

**NEW ISSUE—BOOK-ENTRY ONLY**

**RATING:**

**NOTE PARTICIPATIONS AND DISTRICT NOTES: Standard & Poor’s “SP-1+”**

(See “RATING” herein)

*In the opinion of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, a Professional Corporation, San Francisco, California, Bond Counsel to the Districts, based upon an analysis of existing laws, statutes, regulations, rulings and judicial decisions, and assuming, among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants and requirements described herein, interest on the Notes represented by the Note Participations is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of calculating the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals. In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Notes represented by the Note Participations is exempt from State of California personal income tax. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of interest on, the Note Participations. See “TAX MATTERS” herein.*

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**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SCHOOLS POOLED CROSS FISCAL YEAR 2020-21  
TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES, NOTE PARTICIPATIONS SERIES A**

**Interest Rate:**

**Yield:**

**CUSIP No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_ †

**Dated: Date of Delivery**

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The Contra Costa County Schools Pooled Cross Fiscal Year 2020-21 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Note Participations Series A are being executed and delivered pursuant to the terms of a Trust Agreement, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 (the “Trust Agreement”), by and between certain California public school districts (collectively, the “Districts”) and [TBD], as trustee (the “Trustee”). The Note Participations evidence and represent fractional and undivided interests in certain tax and revenue anticipation notes (individually, a “Note” and collectively, the “Notes”) and debt service payments thereon to be made by the Districts issuing such Notes, in the same aggregate principal amount as the Note Participations. The Note Participations are payable by the Districts identified herein. In accordance with California law and the authorizing resolution of each District (each a “Note Resolution”), the Note of each District is payable out of taxes, income, revenue (including but not limited to revenue from state and federal governments), cash receipts and other moneys (including moneys deposited in inactive or term deposits, but excepting certain moneys encumbered for a special purpose) of such District (collectively, the “Unrestricted Revenues”).

The Note Participations will be prepared in fully registered book-entry form and, when executed and delivered, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository for the Note Participations. Individual purchases and sales of the Note Participations may be made in book-entry form only, in authorized denominations of \$5,000, or any integral multiple thereof. Purchasers of interests in the Note Participations (the “Beneficial Owners”) will not receive certificates representing their interest in the Note Participations purchased. Principal and interest evidenced by the Note Participations will be payable by wire transfer to DTC, which in turn is required to remit such principal and interest to DTC Participants for subsequent disbursement to the Beneficial Owners of the Note Participations, as more fully described herein.

**The Note Participations are not subject to prepayment prior to maturity.**

The Note Participations are being sold to provide operating cash for the Districts’ respective working capital expenditures and the investment and reinvestment of funds for the Districts prior to the receipt of anticipated tax payments and other revenues for Fiscal Year 2020-21. Each Note is secured by a pledge of certain Unrestricted Revenues (so pledged, the “Pledged Revenues”) received by the District issuing such Note, and each Note shall constitute a first lien and charge thereon and shall be payable from the first moneys received by such District from such Pledged Revenues. To the extent not so paid, each Note shall be paid from any moneys of such District lawfully available therefor. Each Note Resolution requires the applicable District to set aside and deposit in a special fund to be established and held by such District certain amounts from the first Pledged Revenues received by such District in those months described herein so that the amount on deposit in such fund on such dates as described herein, taking into consideration actual investment earnings accrued to such date, is equal to all of the principal of and interest due on such Note, as more fully described herein. The obligation of each District is a several and not a joint obligation and is strictly limited to such District’s repayment obligation under its Note Resolution and Note.

**THE NOTE PARTICIPATIONS EVIDENCE AND REPRESENT LIMITED OBLIGATIONS OF THE INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS, PAYABLE SOLELY FROM THE NOTES THEREOF. THE OBLIGATION OF THE DISTRICTS TO PAY PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THEIR RESPECTIVE NOTES, AS EVIDENCED BY THE NOTE PARTICIPATIONS, DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A DEBT OF THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS, THE AUTHORITY OR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF, IN CONTRAVENTION OF ANY CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY DEBT LIMITATION OR RESTRICTION.**

*The Note Participations are offered when, as and if executed and delivered and accepted by the Underwriters, subject to the approval of validity by Dannis Woliver Kelley, Long Beach, California, Bond Counsel. Certain matters will be passed on for the Underwriter by \_\_\_\_\_, California and for the Trustee by its counsel. The Note Participations in definitive form are expected to be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC in New York, New York on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.*

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract with the purchasers of the Note Participations. Statements contained in this Official Statement which involve estimates, forecasts or opinions, whether or not expressly so described herein, are intended solely as such and are not to be construed as a representation of facts.

The Underwriters have provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement: “The Underwriters have reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with its responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Underwriters do not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.”

In connection with this offering, the Underwriters may overallocate or effect transactions which stabilize or maintain the market price of the Note Participations at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. Such stabilizing, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

Certain statements included or incorporated by reference in this Official Statement constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 21E of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such statements are generally identifiable by the terminology used such as “plan,” “expect,” “estimate,” “budget,” “project,” “intend,” “forecast” or other similar words.

Each of the Districts maintains a website and certain social media accounts. However, the information presented there is not incorporated into this Official Statement by any reference, and should not be relied upon in making investment decisions with respect to the Note Participations.

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**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SCHOOLS POOLED CROSS FISCAL YEAR 2020-21  
TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES, NOTE PARTICIPATIONS SERIES A**

**INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT**

*This introduction is not a summary of this Official Statement. It is only a brief description of and is qualified by more complete and detailed information contained in the entire Official Statement, including the cover page and appendices hereto, and the documents described herein. References to and summaries of provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of California and any documents referred to herein do not purport to be complete, and such references are qualified in their entirety by reference to the complete provisions.*

This Official Statement, including the cover page and appendices hereto (the “Official Statement”), sets forth certain information concerning the Contra Costa County Schools Pooled Cross Fiscal Year 2020-21 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Note Participations, Series A (the “Note Participations”).

Pursuant to the Contra Costa County Schools Pooled Cross Fiscal Year 2020-21 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes Program (the “Program”), the participating school districts identified in Appendix A hereto (collectively, the “Districts”), located in County of Contra Costa (the “County”) in the State of California (the “State”), are each issuing tax and revenue anticipation notes (the “Notes”) and executing and delivering the Note Participations pursuant to a Trust Agreement, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 (the “Trust Agreement”), by and among the Districts and [TBD], as trustee (the “Trustee”). Each District participating in the Program is the issuer of its Note which, when combined with the Notes of the other Districts participating in the Program, shall be evidenced by the Note Participations. The Note Participations evidence and represent fractional and undivided interests in the Note of each District. Each District participating in the Program is severally, not jointly, liable on the Note Participations, in the proportion that the face amount of such District’s Note bears to the total aggregate face amount of the Note Participations.

The Note Participations will be executed and delivered in an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Notes. The Notes are being issued to provide operating cash for the participating Districts’ current working capital expenditures, capital expenditures and the investment and reinvestment of funds prior to the receipt of anticipated tax payments and other revenues. The Notes will be delivered to and deposited with the Trustee for the benefit of the registered owners (the “Owners”) of the Note Participations, and the payments on such Notes will be used for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Note Participations, and the Notes shall not be used for any other purpose while any of the Note Participations remain outstanding. For information on the Districts and the Notes of the Districts, see Appendices A, B, C, D and I hereto.

The Note of each District is issued under the authority of Article 7.6, Chapter 4, Part 1, Division 2, Title 5 (commencing with Section 53850) of the California Government Code (the “Act”) and pursuant to a resolution of issuance adopted by the legislative body of each such District (each a “Note Resolution”). The issuance of a District’s Note will provide moneys to meet such District’s anticipated cash flow needs for its Fiscal Year ending on June 30, 2021 (“Fiscal Year 2020-21”) created by timing differences between its anticipated expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020-21 and its estimated receipt of

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\* Preliminary, subject to change.

certain revenues for Fiscal Year 2020-21. The aggregate principal amount of Notes issued will equal the aggregate principal amount of the Note Participations.

The Note Participations enjoy the benefits of a security interest in the money held in certain funds established pursuant to the Trust Agreement, subject to the provisions of the Trust Agreement permitting the disbursement thereof as set forth therein. **NEITHER THE OBLIGATION OF EACH DISTRICT TO PAY PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON ITS RELATED NOTE, NOR THE NOTE PARTICIPATIONS EVIDENCING SUCH DISTRICT'S OBLIGATION, CONSTITUTES A DEBT OF THE DISTRICTS OR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF, IN CONTRAVENTION OF ANY CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY DEBT LIMITATION OR RESTRICTION.**

The current COVID-19 (as defined herein) pandemic is having severe economic consequences at state, federal and global levels. The ultimate impact of COVID-19 on the Districts' respective operations and finances is unknown, and there can be no assurances that the spread of COVID-19, or the responses thereto by local, State, or the federal government, will not materially adversely impact local, state and national economies, enrollment or average daily attendance within the District, or the financial condition or operations of the Districts, including the ability of such Districts to make the set-asides of Pledged Revenues or to pay their respective Notes as and when they becomes due. See "RISK FACTORS – Considerations Regarding COVID-19" herein.

Copies of the Trust Agreement and the standard form of the Note Resolution summarized herein are available upon request during the initial offering period from [TBD].

All capitalized words, unless otherwise defined herein, shall have the meanings set forth in APPENDIX E—"DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS AND SUMMARY OF THE TRUST AGREEMENT" or, if not defined therein, in the Trust Agreement.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTE PARTICIPATIONS**

### **Denominations; Payment of Principal and Interest**

The Note Participations will be prepared in fully registered form and, when executed and delivered, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as registered Owner of the Note Participations and nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository for the Note Participations. Individual purchases may be made in book-entry form only in denominations of \$5,000, or any integral multiple thereof (each, an "Authorized Denomination"). Purchasers of interests in the Note Participations (the "Beneficial Owners") will not receive certificates representing their interests in the Note Participations purchased, but will instead receive credit balances on the books of their respective nominees.

**So long as Cede & Co. is the registered Owner of the Note Participations, as nominee of DTC, references herein to the "Owners" or "Holders" of the Note Participations (except for under the heading "TAX MATTERS" and in APPENDIX F) shall mean Cede & Co. and shall not mean the Beneficial Owners of the Note Participations.**

The Note Participations will be dated the date of initial execution and delivery thereof (the "Date of Delivery") and will evidence and represent principal of the Notes and interest accrued thereon from such Date of Delivery, at the rate per annum set forth on the cover page hereof. The Participations mature on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 (the "Maturity Date"). Interest and principal of the Note Participations is payable as provided herein.

So long as Cede & Co. is the registered Owner of the Note Participations, the principal and interest evidenced by the Note Participations will be payable by wire transfer by the Trustee to Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, which is expected, in turn, to remit such amounts to DTC Participants (as defined herein) for subsequent disbursement to the Beneficial Owners. See APPENDIX G—“THE BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM.” Interest payable with respect to the Note Participations will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve, 30-day months.

**Registration and Transfer of Note Participations**

So long as the Note Participations are subject to the DTC book-entry system, they will be registered, and may be transferred, as described in APPENDIX G—“THE BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM.”

**Prepayment**

The Note Participations are not subject to prepayment prior to maturity.

**ESTIMATED SOURCES AND USES OF PROCEEDS**

The following table lists the estimated sources and uses of proceeds in connection with the Note Participations.

<u>Sources</u>	<u>Total</u>
Principal Amount	
Original Issue Premium	
<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>	
<u>Uses</u>	
Deposit to Proceeds Fund <sup>(1)</sup>	
Costs of Issuance <sup>(2)</sup>	
Deposit to Note Participation Payment Fund	
<b>TOTAL USES</b>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Available to be withdrawn by Districts on and after the closing date.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes the Underwriters’ discount, legal and Municipal Advisory fees, rating fees, and other costs of issuance.

