SECTION 7. Dissemination Agent; Compensation. The Board may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. The initial Dissemination Agent shall be the Board. The Board shall compensate the Dissemination Agent (which shall be appointed) for the performance of its obligations hereunder in accordance with an agreed upon fee structure.

SECTION 8. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Board may amend this Disclosure Certificate and any provision of this Disclosure Certificate may be waived, if such amendment or waiver (supported by an opinion of counsel expert in Federal securities laws acceptable to the Board to the effect that such amendment or waiver would not, in and of itself, cause the undertakings herein to violate the Rule if such amendment or waiver had been effective on the date hereof) is (a) made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature, or status of the obligated person, or type of business conducted; (b) the undertaking, as amended or waived, would have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the primary offering of the Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and (c) the amendment or waiver does not materially impair the interests of holders, as determined either by parties unaffiliated with the Board or "Obligated Person," or by approving vote of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, as applicable pursuant to the terms of the Bond Resolution at the time of the amendment. The Board shall give notice of such amendment or waiver to this Disclosure Certificate to the Dissemination Agent, which notice shall be filed in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 hereof. Notwithstanding the above, the addition of or change in the Dissemination Agent shall not be construed to be an amendment under the provisions hereof.

In the event of any amendment or waiver of a provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Board shall describe such amendment in the next Annual Report, and shall include, as applicable, a narrative explanation of the reason for the amendment or waiver and its impact on the type (or in the case of a change of accounting principles, on the presentation) of financial information or operating data being presented by the Board. In addition, if the amendment relates to the accounting principles to be followed in preparing financial statements (i) notice of such change shall be given in the same manner as a Listed Event under Section 5 hereof, and (ii) the Annual Report for the year in which the change is made should present a comparison (in narrative form and also, if feasible, in quantitative form) between the financial statements as prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles.

SECTION 9. Additional Information. Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the Board from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Certificate or any other means of

communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the Board chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Certificate, the Board shall have no obligation under this Disclosure Certificate to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

SECTION 10. Default. In the event of a failure of the Board to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Holders of at least 25% aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Bonds or any Beneficial Owner of the Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the Board to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. A default under this Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an Event of Default on the Bonds and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the Board to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

SECTION 11. Duties, Immunities and Liabilities of the Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Disclosure Certificate, and, to the extent permitted by law, the Board agrees to indemnify and hold the Dissemination Agent (if the Dissemination Agent is not the Board) and its respective officers, directors, employees and agents, harmless against any loss, expense and liabilities which it may incur arising out of or in the exercise or performance of its powers and duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) of defending against any claim of liability, but excluding liabilities due to the Dissemination Agent's gross negligence or willful misconduct. To the extent permitted by law, the Board further releases the Dissemination Agent from any liability for the disclosure of any information required by the Rule and this Disclosure Certificate. The obligations of the Board under this Section shall survive resignation or removal of the Dissemination Agent and payment of the Bonds.

SECTION 12. Beneficiaries. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the Board, the Dissemination Agent, the Underwriters, and the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, including Bondholders, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

SECTION 13. Notices. All notices and submissions required hereunder shall be given to the following, or their successors, by facsimile transmission (with written confirmation of receipt), followed by hard copy sent by certified or registered mail, personal delivery or recognized overnight delivery:

(a) If to the Board of Education:

The Board of Education of the
Township of Alexandria
557 County Road 513
Pittstown, New Jersey 08867
Attention: Business Administrator/Board Secretary

(b) Copies of all notices to the Dissemination Agent from time to time with respect to the Bonds, initially:

The Board of Education of the
Township of Alexandria
557 County Road 513
Pittstown, New Jersey 08867
Attention: Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Each party shall give notice from time to time to the other parties, in the manner specified herein, of any change of the identity or address of anyone listed herein.

SECTION 14. Counterparts. This Disclosure Certificate may be executed in any number of counterparts which shall be executed by authorized signatories of the Board and the Dissemination Agent, as applicable, and all of which together shall be regarded for all purposes as one original and shall constitute and be but one and the same.

SECTION 15. Severability. If any one or more of the covenants or agreements in this Disclosure Certificate to be performed on the part of the Board and the Dissemination Agent should be contrary to law, then such covenant or covenants, agreement or agreements, shall be deemed severable from the remaining covenants and agreements and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this Disclosure Certificate.

SECTION 16. Governing Law. This Disclosure Certificate shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the Laws of the United States of America and the State of New Jersey as applicable.

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA IN THE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY**

By: _____
JOHN S. TRENT,
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

EXHIBIT A

**NOTICE TO EMMA OF FAILURE
TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT**

Name of Issuer: The Board of Education of the
 Township of Alexandria
 in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey

Name of Issue: \$12,994,000 School Bonds, Series 2022
 Dated: July 21, 2022
 (CUSIP Number: 015293BQ5)

Date of Issuance: July 21, 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above designated Board has not provided an Annual Report with respect to the above-named Bonds as required by the Bond Resolution and a Continuing Disclosure Certificate for the Bonds dated as of July 21, 2022 executed by the Board.

DATED: _____

DISSEMINATION AGENT
(on behalf of the Board)

cc: The Board

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