**SECURITY AND SOURCE OF PAYMENT**

**The Notes**

The Note Participations evidence and represent fractional and undivided interests in the Notes, and in debt service payments on the Notes to be made by the related Districts. The Notes are general obligations of the respective Districts and, to the extent not paid from moneys pledged pursuant to the payment thereof, as further described herein, will be paid from other moneys of the Districts legally available therefor. However, except for the Pledged Revenues described herein, the Districts are not prohibited from pledging, encumbering and utilizing their moneys for other purposes and there can be no assurance that such moneys will be available for the payment of the Note Participations and the Notes evidenced thereby. **No District has any obligation to pay the principal of or interest on the Note of any other District.**



See APPENDIX A hereto for a listing of each District, the estimated principal amount of each Note, the percentage of each Note with respect to the aggregate principal amount of the Note Participations, and the projected Note payment coverage for each such District.

Pursuant to Section 53586 of the Act, the principal amount of each District's Note, together with the interest thereon, will be payable from taxes, income, revenue (including but not limited to revenue from state and federal governments), cash receipts and other moneys (including moneys deposited in inactive or term deposits, but excepting certain moneys encumbered for a special purpose) of such District, which are received in or accrued to such District's Fiscal Year 2020-21, and which are generally available for the payment of current expenses and other obligations of such District (collectively, the "Unrestricted Revenues"). As security for the payment of the principal of and interest on its Note, each District has pledged the first Unrestricted Revenues received by such District in those months of Fiscal Year set forth for such District in APPENDIX D – "REPAYMENT MONTHS, PERCENTAGES AND AMOUNTS" (each such month being a "Repayment Month" for purposes of such District's Note Resolution) up to an amount which, taking into consideration anticipated investment earnings thereon to be received by the maturity date of such Note, is equal to the respective percentages of principal and interest due on such Note specified in APPENDIX D (collectively, the "Pledged Revenues"). The principal of a District's Note, and the interest thereon, constitute a first lien and charge on such Pledged Revenues and are payable from the first moneys received by such District from such Pledged Revenues and, to the extent not so paid, will be paid from any other moneys of such District lawfully available therefor.

In order to effect the pledge of Pledged Revenues, each District has agreed under its Note Resolution to establish and maintain a special account within its general fund (each, a "Payment Account") and has further agreed and covenanted to maintain its Payment Account until the payment in full of the principal of its Note and the interest thereon. A District may establish its Payment Account with the Trustee. Each District has agreed under its Note Resolution to cause to be set aside in its Payment Account the first Unrestricted Revenues received in each Repayment Month (and any amounts received thereafter) until the amount on deposit in its Payment Account, together with the amount, if any, on deposit in any subaccount thereof held by the Trustee (a "Payment Subaccount"), is equal, in the respective Repayment Months, to the percentages principal of and interest due on such Note specified in APPENDIX D – "REPAYMENT MONTHS, PERCENTAGES AND AMOUNTS."

Pursuant to the Trust Agreement, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each Repayment Month, the Trustee will request a certificate from each District evidencing such District's transfer and deposit to its Payment Account of the amounts required to be so transferred and deposited, as described above, and each District is required within seven (7) Business Days after the date of such written request to file such certificate. See APPENDIX E – "DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS AND SUMMARY OF THE TRUST AGREEMENT – Note Payments – Confirmation of Deposits to Payment Account." If a District fails to make or cause to be made such transfer to and deposit in its Payment Account, such failure will constitute an Event of Default (as defined in APPENDIX E) under the Trust Agreement, and the Trustee will have the right, without declaring such District's Note to be immediately due and payable, to require such District to pay to the Trustee an amount equal to the principal of such Note and interest thereon to maturity. See also "—Events of Default and Remedies." Notwithstanding the foregoing, any District for which the Trustee is holding or investing moneys or securities on behalf of said District in a Payment Subaccount in an amount equal to the transfer and deposit required to be made during each Repayment Month, and which moneys or securities are intended to be that District's Payment Account deposit, need not present the certificate described above; likewise, the Trustee need not send a request for such certificate to said District.

Any moneys placed in a District's Payment Account will be for the benefit of the Owners of the Note Participations. The moneys in such Payment Account will be applied only for the purposes for which such Payment Account is created until the principal of such District's Note and all interest thereon are paid or until provision has been made for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Note.

On or before the date specified in the Trust Agreement, the moneys in such District's Payment Account and Payment Subaccount will be transferred to the applicable Note Participation Payment Fund described herein to pay the interest on and principal of each such District's Note when due.

### **Cash Flows**

For each District, actual/projected cash flows for Fiscal Year 2020-21, are included in APPENDIX C – "DISTRICT CASH FLOWS." Each District has projected a maximum cumulative cash flow deficit to occur as a result of the daily timing of expenditures occurring prior to the receipt of revenues for the month.

The estimates and timing of receipts and disbursements in such cash flow analyses are based on certain assumptions and should not be construed as statements of fact. The cash flow projections represent the current best estimates of the Districts based on information available as of the date of such projections, including the most recent revisions to the State's funding of school districts. However, due to the uncertainties inherent in the State budgeting process, these projections are subject to change and may vary considerably from actual cash flows experienced by the Districts during Fiscal Year 2020-21. Moreover, payment of State assistance in the amounts anticipated depends on the State adhering to its then-current budget, including the appropriations therein provided for local assistance. See "FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN CALIFORNIA – State Assistance."

### **Deposit of Notes; Application of Note Participation Payment Fund**

Under the Trust Agreement, the Notes, as evidenced and represented by the Note Participations, are irrevocably deposited with and pledged and transferred to the Trustee for the benefit of the Owners of the Note Participations, and the payments on such Notes will be used for the punctual payment of the interest and principal evidenced and represented by the Note Participations, and the Notes shall not be used for any other purpose while such Note Participations remain Outstanding. Such deposit, pledge and transfer constitutes a first and exclusive lien on the principal and interest payments of and all other rights under such Notes for the foregoing purpose in accordance with the terms of the Trust Agreement.

All principal and interest payments on a District's Note will be paid directly by such District to the Trustee. All principal and interest payments on a District's Note, as and when received by the Trustee, together with any funds held in the Payment Subaccount as of the Note Payment Deposit Date, will be deposited by the Trustee in the fund designated as the "Note Participation Payment Fund." The Note Participation Payment Fund will be held in trust by the Trustee for the benefit and security of the Owners of the Note Participations to the extent provided in the Trust Agreement.

Pursuant to the Trust Agreement, the Trustee is required to deposit the moneys contained in the Note Participation Payment Fund at the respective times and in the respective funds as hereinafter summarized, each of which funds the Trustee agrees to maintain so long as the Note Participations are Outstanding:

(a) ***Interest Fund.*** The Trustee shall deposit in the fund designated for payment of interest with respect to the Note Participations (the "Interest Fund") that amount of money representing the interest due and payable on the Notes. Monies in the Interest Fund shall be used and withdrawn by the

Trustee solely for the purpose of paying interest evidenced and represented by the Note Participations on the Maturity Date.

(b) **Principal Fund.** The Trustee shall deposit in the fund designated for payment of principal with respect to the Note Participations (the “Principal Fund”) that amount of money representing the principal becoming due and payable on the Notes. All moneys in such Principal Fund shall be used and withdrawn by the Trustee solely for the purpose of paying the principal evidenced and represented by the Note Participations on the Maturity Date.

### **Defaulted Notes**

If a District fails to pay any of the principal of or interest on its Note on the due date thereof, such Note will become a Defaulted Note (as defined in the Trust Agreement). The Trustee will hold such Defaulted Note for the benefit of the Owners of the Note Participations, in the manner specified in the Trust Agreement. If the Note as evidenced and represented by Note Participations shall become a Defaulted Note, the unpaid portion (including the interest component, if applicable) thereof shall be deemed outstanding and shall not be deemed to be paid until the holders of such Note are paid the full principal amount represented by the unsecured portion of such Note plus interest accrued thereon (calculated at the Default Rate) to the date of deposit of such aggregate required amount with the Trustee. Holders of the Note Participations will be deemed to have received such principal amount upon deposit of such moneys with the Trustee.

### **Investment of Note Proceeds and Pledged Revenues**

The Note proceeds, or an amount related to the Note proceeds, less amounts used to pay costs of issuance, and the Pledged Revenues will be invested in the Treasury Pool (defined herein) of the County. See “INVESTMENT OF DISTRICT FUNDS” and APPENDIX H—“CONTRA COSTA COUNTY TREASURY POOL.” Certain other investments, including investment agreements to be held by the Trustee, are authorized by the Trust Agreement. For further information on the criteria therefor, see the definition of “Permitted Investments” in APPENDIX E.

### **Representations and Covenants of the Districts**

Each District has represented or covenanted, among other things, for the benefit of the Owners, the following:

(a) The District is duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State with all necessary power and authority to adopt its Note Resolution and perform its obligations thereunder, to enter into and perform its obligations under the Purchase Agreement (defined herein) for the Note Participations, and to issue its Note and perform its obligations thereunder.

(b) The issuance of the Note, the adoption of its Note Resolution and the execution and delivery of the Purchase Agreement and the Trust Agreement, and compliance with the provisions thereof, will not conflict with or violate any law, administrative regulation, court decree, resolution, charter, by-laws or other agreement to which the District is subject or by which it is bound.

(c) The District has duly, regularly and properly adopted its budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-21 setting forth expected revenues and expenditures, including any deferred State

apportionments, and has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements with respect to the adoption of such budget.

(e) The District will not incur any indebtedness secured by a pledge of its Pledged Revenues unless such pledge is subordinate in all respects to the pledge of Pledged Revenues as described herein.

(f) So long as the Note Participations to which such District's Note is attributable is Outstanding, the District will not create or suffer to be created any pledge of or lien on its Note other than the pledge and lien of the Trust Agreement.

(g) Each District, while its Note is outstanding, will not request the county treasurer-tax collector, or other similar officer (generally, a "Treasurer"), in custody of such District's funds (see "INVESTMENT OF DISTRICT FUNDS" herein) to make temporary transfers of funds in the custody of such Treasurer to meet any obligations of the District during Fiscal Year 2020-21 pursuant to Article XVI, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of California.

### **Events of Default and Remedies**

***Events of Default.*** Pursuant to each District's Note Resolution each of the following events is defined as an Event of Default with respect to the Notes:

(a) Failure by the District to make any payment required to be paid pursuant to its Note Resolution with respect to its Note, including payment of principal and interest thereon, on or before the date on which such payment is due and payable;

(b) Failure by the District to observe and perform any covenant, condition or agreement on its part to be observed or performed under its Note Resolution with respect to its Note, for a period of fifteen (15) days after written notice, specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied, is given to the District by the Trustee;

(c) Any warranty, representation or other statement by or on behalf of the District contained in its Note Resolution or the Purchase Agreement, or in any requisition or any financial report delivered by the District or in any instrument furnished in compliance with or in reference to its Note Resolution or the Purchase Agreement or in connection with the Note, is false or misleading in any material respect;

(d) A petition is filed against the District under any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency, readjustment of debt, dissolution or liquidation law of any jurisdiction, and is not dismissed within 30 days after such filing;

(e) The District files a petition in voluntary bankruptcy or seeking relief under any provision of any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency, readjustment of debt, dissolution or liquidation law of any jurisdiction, or the District consents to the filing of any such petition against it under such law; or

(f) The District admits insolvency or bankruptcy or is generally not paying its debts as such debts become due, or becomes insolvent or bankrupt or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or a custodian (including without limitation a receiver, liquidator or trustee) of the District or any of its property is appointed by court order or takes possession thereof and such order remains in effect or such possession continues for more than 30 days.

See also APPENDIX F – “DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS AND SUMMARY OF TRUST AGREEMENT – Default and Limitations of Liability.”

**Remedies.** Whenever any Event of Default shall be continuing, the Trustee shall, in addition to any other remedies provided by law or under the Trust Agreement, has the right, at its option without any further demand or notice, to take one or any combination of the following remedial steps:

(a) Without declaring the Note to be immediately due and payable, require the District to pay to the Trustee, as holder thereof, an amount equal to the principal of and interest thereon due to maturity, plus all other amounts due under the Note Resolution; or

(b) Take whatever other action at law or in equity (except for acceleration of payment on the Note) which may appear necessary or desirable to collect the amounts then due and thereafter to become due under its Note Resolution or to enforce any other of its rights thereunder.

### **INVESTMENT OF DISTRICT FUNDS**

Most school district funds are deposited into the treasury of the county, the county superintendent of which has jurisdiction over the school district, to the credit of the proper fund of such district. Certain moneys not required for the immediate necessities of a district may be invested in investments specified in Sections 16430 or 53601 of the Government Code. Accordingly, all funds of each participating District not subject to the exception, including cash receipts and other moneys intended as receipts for deposit to the general fund of such District, including such District’s Pledged Revenues and Unrestricted Revenues, are typically deposited with the pooled fund maintained by the County for the investment of surplus, discretionary and other moneys of, among others, special districts (the “County Treasury Pool”), to remain on deposit therein and generally available for the payment of current expenses and other obligations of the Districts, until deposited into their respective Payment Accounts. The Districts participating in the Program expect to invest their note proceeds in the County Treasury Pool. For information on the County Treasury Pool, see APPENDIX H—“CONTRA COSTA COUNTY TREASURY POOL.”

County treasury pools are subject to statutory restrictions and additional policy restrictions as may be determined by the respective county board of supervisors. Such treasury pools consist of the deposits of the applicable county, cities, special districts and other independent public agencies, with a certain class of “involuntary” depositors, including school districts. Discretionary treasury pool participants make up varying percentages of a county’s treasury pool, but always comprise a minority of those participants. Decisions as to the investment of a county treasury pool are made by a county investment officer, often the Treasurer (or similar officer), who establishes policies for such investments, taking into account the restrictions set forth in Section 53601 *et seq.* of the Government Code, the applicable county board’s policies, his or her own judgment, and certain other criteria such as safety of principal, liquidity and return on investment. Monthly or quarterly reports of investments in county treasury pools are made available to the respective boards of supervisors, and investments are subject to internal controls and audits.

Each county maintains a county treasury oversight committee, pursuant to Section 27131 of the Government Code, which meets periodically to review and monitor the investments and investment policies of the treasurer-tax collector (or similar officer) for compliance.

None of the Districts controls the investments made by the County in the County Treasury Pool, and the County Treasury Pool will fluctuate by the amount invested and compositions of the investments

during each fiscal year. Accordingly, the Districts cannot make representations regarding the security afforded by investments in the County Treasury Pool. For additional information on the County Treasury Pool, see APPENDIX H—“CONTRA COSTA COUNTY TREASURY POOL.”

## **RISK FACTORS**

*In evaluating a purchase of the Note Participations, potential investors should consider the following factors, together with all other information in this Official Statement. The following, however, do not purpose to be an exhaustive listing of risks and other considerations that may be relevant to an investment in the Note Participations. Moreover, the following is not presented in an order reflective of their important or significance to potential investors.*

### **Considerations Regarding COVID-19**

[TO BE UPDATED] An outbreak of disease or similar public health threat, such as the current coronavirus (“COVID-19”) outbreak, or fear of such an event, could have an adverse impact on the District’s financial condition and operating results. The spread of COVID-19 is having significant negative impacts throughout the world, including in the Districts. The World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a pandemic, and states of emergency have been declared by the State and the United States. The purpose behind these declarations are to coordinate and formalize emergency actions and across federal, State and local governmental agencies, and to proactively prepare for a wider spread of the virus.

State law allows school districts to apply for a waiver to hold them harmless from the loss of LCFF funding based on attendance and state instructional time penalties when they are forced to close schools due to emergency conditions. In addition, the Governor has enacted Executive Order N-26-20 (“Executive Order N-26-20”), which (i) generally streamlines the process of applying for such waivers for closures related to COVID-19 and (ii) directs school districts to use LCFF apportionment to fund distance learning and high quality educational opportunities, provide school meals and, as practicable, arrange for the supervision of students during school hours.

On March 17, 2020, Senate Bill 89 (“SB 89”) and Senate Bill 117 (“SB 117”) were signed by the Governor, both of which took effect immediately. SB 89 amends the Budget Act of 2019 by appropriating \$500,000,000 from the State general fund for any purpose related to the Governor’s March 4, 2020 emergency proclamation. SB 117, among other things, (i) specifies that for school districts that comply with Executive Order N-26-20, the ADA reported to the State Department of Education for the second period and the annual period for apportionment purposes for the 2019-20 school year only includes all full school months from July 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020, (ii) prevents the loss of funding related to an instructional time penalty because of a school closed due to the COVID-19 by deeming the instructional days and minutes requirements to have been met during the period of time the school was closed due to COVID-19, (iii) requires a school district to be credited with the ADA it would have received had it been able to operate its After School Education and Safety Program during the time the school was closed due to COVID-19, and (iv) appropriates \$100,000,000 from the State general fund to the State Superintendent to be apportioned to certain local educational agencies for purposes of purchasing personal protective equipment, or paying for supplies and labor related to cleaning school sites. On March 19, 2020, the Governor ordered all California residents to stay home or at their place of residence to protect the general health and well-being, except as needed to maintain continuity of 16 critical infrastructure sectors described therein (the “Stay Home Order”).

On March 27, 2020 the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”) was signed by the President of the United States. The CARES Act appropriates over \$2 trillion to, among other things, (i) provide cash payments to individuals, (ii) expand unemployment assistance and eligibility, (iii) provide emergency grants and loans for small businesses, (iv) provide loans and other assistance to corporations, including the airline industry, (v) provide funding for hospitals and community health centers, (vi) expand funding for safety net programs, including child nutrition programs, and (vii) provide aid to state and local governments.

To date there have been a number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County and health officials are expecting the number of confirmed cases to grow. The COVID-19 outbreak has resulted in the imposition of restrictions on mass gatherings and widespread temporary closings of businesses, universities and schools (including the Districts’ schools). The U.S. is restricting certain non-US citizens and permanent residents from entering the country. In addition, stock markets in the U.S. and globally have been volatile, with significant declines attributed to coronavirus concerns.

On June 29, 2020, Senate Bill 98 (“SB 98”), the education omnibus bill to the 2020-21 State Budget, was signed by the Governor, which took effect immediately. SB 98 provides that distance learning may be offered by a school district during the 2020-21 academic year on a local educational agency or schoolwide level as a result of an order or guidance from a State public health officer or a local public health officer or for pupils who are medically fragile or would be put at risk by in-person instruction, or who are self-quarantining because of exposure to COVID-19. SB 98 provides requirements for distance learning, including, but not limited to: (i) confirmation or provision of access for all pupils to connectivity and devices adequate to participate in the educational program and complete assigned work, (ii) content aligned to grade level standards that is provided at a level of quality and intellectual challenge substantially equivalent to in-person instruction, (iii) support for pupils who are not performing at grade level or need support in other areas, (iv) special education services, (v) designated and integrated instruction in English language development for English learners, and (vi) daily live interaction with certificated employees and peers. In addition, SB 98 provides that school districts will generally be funded based on ADA from the 2019-20 fiscal year, imposes limits on layoffs for certain classified and certificated employees during fiscal year 2020-21, suspends the annual instructional minutes requirement, and waives the requirement for adopting an LCAP or annual update to the LCAP for fiscal year 2020-21, while imposing a new requirement to adopt a learning continuity and attendance plan by September 30, 2020.

On August 28, 2020, the Governor released a revised system of guidelines for reopening - Blueprint for a Safer Economy (“Blueprint”). Blueprint assigns each of the State’s 58 counties into four color-coded tiers - purple, red, orange and yellow - in descending order of severity, based on the number of new daily cases of COVID-19 and the percentage of positive tests. Counties must remain in a tier for at least three weeks before advancing to the next one. To move forward, a county must meet the next tier’s criteria for two consecutive weeks. If a county’s case rate and positivity rate fall into different tiers, the county remains in the stricter tier. School districts can reopen for limited in-person instruction once their county has been in the red tier (daily new cases of 4-7 per 100,000 people and 5-8% positive tests) for at least two weeks. When they reopen, school districts must follow the guidelines for the reopening of schools and school based programs (the “Guidelines”), released by the Governor on July 17, 2020, as updated on August 3, 2020. Implementation of the Guidelines as part of a phased reopening will depend on local public health conditions, including community preparedness measures. In order to facilitate TK-6 schools to open for in-person instruction under specified conditions, the local health department may grant a waiver allowing such school to forego following the Guidelines.

Other potential impacts to the Districts associated with the COVID-19 outbreak include, but are not limited to, increasing costs and challenges relating to establishing distance learning programs or other

measures to permit instruction while schools remain closed, disruption of the regional and local economy with corresponding decreases in tax revenues, including property tax revenue, sales tax revenue and other revenues, increases in tax delinquencies, potential declines in property values, and decreases in new home sales, and real estate development. The economic consequences and the declines in the U.S. and global stock markets resulting from the spread of COVID-19, and responses thereto by local, State, and the federal governments, could have a material impact on the investments in the State pension trusts, which could materially increase the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the STRS Defined Benefit Program and PERS Schools Pool, which, in turn, could result in material changes to the Districts' required contribution rates in future fiscal years. "PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS' INFORMATION – Retirement Systems" herein.

The COVID-19 outbreak is ongoing, and the ultimate geographic spread of the virus, the duration and severity of the outbreak, and the economic and other of actions that may be taken by governmental authorities to contain the outbreak or to treat its impact are uncertain. Additional information with respect to events surrounding the outbreak of COVID-19 and responses thereto can be found on State and local government websites, including but not limited to the Governor's office (<http://www.gov.ca.gov>) and the California Department of Public Health (<https://covid19.ca.gov/>). *The District has not incorporated by reference the information on such websites, and the District does not assume any responsibility for the accuracy of the information on such websites.*

The ultimate impact of COVID-19 on the Districts' operations and finances is unknown. There can be no assurances that the spread of COVID-19, or the responses thereto by local, State, or the federal government, will not materially adversely impact the local, state and national economies, or adversely impact enrollment or average daily attendance within the Districts and, notwithstanding Executive Order N-26-20 or SB 117, materially adversely impact the financial condition or operations of the Districts, including the ability of such Districts to make the set-asides of Pledged Revenues (if required) or to otherwise pay their respective Notes as and when it becomes due.

### **Limited Obligations of the Districts**

The Note Participations are limited obligations of the Districts, severally and not jointly, payable solely from payments of principal of and interest on the Notes. The obligation of each District to pay principal of and interest on the Notes evidenced by the Note Participations does not constitute a debt of the Districts within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory debt limitation or restriction.

### **Limited Source of Repayment for Notes and Defaulted Notes**

The primary source of repayment of the Note Participations is payments on the Notes. In order for Owners of the Note Participations to be paid in full in a timely manner, 100% of the payments with respect to the Notes must be paid as and when due. A District is liable on its Note (even in the event that such Note becomes a Defaulted Note) only to the extent of its Unrestricted Revenues. If such Unrestricted Revenues are not sufficient to pay its Note or Defaulted Note, as the case may be, such District is not obligated to pay such Note or Defaulted Note from any other sources (including subsequent fiscal years' revenues).

### **Bankruptcy**

Pledged Revenues of the Districts may be invested with the each Treasury Pool. See "INVESTMENT OF DISTRICT FUNDS" herein. In the event of a petition for the adjustment of debts of any of the Districts under Chapter 9 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, or in the event of a bankruptcy of a County having jurisdiction over a district, while Pledged Revenues are invested in such County's



Treasury Pool, a court might hold that the Owners of the Note Participations do not have a valid prior lien on Pledged Revenues. In that case, unless such Owners could “trace” Pledged Revenues deposited into each Treasury Pool, the Owners would be unsecured (rather than secured) creditors of such District. The Districts can make no assurance that the Pledged Revenues can be so traced. As such, the filing of bankruptcy by one or more of the Districts could delay or impair the payment of all or a portion of the Note Participations. Further, the opinion of Bond Counsel as to the enforceability of the Notes is expressly qualified by a declaration of bankruptcy.

### **No Joint Obligation**

The obligation of a District to make payments on or in respect to its Note is a several and not a joint obligation and is strictly limited to such District’s repayment obligation under its Note Resolution and its Note.

## **FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN CALIFORNIA**

### **Major Revenues**

School district revenues consist primarily of guaranteed State moneys, local property taxes and funds received from the State in the form of categorical aid under ongoing programs of local assistance. All State aid is subject to the appropriation of funds in the State’s annual budget.

**Revenue Limit Funding.** Previously, school districts operated under general purpose revenue limits established by the State Department of Education. In general, revenue limits were calculated for each school district by multiplying the average daily student attendance (“ADA”) for such district by a base revenue limit per unit of ADA. Revenue limit calculations were subject to adjustment in accordance with a number of factors designed to provide cost of living adjustments (“COLAs”) and to equalize revenues among school districts of the same type. Funding of a school district’s revenue limit was provided by a mix of local property taxes and State apportionments of basic or equalization aid. Beginning in fiscal year 2013-14, school districts have been funded based on a system of uniform funding grants assigned to certain grade spans. See “—Local Control Funding Formula.”

**Local Control Funding Formula.** State Assembly Bill 97 (Stats. 2013, Chapter 47) (“AB 97”), enacted as part of the 2013-14 State budget, established the current system for funding school districts, charter schools and county offices of education. Certain provisions of AB 97 were amended and clarified by Senate Bill 91 (Stats. 2013, Chapter 49) (“SB 91”).

The primary component of AB 97 was the implementation of the Local Control Funding Formula (“LCFF”), which replaced the revenue limit funding system for determining State apportionments, as well as the majority of categorical program funding. State allocations are now provided on the basis of target base funding grants per unit of ADA (a “Base Grant”) assigned to each of four grade spans. Each Base Grant is subject to certain adjustments and add-ons, as discussed below. The LCFF was implemented over a period of eight years, during which an annual transition adjustment was calculated for each school district, equal to such district’s proportionate share of appropriations included in the State budget to close the gap between the prior-year funding level and the target allocation following full implementation of the LCFF. In each year, school districts had the same proportion of their respective funding gaps closed, with dollar amounts varying depending on the size of a district’s funding gap.

The Base Grants per unit of ADA for each grade span are as follows: (i) \$6,845 for grades K-3; (ii) \$6,947 for grades 4-6; (iii) \$7,154 for grades 7-8; and (iv) \$8,289 for grades 9-12. Beginning in fiscal year 2013-14, and for each subsequent year, the Base Grants are to be adjusted for COLAs by applying

the implicit price deflator for government goods and services. Following full implementation of the LCFF, the provision of COLAs will be subject to appropriation for such adjustment in the annual State budget. The differences among Base Grants are linked to differentials in statewide average revenue limit rates by district type, and are intended to recognize the generally higher costs of education at higher grade levels. See also “—State Assistance.”

The Base Grants for grades K-3 and 9-12 are subject to adjustments of 10.4% and 2.6%, respectively, to cover the costs of class size reduction in early grades and the provision of career technical education in high schools. Following full implementation of the LCFF, and unless otherwise collectively bargained for, school districts serving students in grades K-3 must maintain an average class enrollment of 24 or fewer students in grades K-3 at each school site in order to continue receiving the adjustment to the K-3 Base Grant. Such school districts must also make progress towards this class size reduction goal in proportion to the growth in their funding over the implementation period. The LCFF also provides additional add-ons to school districts that received categorical block grant funding pursuant to the Targeted Instructional Improvement and Home-to-School Transportation programs during fiscal year 2012-13.

School districts that serve students of limited English proficiency (“EL” students) and students from low income families that are eligible for free or reduced priced meals, including foster youth (“LI” students), are eligible to receive additional funding grants. Enrollment counts are unduplicated, such that students may not be counted as both EL and LI. AB 97 authorizes a supplemental grant add-on (each, a “Supplemental Grant”) for school districts that serve EL/LI students, equal to 20% of the applicable Base Grant multiplied by such districts’ percentage of unduplicated EL/LI student enrollment. School districts whose EL/LI populations exceed 55% of their total enrollment are eligible for a concentration grant add-on (each, a “Concentration Grant”) equal to 50% of the applicable Base Grant multiplied the percentage of such district’s unduplicated EL/LI student enrollment in excess of the 55% threshold.

The sum of a school district’s adjusted Base, Supplemental and Concentration Grants will be multiplied by such district’s P-2 ADA for the current or prior year, whichever is greater (with certain adjustments applicable to small school districts). This funding amount, together with any applicable ERT or categorical block grant add-ons, will yield a district’s total LCFF allocation. Generally, the amount of annual State apportionments received by a school district will amount to the difference between such total LCFF allocation and such district’s share of applicable local property taxes. Most school districts receive a significant portion of their funding from such State apportionments. As a result, decreases in State revenues may significantly affect appropriations made by the Legislature to school districts.

Certain schools districts, known as “basic aid” (or “community supported”) districts, have allocable local property tax collections that equal or exceed such districts’ total LCFF allocation, and result in the receipt of no State apportionment aid. Basic aid school districts receive only special categorical funding, which is deemed to satisfy the “basic aid” requirement of \$120 per student per year guaranteed by Article IX, Section 6 of the State Constitution. The implication for basic aid districts is that the legislatively determined allocations to school districts, and other politically determined factors, are less significant in determining their primary funding sources. Rather, property tax growth and the local economy are the primary determinants. For the 2020-21 fiscal year, none of the Districts expect to qualify as basic aid school district.

**Accountability.** Regulations adopted by the State Board of Education require that school districts increase or improve services for EL/LI students in proportion to the increase in funds apportioned to such districts on the basis of the number and concentration of such EL/LI students, and detail the conditions under which school districts can use supplemental or concentration funding on a school-wide or district-wide basis.

School districts are also required to adopt local control and accountability plans (“LCAPs”) disclosing annual goals for all students, as well as certain numerically significant student subgroups, to be achieved in eight areas of State priority identified by the LCFF. LCAPs may also specify additional local priorities. LCAPs must specify the actions to be taken to achieve each goal, including actions to correct identified deficiencies with regard to areas of State priority. LCAPs, which cover a three-year period, are required to be updated annually. The State Board of Education has developed and adopted a template LCAP for use by school districts.

***Support and Intervention.*** AB 97, as amended by SB 91, established a new system of support and intervention to assist school districts meet the performance expectations outlined in their respective LCAPs. School districts must adopt their LCAPs (or annual updates thereto) in tandem with their annual operating budgets, and not later than five days thereafter submit such LCAPs or updates to their respective county superintendents of schools. On or before August 15 of each year, a county superintendent may seek clarification regarding the contents of a district’s LCAP (or annual update thereto), and the district is required to respond to such a request within 15 days. Within 15 days of receiving such a response, the county superintendent can submit non-binding recommendations for amending the LCAP or annual update, and such recommendations must be considered by the respective school district at a public hearing within 15 days. A district’s LCAP or annual update must be approved by the county superintendent by October 8 of each year if the superintendent determines that (i) the LCAP or annual update adheres to the State template, and (ii) the district’s budgeted expenditures are sufficient to implement the actions and strategies outlined in the LCAP.

A school district is required to receive additional support if its respective LCAP or annual update thereto is not approved, if the district requests technical assistance from its respective county superintendent, or if the district does not improve student achievement across more than one State priority for one or more student subgroups. Such support can include a review of a district’s strengths and weaknesses in the eight State priority areas, or the assignment of an academic expert to assist the district identify and implement programs designed to improve outcomes. Assistance may be provided by the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence, a state agency created by the LCFF and charged with assisting school districts achieve the goals set forth in their LCAPs. The State Board of Education has developed rubrics to assess school district performance and the need for support and intervention.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction (the “State Superintendent”) is further authorized, with the approval of the State Board of Education, to intervene in the management of persistently underperforming school districts. The State Superintendent may intervene directly or assign an academic trustee to act on his or her behalf. In so doing, the State Superintendent is authorized (i) to modify a district’s LCAP, (ii) impose budget revisions designed to improve student outcomes, and (iii) stay or rescind actions of the local governing board that would prevent such district from improving student outcomes; provided, however, that the State Superintendent is not authorized to rescind an action required by a local collective bargaining agreement.

## **Other Revenue Sources**

***Other State Sources.*** In addition to State allocations determined pursuant to the LCFF, the Districts receives other State revenues consisting primarily of restricted revenues designed to implement State mandated programs. Beginning in fiscal year 2013-14, categorical spending restrictions associated with a majority of State mandated programs were eliminated, and funding for these programs was folded into the LCFF. Categorical funding for certain programs was excluded from the LCFF, and school districts will continue to receive restricted State revenues to fund these programs.

The California lottery is another source of funding for school districts, providing approximately 1% to 3% of a school district's budget. Every school district receives the same amount of lottery funds per pupil from the State; however, these are not categorical funds as they are not for particular programs or children. The initiative authorizing the lottery mandates the funds be used for instructional purposes, and prohibits their use for capital purposes.

**Other Sources.** The federal government provides funding for several school district programs, including specialized programs such as Every Student Succeeds Act, special education programs, and programs under the Educational Consolidation and Improvement Act. In addition, portions of a school district's budget can come from local sources other than property taxes, including but not limited to parcel taxes, pass-through redevelopment revenues, developer fees, interest income, leases and rentals, foundations, donations and sales of property.

## **State Assistance**

*The following information concerning the State's budget has been obtained from publicly available information which the Districts and the Underwriters believe to be reliable; however, neither the Districts nor the Underwriters guaranty the accuracy or completeness of this information, and neither of the foregoing has independently verified such information.*

**2020-21 State Budget.** On June 29, 2020, the Governor signed into law the State budget for fiscal year 2020-21 (the "2020-21 Budget"). The following information is drawn from the DOF's summary of the 2020-21 Budget.

As with the Governor's May revision (the "May Revision") to the proposed State budget, the 2020-21 Budget acknowledges that the rapid onset of COVID-19 has had an immediate and severe impact on the State's economy. The ensuing recession has caused significant job losses, precipitous drops in family and business income, and has exacerbated inequality. The May Revision forecast included a peak unemployment rate of 24.5% in the second quarter of 2020 and a decline in personal income of nearly 9%. The 2020-21 Budget reports that the official unemployment rate exceeded 16% in both April and May of 2020.

The 2020-21 Budget includes a number of measures intended to address a projected deficit of \$54.3 billion identified by the May Revision, and occasioned principally by declines in the State's three main tax revenues (personal income, sales and use, and corporate). The measures included in the 2020-21 Budget, and described below, are intended to close this deficit and set aside \$2.6 billion in the State's traditional general fund reserve, including \$716 million for the State to respond to the changing conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic:

- *Draw Down of Reserves* – The 2020-21 Budget draws down \$8.8 billion in total State reserves, including \$7.8 billion from the BSA, \$450 million from the Safety Net Reserve and all funds in the PSSSA.
- *Triggers* – The 2020-21 Budget includes \$11.1 billion in reductions and deferrals that would be restored if at least \$14 billion in federal funds are received by October 15, 2020. If the State receives less than this amount, reductions and deferrals would be partially restored. The triggers includes \$6.6 billion in deferred spending on education, \$970 million in funding for the California State University and University of California systems, \$2.8 billion in State employee compensation and \$150 million for courts, as well as funding for various other State programs. The triggers would also fund an additional \$250 million for county programs to backfill revenue losses.

- *Federal Funds* – The 2020-21 Budget relies on \$10.1 billion in federal funds, including \$8.1 billion of which has already been received. This relief includes recent congressional approval for a temporary increase in the federal government’s share of Medicaid costs, a portion of the State’s Coronavirus Relief Fund allocation pursuant to the CARES Act and federal funds provided for childcare programs.
- *Borrowing/Transfers/Deferrals* – The 2020-21 Budget relies on \$9.3 billion in special fund borrowing and transfers, as well as deferrals to K-14 education discussed further herein. Approximately \$900 million of special fund borrowing is associated with reductions to State employee compensation and is subject to the triggers discussed above.
- *Increased Revenues* – The 2020-21 Budget temporarily suspends for three years net operating loss tax deductions for medium and large businesses and limits business tax credits, with an estimated increase in tax revenues of \$4.3 billion in fiscal year 2020-21.
- *Cancelled Expansions, Updated Assumptions and Other Measures* – The 2020-21 Budget includes an additional \$10.6 billion of measures, including cancelling multiple programmatic expansions, anticipated governmental efficiencies, higher ongoing revenues above the forecast included in the May Revision, and lower health and human services caseload costs than assumed by the May Revision.

For fiscal year 2019-20, the 2020-21 Budget projects total general fund revenues and transfers of \$137.6 billion and authorizes expenditures of \$146.9 billion. The State is projected to end the 2019-20 fiscal year with total available general fund reserves of \$17 billion, including \$16.1 billion in the BSA and \$900 million in the Safety Net Reserve Fund. For fiscal year 2020-21, the 2020-21 Budget projects total general fund revenues and transfers of \$137.7 billion and authorizes expenditures of \$133.9 billion. The State is projected to end the 2020-21 fiscal year with total available general fund reserves of \$11.4 billion, including \$2.6 billion in the traditional general fund reserve (of which \$716 million is earmarked for COVID-related responses), \$8.3 billion in the BSA and \$450 million in the Safety Net Reserve Fund.

As a result of the projected reduction of State revenues occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020-21 Budget estimates that the Proposition 98 minimum funding guarantee for fiscal year 2020-21 is \$70.1 billion, approximately \$10 billion below the revised prior-year funding level. For K-12 school districts, this results in per-pupil spending in fiscal year 2020-21 of \$10,654, a reduction of \$1,339 from the prior year.

The 2020-21 Budget proposes several measures intended to ameliorate the immediate impact of State revenue declines, and avoid a permanent decline in education funding:

- *Local Control Funding Formula* – The 2020-21 Budget provides for \$1.9 billion in LCFF apportionment deferrals for fiscal year 2019-20. The deferrals increase to \$11 billion in fiscal year 2020-21, which results in LCFF funding remaining at 2019-20 levels in both years. The 2020-21 Budget also suspends the statutory COLA in fiscal 2020-21. Of the total deferrals, \$5.8 billion will be triggered off in fiscal year 2020-21 if sufficient federal funding for this purpose is received.
- *Learning Loss Mitigation* – The 2020-21 Budget includes a one-time investment of \$5.3 billion (\$4.75 billion in CARES Act funding and \$539.9 million in Proposition 98 funding) to local educational agencies to address learning losses related to COVID-19 school closures. Of these funds, \$2.9 billion will be allocated based on LCFF supplemental and concentration

grant allocations, \$1.5 billion based on the number of students with exceptional needs, and \$979.8 million based on total LCFF allocations.

- *Supplemental Appropriations* – The 2020-21 Budget provides for a new, multi-year payment obligation to supplement K-14 education funding. The total obligation would equal approximately \$12.4 billion, and reflects the administration’s estimate of the additional funding K-14 school districts would have received in the absence of COVID-19-related reductions. Under this proposal the State will make annual payments toward this obligation beginning in fiscal year 2021-22. These payments would equal 1.5% of State general fund revenue. The 2020-21 Budget also increases the share of State general fund revenue required to be spent on K-14 school districts from 38% to 40% by fiscal year 2023-24.
- *CalSTRS/CalPERS* – The 2020-21 Budget redirects \$2.3 billion in funds previously appropriated for prefunding CalSTRS and CalPERS liabilities, and instead applies them to further reduce local educational agency contribution rates for such programs in fiscal years 2020-21 and 2021-22. This reduces CalSTRS employer rates to 16.15% in fiscal year 2020-21 and 16.02% in fiscal year 2021-22. CalPERS employer rates would be reduced to 20.7% in fiscal year 2020-21 and 22.84% in fiscal year 2021-22. See also “PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS’ INFORMATION – Retirement Systems” herein.
- *Federal Funds* – In addition to the CARES Act funding previously discussed, the 2020-21 Budget appropriates \$1.6 billion in federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds recently awarded to the State. Of this amount, approximately \$1.5 billion will be allocated to local educational agencies in proportion to the amount of federal Title I-A funding such agencies receive, to be used for COVID-19 related costs. The remaining amount will be allocated to state-level activities.
- *Temporary Revenue Increases* – As discussed above, as part of closing the State’s projected deficit, the 2020-21 Budget provides for a temporary revenue increase of approximately \$4.3 billion in fiscal year 2020-21, of which approximately \$1.6 billion counts towards the Proposition 98 funding guarantee.

Other significant features of K-12 education funding in the 2020-21 Budget include the following:

- *Special Education* – The 2020-21 Budget increases special education base rates to \$625 per pupil, and provides \$100 million to increase funding for students with low-incidence disabilities.
- *Average Daily Attendance* – The 2020-21 Budget provides for a hold-harmless for calculating apportionments in fiscal year 2020-21. ADA will be based on the 2019-20 year, except for new charter schools commencing instruction in fiscal year 2020-21. The 2020-21 Budget also provides an exemption for local educational agencies from certain annual minimum instructional minute requirements, and includes requirements for distance learning to ensure that, in the absence of in-person instruction, students continue to receive access to quality education.
- *LCAPs* – In April of 2020, the Governor issued an executive order allowing local educational agencies to submit their LCAP for fiscal year 2020-21 in December, in lieu of the usual July 1 deadline. Recognizing that federal relief funds need to be expended on an accelerated timeline, and to ensure transparency, the 2020-21 Budget replaces the December LCAP with

a Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan to be completed by September 30, 2020. The 2020-21 Budget requires the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop a template of this plan for use by local educational agencies which will include a description of how such agencies will provide continuity of learning during the pandemic, expenditures related to addressing the impacts of the pandemic, and how such agencies are increasing or improving services in proportion to concentration funding that is received under the LCFF.

- *Employee Protections* – The 2020-21 Budget suspends school districts’ window to lay off teachers and other non-administrative certificated staff, which typically runs from the time the budget is approved by the State Legislature to August 15. The 2020-21 Budget also suspends layoffs of classified staff working in transportation, nutrition and custodial services from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

For additional information regarding the 2020-21 Budget, see the DOF website at [www.dof.ca.gov](http://www.dof.ca.gov). However, the information presented on such website is not incorporated herein by reference.

***Future Actions and Events.*** The Districts cannot predict what actions will be taken in the future by the State legislature and the Governor to address changing State revenues and expenditures. The Districts also cannot predict the impact such actions will have on State revenues available in the current or future years for education. The State budget will be affected by national and State economic conditions and other factors over which the Districts will have no control. Certain actions or results could produce a significant shortfall of revenue and cash, and could consequently impair the State’s ability to fund schools. The COVID-19 pandemic has already resulted in significant negative economic effects at State and federal levels, and additional negative economic effects are possible, each of which could negatively impact anticipated State revenue levels. In addition, the pandemic could also result in higher State expenditures, of both a direct nature (such as those related to managing the outbreak) and an indirect nature (such as higher public usage of need-based programs resulting from unemployment or disability). See “RISK FACTORS – Considerations Regarding COVID-19” herein. The Districts also cannot predict whether the federal government will provide additional funding in amounts sufficient to offset any of the fiscal impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic described above. State budget shortfalls in future fiscal years may also have an adverse financial impact on the financial condition of the Districts.

## **PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS’ INFORMATION**

The information regarding the Districts has been taken or constructed from the official records of the Districts. Such information has been reviewed by an authorized representative of each District acting in his or her official capacity. Such representative has determined that as of the date hereof the information contained herein is, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, true and correct in all material respects and does not contain an untrue statement of a material fact, or omit to state a material fact, necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

### **General Information Regarding Districts**

The Districts have each made the following representations with respect to its financial and operational facts:

- During the past 10 years, the District has not failed to deposit moneys in their repayment funds established for the payment of principal of and interest on tax and revenue anticipation notes issued by or on behalf of the District (if any);

- During the past 10 years, the District has not defaulted on a lease or debt obligation;
- There is no action, suit, proceeding or investigation pending or threatened which, if determined adversely to the District, could materially adversely impact the District's ability to repay its Note;
- No other conditions or events, including but not limited to labor disputes or hazardous materials, exist or have occurred which may materially adversely affect the finances of the District; and
- The District knows of no other information which should be disclosed in connection with the issuance of the Notes, in order to make the information in this Official Statement, in the light of the circumstances, in which it is presented not misleading.

## **Risk Management**

Each of the Districts is exposed to various risks associated with loss related to torts, damage and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, employee injuries, cyber intrusions and natural disasters. Each of the Districts addresses this risk through a combination of commercial insurance, self insurance and participation in certain public entity risk pools, with coverage in such amounts and with such retentions and other terms providing coverages for property damage, fire and theft, general public liability and workers' compensation, as are adequate, customary and comparable with such insurance maintained by similarly situated school districts.

## **Retirement Systems**

*The information set forth below regarding the STRS and PERS retirement programs (as defined herein) has been obtained from publicly available sources which are believed to be reliable but are not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness, and should not to be construed as a representation by any of the Districts, the Municipal Advisor or the Underwriters. For information specific regarding each District's contributions towards the STRS and PERS programs, see APPENDIX I hereto.*

**STRS.** All full-time certificated employees, as well as certain classified employees, are members of the State Teachers' Retirement System ("STRS"). STRS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits to plan members and beneficiaries under a defined benefit program (the "STRS Defined Benefit Program"). The STRS Defined Benefit Program is funded through a combination of investment earnings and statutorily set contributions from three sources: employees, employers, and the State. Benefit provisions and contribution amounts are established by State statutes, as legislatively amended from time to time.

Prior to fiscal year 2014-15, and unlike typical defined benefit programs, none of the employee, employer nor State contribution rates to the STRS Defined Benefit Program varied annually to make up funding shortfalls or assess credits for actuarial surpluses. In recent years, the combined employer, employee and State contributions to the STRS Defined Benefit Program have not been sufficient to pay actuarially required amounts. As a result, and due to significant investment losses, the unfunded actuarial liability of the STRS Defined Benefit Program has increased significantly in recent fiscal years. In September 2013, STRS projected that the STRS Defined Benefit Program would be depleted in 31 years assuming existing contribution rates continued, and other significant actuarial assumptions were realized. In an effort to reduce the unfunded actuarial liability of the STRS Defined Benefit Program, the State passed the legislation described below to increase contribution rates.

Prior to July 1, 2014, K-14 school districts were required by such statutes to contribute 8.25% of eligible salary expenditures, while participants contributed 8% of their respective salaries. On



June 24, 2014, the Governor signed AB 1469 (“AB 1469”) into law as a part of the State’s fiscal year 2014-15 budget. AB 1469 seeks to fully fund the unfunded actuarial obligation with respect to service credited to members of the STRS Defined Benefit Program before July 1, 2014 (the “2014 Liability”), within 32 years, by increasing member, K-14 school district and State contributions to STRS. Commencing July 1, 2014, the employee contribution rate increased over a three-year phase-in period in accordance with the following schedule:

**MEMBER CONTRIBUTION RATES  
STRS (Defined Benefit Program)**

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>STRS Members Hired Prior to January 1, 2013</u>	<u>STRS Members Hired After January 1, 2013</u>
July 1, 2014	8.150%	8.150%
July 1, 2015	9.200	8.560
July 1, 2016	10.250	9.205

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*Source: AB 1469.*

Pursuant to the Reform Act (defined below), the contribution rates for members hired after the Implementation Date (defined below) will be adjusted if the normal cost increases by more than 1% since the last time the member contribution was set. The contribution rate for employees hired after the Implementation Date (defined below) increased from 9.205% of creditable compensation for fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 to 10.205% of creditable compensation effective July 1, 2018. For fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019, the contribution rate was 10.250% for employees hired before the Implementation Date and 10.205% for employees hired after the Implementation Date. For fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, the contribution rate will be 10.250% for employees hired before the Implementation Date and 10.205% employees hired after the Implementation Date.

Pursuant to AB 1469, K-14 school districts’ contribution rate will increase over a seven-year phase-in period in accordance with the following schedule:

**K-14 SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION RATES  
STRS (Defined Benefit Program)**

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>K-14 school districts</u>
July 1, 2014	8.88%
July 1, 2015	10.73
July 1, 2016	12.58
July 1, 2017	14.43
July 1, 2018	16.28
July 1, 2019	18.13
July 1, 2020	19.10

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*Source: AB 1469.*

Based upon the recommendation from its actuary, for fiscal year 2021-22 and each fiscal year thereafter the STRS Teachers’ Retirement Board (the “STRS Board”), is required to increase or decrease the K-14 school districts’ contribution rate to reflect the contribution required to eliminate the remaining 2014 Liability by June 30, 2046; provided that the rate cannot change in any fiscal year by more than 1% of creditable compensation upon which members’ contributions to the STRS Defined Benefit Program are based; and provided further that such contribution rate cannot exceed a maximum of 20.25%. In addition

to the increased contribution rates discussed above, AB 1469 also requires the STRS Board to report to the State Legislature every five years (commencing with a report due on or before July 1, 2019) on the fiscal health of the STRS Defined Benefit Program and the unfunded actuarial obligation with respect to service credited to members of that program before July 1, 2014. The reports are also required to identify adjustments required in contribution rates for K-14 school districts and the State in order to eliminate the 2014 Liability.

On June 27, 2019, the Governor signed SB 90 (“SB 90”) into law as a part of the 2019-20 Budget. Pursuant to SB 90, the State Legislature appropriated \$2.246 billion to be transferred to the Teacher’s Retirement Fund for the STRS Defined Benefit Program to pay in advance, on behalf of employers, part of the contributions required for fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21, resulting in K-14 school districts having to contribute 1.03% less in fiscal year 2019-20 and 0.70% less in fiscal year 2020-21, resulting in employer contribution rates of 17.1% in fiscal year 2019-20 and 18.4% in fiscal year 2020-21. In addition, the State made a contribution of \$1.117 billion to be allocated to reduce the employer’s share of the unfunded actuarial obligation determined by the STRS Board upon recommendation from its actuary. This additional payment will be reflected in the June 30, 2020 actuarial valuation. Subsequently, the State’s 2020-21 Budget redirected \$2.3 billion previously appropriated to STRS and PERS pursuant to SB 90 for long-term unfunded liabilities to further reduce the employer contribution rates in fiscal year 2020-21 and 2021-22. As a result, the effective employer contribution rate is 16.15% in fiscal year 2020-21 and is projected to be 16.02% in fiscal year 2021-22. See also “FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN CALIFORNIA – State Assistance” herein.

The State also contributes to STRS, currently in an amount equal to 7.828% for fiscal year 2019-20 and 8.328% for fiscal year 2020-21. The State’s contribution reflects a base contribution rate of 2.017%, and a supplemental contribution rate that will vary from year to year based on statutory criteria. Based upon the recommendation from its actuary, for fiscal year 2017-18 and each fiscal year thereafter, the STRS Board is required, with certain limitations, to increase or decrease the State’s contribution rates to reflect the contribution required to eliminate the unfunded actuarial accrued liability attributed to benefits in effect before July 1, 1990. The STRS Board approved State supplemental contribution rate for fiscal year 2020-21 reflects an increase of 0.5% of payroll, the maximum allowed under current law.

In addition, the State is currently required to make an annual general fund contribution up to 2.5% of the fiscal year covered STRS member payroll to the Supplemental Benefit Protection Account (the “SBPA”), which was established by statute to provide supplemental payments to beneficiaries whose purchasing power has fallen below 85% of the purchasing power of their initial allowance.

**PERS.** Classified employees working four or more hours per day are members of the Public Employees’ Retirement System (“PERS”). PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by the State statutes, as legislatively amended from time to time. PERS operates a number of retirement plans including the Public Employees Retirement Fund (“PERF”). PERF is a multiple-employer defined benefit retirement plan. In addition to the State, employer participants at June 30, 2018 included 1,579 public agencies and 1,313 K-14 school districts and charter schools. PERS acts as the common investment and administrative agent for the member agencies. The State and K-14 school districts (for “classified employees,” which generally consist of school employees other than teachers) are required by law to participate in PERF. Employees participating in PERF generally become fully vested in their retirement benefits earned to date after five years of credited service. One of the plans operated by PERS is for K-14 school districts throughout the State (the “Schools Pool”).

Contributions by employers to the Schools Pool are based upon an actuarial rate determined annually and contributions by plan members vary based upon their date of hire. The employer

contribution rate for fiscal year 2020-21 is 20.7%, which reflects an initial actuarially determined rate of 23.35% that was reduced by pursuant to SB 90 (discussed below) and further reduced by the State's 2020-21 Budget as a result of the redirection of funds previously appropriated pursuant to SB 90 for long-term unfunded liabilities (discussed above). The State's 2020-21 State Budget projects an employer contribution rate of 22.84% in fiscal year 2021-22. See also "FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN CALIFORNIA – State Assistance" herein. Participants enrolled in PERS prior to January 1, 2013 contribute at a rate established by statute, which is 7% of their respective salaries in fiscal year 2019-20 and will be 7% of such salaries in fiscal year 2020-21, while participants enrolled after January 1, 2013 contribute at an actuarially determined rate, which is 7% in fiscal year 2019-20 and will be 7% in fiscal year 2020-21. See "—California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013" herein.

Pursuant to SB 90, the State Legislature appropriated \$144 million for fiscal year 2019-20 and \$100 million for fiscal year 2020-21 to be transferred to the Public Employees' Retirement Fund, to pay in advance, on behalf of K-14 school district employers, part of the contributions required for K-14 school district employers for such fiscal years. In addition, the State Legislature appropriated \$660 million to be applied toward certain unfunded liabilities for K-14 school district employers. As a result of the payments made by the State pursuant to SB 90, the employer contribution rate for fiscal year 2019-20 was 19.721%. See also "FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN CALIFORNIA – State Assistance" herein.

For more information regarding the individual PERS contributions made by each District, see APPENDIX I hereto.

**State Pension Trusts.** Each of STRS and PERS issues a separate comprehensive financial report that includes financial statements and required supplemental information. Copies of such financial reports may be obtained from each of STRS and PERS as follows: (i) STRS, P.O. Box 15275, Sacramento, California 95851-0275; (ii) PERS, P.O. Box 942703, Sacramento, California 94229-2703. Moreover, each of STRS and PERS maintains a website, as follows: (i) STRS: [www.calstrs.com](http://www.calstrs.com); (ii) PERS: [www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov). However, the information presented in such financial reports or on such websites is not incorporated into this Official Statement by any reference.

Both STRS and PERS have substantial statewide unfunded liabilities. The amount of these unfunded liabilities will vary depending on actuarial assumptions, returns on investments, salary scales and participant contributions. The following table summarizes information regarding the actuarially-determined accrued liability for both STRS and PERS. Actuarial assessments are "forward-looking" information that reflect the judgment of the fiduciaries of the pension plans, and are based upon a variety of assumptions, one or more of which may not materialize or be changed in the future. Actuarial assessments will change with the future experience of the pension plans.

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**FUNDED STATUS**  
**STRS (Defined Benefit Program) and PERS (Schools Pool)**  
**(Dollar Amounts in Millions) <sup>(1)</sup>**  
**Fiscal Years 2010-11 through 2018-19**

<b><u>STRS</u></b>					
<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b>	<b><u>Accrued Liability</u></b>	<b><u>Value of Trust Assets (MVA) <sup>(2)</sup></u></b>	<b><u>Unfunded Liability (MVA) <sup>(2)</sup></u></b>	<b><u>Value of Trust Assets (AVA) <sup>(3)</sup></u></b>	<b><u>Unfunded Liability (AVA) <sup>(3)</sup></u></b>
2010-11	\$208,405	\$147,140	\$68,365	\$143,930	\$64,475
2011-12	215,189	143,118	80,354	144,232	70,957
2012-13	222,281	157,176	74,374	148,614	73,667
2013-14	231,213	179,749	61,807	158,495	72,718
2014-15	241,753	180,633	72,626	165,553	76,200
2015-16	266,704	177,914	101,586	169,976	96,728
2016-17	286,950	197,718	103,468	179,689	107,261
2017-18	297,603	211,367	101,992	190,451	107,152
2018-19	310,719	225,466	102,636	205,016	105,703

<b><u>PERS</u></b>					
<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b>	<b><u>Accrued Liability</u></b>	<b><u>Value of Trust Assets (MVA)</u></b>	<b><u>Unfunded Liability (MVA)</u></b>	<b><u>Value of Trust Assets (AVA) <sup>(3)</sup></u></b>	<b><u>Unfunded Liability (AVA) <sup>(3)</sup></u></b>
2010-11	\$58,358	\$45,901	\$12,457	\$51,547	\$6,811
2011-12	59,439	44,854	14,585	53,791	5,648
2012-13	61,487	49,482	12,005	56,250	5,237
2013-14	65,600	56,838	8,761	-- <sup>(4)</sup>	-- <sup>(4)</sup>
2014-15	73,325	56,814	16,511	-- <sup>(4)</sup>	-- <sup>(4)</sup>
2015-16	77,544	55,785	21,759	-- <sup>(4)</sup>	-- <sup>(4)</sup>
2016-17	84,416	60,865	23,551	-- <sup>(4)</sup>	-- <sup>(4)</sup>
2017-18	92,071	64,846	27,225	-- <sup>(4)</sup>	-- <sup>(4)</sup>
2018-19 <sup>(5)</sup>	99,528	68,177	31,351	-- <sup>(4)</sup>	-- <sup>(4)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Amounts may not add due to rounding.

<sup>(2)</sup> Reflects market value of assets, including the assets allocated to the SBPA reserve. Since the benefits provided through the SBPA are not a part of the projected benefits included in the actuarial valuations summarized above, the SBPA reserve is subtracted from the STRS Defined Benefit Program assets to arrive at the value of assets available to support benefits included in the respective actuarial valuations.

<sup>(3)</sup> Reflects actuarial value of assets.

<sup>(4)</sup> Effective for the June 30, 2014 actuarial valuation, PERS no longer uses an actuarial value of assets.

<sup>(5)</sup> On April 21, 2020, the PERS Board (defined below) approved the K-14 school district contribution rate for fiscal year 2020-21 and released certain actuarial information to be incorporated into the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation to be released in the latter half of 2020.

Source: PERS Schools Pool Actuarial Valuation; STRS Defined Benefit Program Actuarial Valuation.

The STRS Board has sole authority to determine the actuarial assumptions and methods used for the valuation of the STRS Defined Benefit Program. Based on the multi-year CalSTRS Experience Analysis (spanning from July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2015) (the “2017 Experience Analysis”), on February 1, 2017, the STRS Board adopted a new set of actuarial assumptions that reflect member’s increasing life expectancies and current economic trends. These new assumptions were first reflected in the STRS Defined Benefit Program Actuarial Valuation, as of June 30, 2016 (the “2016 STRS Actuarial Valuation”). The new actuarial assumptions include, but are not limited to: (i) adopting a generational mortality methodology to reflect past improvements in life expectancies and provide a more dynamic assessment of future life spans, (ii) decreasing the investment rate of return (net of investment and administrative expenses) to 7.25% for the 2016 STRS Actuarial Valuation and 7.00% for the June 30,

2017 actuarial evaluation (the “2017 STRS Actuarial Valuation”), and (iii) decreasing the projected wage growth to 3.50% and the projected inflation rate to 2.75%.

Based on the multi-year CalSTRS Experience Analysis (spanning from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2018) (the “2020 Experience Analysis”), on January 31, 2020, the STRS Board adopted a new set of actuarial assumptions that were first reflected in the STRS Defined Benefit Program Actuarial Valuation, as of June 30, 2019 (the “2019 STRS Actuarial Valuation”). While no changes were made to the actuarial assumptions discussed above, which were established as a result of the 2017 Experience Analysis, certain demographic changes were made, including: (i) lowering the termination rates to reflect a continued trend of lower than expected teachers leaving their employment prior to retirement, and (ii) adopting changes to the retirement rates for both employees hire before the Implementation Date and after the Implementation Date to better reflect the anticipated impact of years of service on retirements. The 2019 STRS Actuarial Valuation continues using the Entry Age Normal Actuarial Cost Method.

Based on salary increases less than assumed, additional State contributions, and actuarial asset gains recognized from the current and prior years, the 2019 STRS Actuarial Valuation reports that the unfunded actuarial obligation decreased by \$1.5 billion since the 2018 STRS Actuarial Valuation and the funded ratio increased by 2.0% to 66.0% over such time period.

According to the 2019 STRS Actuarial Valuation, the future revenues from contributions and appropriations for the STRS Defined Benefit Program are projected to be approximately sufficient to finance its obligations with a projected ending funded ratio in fiscal year ending June 30, 2046 of 99.9%, except for a small portion of the unfunded actuarial obligation related to service accrued on or after July 1, 2014 for member benefits adopted after 1990, for which AB 1469 provides no authority to the STRS Board to adjust rates to pay down that portion of the unfunded actuarial obligation. This finding reflects the scheduled contribution rate increases directed by statute, assumes additional increases in the scheduled contribution rates allowed under the current law will be made, and is based on the valuation assumptions and valuation policy adopted by the STRS Board, including a 7.00% investment rate of return assumption and includes the \$1.117 billion State contribution made in July 2019 pursuant to SB 90.

The actuary for the STRS Defined Benefit Program notes in the 2019 STRS Actuarial Report that, since such report is dated as of June 30, 2019, the significant declines in the investment markets that have occurred in the first half the 2020 calendar year are not directly reflected in the 2019 STRS Actuarial Report. The actuary notes that such declines will almost certainly impact the future of the STRS Defined Benefit Program funding, and that, all things being equal, it is expected that the actuarial valuation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 will show a greater increase in the projected State contribution rate (and possibly the employer rate) and a possible decline in the funded ratio. See also “RISK FACTORS – Considerations Regarding COVID-19” herein.

In recent years, the PERS Board of Administration (the “PERS Board”) has taken several steps, as described below, intended to reduce the amount of the unfunded accrued actuarial liability of its plans, including the Schools Pool.

On March 14, 2012, the PERS Board voted to lower the PERS’ rate of expected price inflation and its investment rate of return (net of administrative expenses) (the “PERS Discount Rate”) from 7.75% to 7.5%. On February 18, 2014, the PERS Board voted to keep the PERS Discount Rate unchanged at 7.5%. On November 17, 2015, the PERS Board approved a new funding risk mitigation policy to incrementally lower the PERS Discount Rate by establishing a mechanism whereby such rate is reduced by a minimum of 0.05% to a maximum of 0.25% in years when investment returns outperform the existing PERS Discount Rate by at least four percentage points. On December 21, 2016, the PERS Board voted to lower the PERS Discount Rate to 7.0% over a three year phase-in period in accordance with the

following schedule: 7.375% for the June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation, 7.25% for the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation and 7.00% for the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation. The new discount rate went into effect July 1, 2017 for the State and July 1, 2018 for K-14 school districts and other public agencies. Lowering the PERS Discount Rate means employers that contract with PERS to administer their pension plans will see increases in their normal costs and unfunded actuarial liabilities. Active members hired after January 1, 2013, under the Reform Act (defined below) will also see their contribution rates rise.

On April 17, 2013, the PERS Board approved new actuarial policies aimed at returning PERS to fully-funded status within 30 years. The policies include a rate smoothing method with a 30-year fixed amortization period for gains and losses, a five-year increase of public agency contribution rates, including the contribution rate at the onset of such amortization period, and a five year reduction of public agency contribution rates at the end of such amortization period. The new actuarial policies were first included in the June 30, 2014 actuarial valuation and were implemented with respect the State, K-14 school districts and all other public agencies in fiscal year 2015-16.

Also, on February 20, 2014, the PERS Board approved new demographic assumptions reflecting (i) expected longer life spans of public agency employees and related increases in costs for the PERS system and (ii) trends of higher rates of retirement for certain public agency employee classes, including police officers and firefighters. The new actuarial assumptions were first reflected in the Schools Pool in the June 30, 2015 actuarial valuation. The increase in liability due to the new assumptions will be amortized over 20 years with increases phased in over five years, beginning with the contribution requirement for fiscal year 2016-17. The new demographic assumptions affect the State, K-14 school districts and all other public agencies.

The PERS Board is required to undertake an experience study every four years under its Actuarial Assumptions Policy and State law. As a result of the most recent experience study, on December 20, 2017, the PERS Board approved new actuarial assumptions, including (i) lowering the inflation rate to 2.625% for the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation and to 2.50% for the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation, (ii) lowering the payroll growth rate to 2.875% for the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation and 2.75% for the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation, and (iii) certain changes to demographic assumptions relating to the salary scale for most constituent groups, and modifications to the morality, retirement, and disability retirement rates.

On February 14, 2018, the PERS Board approved a new actuarial amortization policy with an effective date for actuarial valuations beginning on or after June 30, 2019, which includes (i) shortening the period over which actuarial gains and losses are amortized from 30 years to 20 years, (ii) requiring that amortization payments for all unfunded accrued liability bases established after the effective date be computed to remain a level dollar amount throughout the amortization period, (iii) removing the 5-year ramp-up and ramp-down on unfunded accrued liability bases attributable to assumptions changes and non-investment gains/losses established on or after the effective date and (iv) removing the 5-year ramp-down on investment gains/losses established after the effective date. While PERS expects that reducing the amortization period for certain sources of unfunded liability will increase future average funding ratios, provide faster recovery of funded status following market downturns, decrease expected cumulative contributions, and mitigate concerns over intergenerational equity, such changes may result in increases in future employer contribution rates.

On April 21, 2020, the PERS Board established the employer contribution rates for 2020-21 and released certain information from the Schools Pool Actuarial Valuation as of June 30, 2019, ahead of its release date in the latter half of 2020. From June 30, 2018 to June 30, 2019 the funded status for the Schools Pool decreased by 1.9% (from 70.4% to 68.5%); mainly due to the reduction in the discount rate from 7.25% to 7.00% and investment return in 2018-19 being lower than expected. The funded status as

of June 30, 2019 does not reflect the State's additional payment of \$660 million that was made pursuant to SB 90, since PERS received the payment in July 2019. PERS attributes the decline in the funded status over the last five years to recent investment losses in excess of investment gains, adoption of new assumptions, both demographic and economic, lowering of the discount rate, and negative amortization. Assuming all actuarial assumptions are realized, including investment return of 7% in fiscal year 2019-20, that no changes to assumptions, methods of benefits will occur during the projection period, along with the expected reductions in normal cost due to the continuing transition of active members from those employees hired prior to the Implementation Date (defined below), to those hired after such date, the contribution rate was projected to increase annually, resulting in a projected 26.2% employer contribution rate for fiscal year 2026-27. As of the April 21, 2020, PERS reported that the year to date return for the 2019-20 fiscal year was well below the 7% assumed return.

The Districts can make no representations regarding the future program liabilities of STRS, or whether the Districts will be required to make additional contributions to STRS in the future above those amounts required under AB 1469. The Districts can also provide no assurances that the Districts' required contributions to PERS will not increase in the future.

***California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013.*** On September 12, 2012, the Governor signed into law the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (the "Reform Act"), which makes changes to both STRS and PERS, most substantially affecting new employees hired after January 1, 2013 (the "Implementation Date"). For STRS participants hired after the Implementation Date, the Reform Act changes the normal retirement age by increasing the eligibility for the 2% age factor (the age factor is the percent of final compensation to which an employee is entitled for each year of service) from age 60 to 62 and increasing the eligibility of the maximum age factor of 2.4% from age 63 to 65. Similarly, for non-safety PERS participants hired after the Implementation Date, the Reform Act changes the normal retirement age by increasing the eligibility for the 2% age factor from age 55 to 62 and increases the eligibility requirement for the maximum age factor of 2.5% to age 67. Among the other changes to PERS and STRS, the Reform Act also: (i) requires all new participants enrolled in PERS and STRS after the Implementation Date to contribute at least 50% of the total annual normal cost of their pension benefit each year as determined by an actuary, (ii) requires STRS and PERS to determine the final compensation amount for employees based upon the highest annual compensation earnable averaged over a consecutive 36-month period as the basis for calculating retirement benefits for new participants enrolled after the Implementation Date (previously 12 months for STRS members who retire with 25 years of service), and (iii) caps "pensionable compensation" for new participants enrolled after the Implementation Date at 100% of the federal Social Security contribution (to be adjusted annually based on changes to the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers) and benefit base for members participating in Social Security or 120% for members not participating in social security (to be adjusted annually based on changes to the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers), while excluding previously allowed forms of compensation under the formula such as payments for unused vacation, annual leave, personal leave, sick leave, or compensatory time off.

***GASB Statement Nos. 67 and 68.*** On June 25, 2012, GASB approved Statements Nos. 67 and 68 ("Statements") with respect to pension accounting and financial reporting standards for state and local governments and pension plans. The new Statements, No. 67 and No. 68, replace GASB Statement No. 27 and most of Statements No. 25 and No. 50. The changes impact the accounting treatment of pension plans in which state and local governments participate. Major changes include: (1) the inclusion of unfunded pension liabilities on the government's balance sheet (currently, such unfunded liabilities are typically included as notes to the government's financial statements); (2) more components of full pension costs being shown as expenses regardless of actual contribution levels; (3) lower actuarial discount rates being required to be used for underfunded plans in certain cases for purposes of the financial statements; (4) closed amortization periods for unfunded liabilities being required to be used for

certain purposes of the financial statements; and (5) the difference between expected and actual investment returns being recognized over a closed five-year smoothing period. In addition, according to GASB, Statement No. 68 means that, for pensions within the scope of the Statement, a cost-sharing employer that does not have a special funding situation is required to recognize a net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and pension expense based on its proportionate share of the net pension liability for benefits provided through the pension plan. The reporting requirements for pension plans took effect for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and the reporting requirements for government employers, including the District, took effect for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014.

For more information regarding each District's proportionate shares of the net STRS and PERS pension liabilities, see APPENDIX I hereto.

### **Post-Employment Benefits**

In addition to pension benefits, each of the Districts provide certain other post-employment medical, dental and/or vision insurance benefits to eligible retirees thereof and, in certain instances, their dependents, in accordance with their respective labor contracts. These agreements place limits on the costs to such Districts to provide these benefits and term for which benefits are provided to retirees.

***GASB Statement Nos. 74 and 75.*** On June 2, 2015, GASB approved Statements Nos. 74 and 75 (each, "GASB 74" and "GASB 75") with respect to pension accounting and financial reporting standards for public sector post-retirement benefit programs and the employers that sponsor them. GASB 74 replaces GASB Statements No. 43 and 57 and GASB 75 replaces GASB 45.

Most of GASB 74 applies to plans administered through trusts, contributions in which contributions are irrevocable, trust assets are dedicated to providing other post-employment benefits to plan members and trust assets are legally protected from creditors. GASB Statements No. 74 and No. 75 will require a liability for OPEB obligations, known as the net OPEB Liability (NOL), to be recognized on the balance sheet of the plan and the participating employer's financial statements. In addition, an OPEB expense (service cost plus interest on total OPEB liability plus current-period benefit changes minus member contributions minus assumed earning on plan investments plus administrative expenses plus recognition of deferred outflows minus recognition of deferred inflows) will be recognized in the income statement of the participating employers. In the notes to its financial statements, employers providing other post-employment benefits will also have to include information regarding the year-to-year change in the NOL and a sensitivity analysis of the NOL to changes in the discount rate and healthcare trend rate. The required supplementary information will also be required to show a 10-year schedule of the plan's net OPEB liability reconciliation and related ratios, and any actuarially determined contributions and investment returns.

Under GASB 74, the measurement date must be the same as the plan's fiscal year end, but the actuarial valuation date may be any date up to 24 months prior to the measurement date. For the total OPEB liability (the TOL), if the valuation date is before the measurement date, the results must be projected forward from the valuation date to the measurement date using standard actuarial roll-forward techniques. For plans that are unfunded or have assets insufficient to cover the projected benefit payments, a discount rate reflecting a 20-year tax-exempt municipal bond yield or index rate must be used. For plans with assets that meet the GASB 74 requirements, a projection of the benefit payments and future Fiduciary Net Position (FNP) is performed based on the funding policy and assumptions of the plan, along with the methodology specified in GASB.



GASB No. 74 has an effective date for plan fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2016 and GASB 75 will be effective for employer fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017. The financial statements for fiscal year 2017-18 and onward of such District have disclosed the Total OPEB Liability, Fiduciary Net Position (if any) and Net OPEB Liability, associated with their respective post-employment benefit obligations. See APPENDIX I hereto.

## **Financial Information**

Certain information regarding the Districts is included in the appendices hereto. Financial information for each District is included in APPENDIX B—“DISTRICT FINANCIAL INFORMATION.” Projected cash flows for the coming fiscal year for each District are included in APPENDIX C—“DISTRICT CASH FLOWS.” APPENDIX I contains certain additional demographic and financial information for each of the Districts.

The most-recent audited financial statements of each of the Districts are available on the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board’s Electronic Municipal Market Access (“EMMA”) website. The EMMA website is located <http://www.emma.msrb.org>. Any information presented on such website, however, is not incorporated herein by any reference. See also “CONTINUING DISCLOSURE.”

## **State Law Budgeting and Reporting Requirements**

***Budgeting Requirements.*** The Districts are required by provisions of the State Education Code to maintain a balanced budget each year, in which the sum of expenditures and the ending fund balance cannot exceed the sum of revenues and the carry-over fund balance from the previous year. The State Department of Education imposes a uniform budgeting and accounting format for school districts. The budget process for school districts was substantially amended by Assembly Bill 1200 (“AB 1200”), which became State law on October 14, 1991. Portions of AB 1200 are summarized below. Additional amendments to the budget process were made by Assembly Bill 2585, effective as of September 9, 2014, including the elimination of the dual budget cycle option for school districts. All school districts must now be on a single budget cycle.

School districts must adopt a budget on or before July 1 of each year. The budget must be submitted to the county superintendent within five days of adoption or by July 1, whichever occurs first. The county superintendent will examine the adopted budget for compliance with the standards and criteria adopted by the State Board of Education and identify technical corrections necessary to bring the budget into compliance, and will determine if the budget allows the district to meet its current obligations, if the budget is consistent with a financial plan that will enable the district to meet its multi-year financial commitments, whether the budget includes the expenditures necessary to implement a local control and accountability plan, and whether the budget’s ending fund balance exceeds the minimum recommended reserve for economic uncertainties.

On or before August 15, the county superintendent will approve, conditionally approve or disapprove the adopted budget for each school district. Budgets will be disapproved if they fail the above standards. The district board must be notified by August 15 of the county superintendent’s recommendations for revision and reasons for the recommendations. The county superintendent may assign a fiscal advisor or appoint a committee to examine and comment on the superintendent’s recommendations. The committee must report its findings no later than August 20. Any recommendations made by the county superintendent must be made available by the district for public inspection. No later than September 22, the county superintendent must notify the State Superintendent of Public Instruction of all school districts whose budget may be disapproved.

For districts whose budgets have been disapproved, the district must revise and readopt its budget by September 8, reflecting changes in projected income and expense since July 1, including responding to the county superintendent's recommendations. The county superintendent must determine if the budget conforms with the standards and criteria applicable to final district budgets and not later than October 8, will approve or disapprove the revised budgets. If the budget is disapproved, the county superintendent will call for the formation of a budget review committee pursuant to Education Code Section 42127.1. No later than October 8, the county superintendent must notify the State Superintendent of Public Instruction of all school districts whose budget has been disapproved. Until a district's budget is approved, the district will operate on the lesser of its proposed budget for the current fiscal year or the last budget adopted and reviewed for the prior fiscal year.

**Interim Financial Reports.** Under the provisions of AB 1200, each school district is required to file interim certifications with the county office of education as to its ability to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the then-current fiscal year and, based on current forecasts, for the subsequent two fiscal years. The county office of education reviews the certification and issues either a positive, negative or qualified certification. A positive certification is assigned to any school district that will meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal year and subsequent two fiscal years. A negative certification is assigned to any school district that will be unable to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year or subsequent two fiscal years. A qualified certification is assigned to any school district that may not meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal year or subsequent two fiscal years. For fiscal year 2019-20, each of the Districts filed with their respective county offices of education, and such county offices of education accepted, interim financial reports with "positive" certifications.

## **CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY LIMITATIONS ON TAXES AND APPROPRIATIONS**

### **Article XIII A of the California Constitution**

On June 6, 1978, the California voters approved Proposition 13 ("Proposition 13"), which added Article XIII A to the State Constitution ("Article XIII A"). Article XIII A limits the amount of any *ad valorem* tax on real property to one percent of the full cash value thereof, except that additional *ad valorem* taxes may be levied to pay debt service on indebtedness approved by the voters prior to July 1, 1978 and (as a result of an amendment to Article XIII A approved by State voters on June 3, 1986) on bonded indebtedness for the acquisition or improvement of real property which has been approved on or after July 1, 1978 by two-thirds of the voters on such indebtedness. Article XIII A defines full cash value to mean "the county assessor's valuation of real property as shown on the 1975-76 tax bill under 'full cash value,' or thereafter, the appraised value of real property when purchased, newly constructed, or a change in ownership have occurred after the 1975 assessment." Determined in this manner, the full cash value is also referred to as the "base year value." The full cash value may be increased at a rate not to exceed two percent per year to account for inflation. Article XIII A has subsequently been amended to print reduction of the "full cash value" base in the event of declining property values caused by damage, destruction or other factors, to provide that there would be no increase in the "full cash value" base in the event of reconstruction of property damaged or destroyed in a disaster and in other minor or technical ways.

Article XIII A has been amended to allow for temporary reductions of assessed value in instances where the fair market value of real property falls below the base year value. Proposition 8—approved by the voters in November of 1978—provides for the enrollment of the lesser of the base year value or the market value of real property, taking into account reductions in value due to damage, destruction, depreciation, obsolescence, removal of property, or other factors causing a similar decline. In these

instances, the market value is required to be reviewed annually until the market value exceeds the base year value.

Article XIII A requires a vote of two-thirds of the qualified electorate of a city, county, special district or other public agency to impose special taxes, while totally precluding the imposition of any additional *ad valorem*, sales or transaction tax on real property. Article XIII A exempts from the 1% tax limitation any taxes above that level required to pay debt service (i) on any indebtedness approved by the voters prior to July 1, 1978, or (ii) as the result of an amendment approved by State voters on July 3, 1986, on any bonded indebtedness approved by two-thirds of the votes cast by the voters for the acquisition or improvement of real property on or after July 1, 1978, or (iii) bonded indebtedness incurred by a school district or school district for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, approved by 55% or more of the votes cast of the proposition, but only if certain accountability measurers are included in the proposition. In addition, Article XIII A requires the approval of two-thirds of all members of the state legislature to change any state taxes for the purpose of increasing tax revenues.

### **Legislation Implementing Article XIII A**

Legislation has been enacted and amended a number of times since 1978 to implement Article XIII A. Under current law, Districts are no longer permitted to levy directly any property tax (except to pay voter-approved indebtedness). The 1% property tax is automatically levied by the county and distributed according to a formula among taxing agencies. The formula apportions the tax roughly in proportion to the relative shares of taxes levied prior to 1979.

That portion of annual property tax revenues generated by increases in assessed valuations within each tax rate area within a county, subject to redevelopment agency, if any, claims on tax increment and subject to changes in organizations, if any, of affected jurisdictions, is allocated to each jurisdiction within the tax rate area in the same proportion that the total property tax revenue from the tax rate area for the prior year was allocated to such jurisdictions.

Increases of assessed valuation resulting from reappraisals of property due to new construction, change in ownership or from the annual adjustment not to exceed 2% are allocated among the various jurisdictions in the “taxing area” based upon their respective “situs.” Any such allocation made to a District continues as part of its allocation in future years.

Beginning in fiscal year 1981-82, assessors in California no longer record property values on tax rolls at the assessed value of 25% of market value which was expressed as \$4 per \$100 of assessed value. All taxable property is now shown at 100% of assessed value on the tax rolls. Consequently, the tax rate is expressed as \$1 per \$100 of taxable value. All taxable property value included in this Official Statement is shown at 100% of taxable value (unless noted differently) and all tax rates reflect the \$1 per \$100 of taxable value.

Both the United States Supreme Court and the California State Supreme Court have upheld the general validity of Article XIII A.

### **Split Roll Property Tax Ballot Measure**

On May 29, 2020, a proposed ballot initiative became eligible for the November 2020 Statewide ballot (the “Proposition 15”). If approved by a majority of voters casting a ballot at the November 2020 Statewide election, Proposition 15 would amend Article XIII A such that the “full cash value” of commercial and industrial real property, for each lien date, would be equal to the fair market value of that

property. If approved, Proposition 15 would not affect the “full cash value” of residential property, real property used for commercial agricultural production, or commercial and industrial real property with combined value of \$3 million or less, which would continue to be subject to annual increases not to exceed 2%. In addition Proposition 15 would eliminate the business tangible personal property tax on equipment and fixtures for small businesses and provide a \$500,000 per year exemption for all other businesses. After compensating the State General Fund for resulting reductions in State personal income tax and corporate tax revenues, and compensating cities, counties and special districts for the cost of implementing Proposition 15, approximately 40% of the remaining additional tax revenues generated as a result of Proposition 15 would be deposited into a fund created pursuant to Proposition 15 called the Local School and Community College Property Tax Fund, with such funds being used to supplement, and not replace, existing funding school districts and community college districts receive under the State’s constitutional minimum funding requirement. With respect to the tax revenues deposited into the Local School and Community College Property Tax Fund, 11% would be allocated by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to community college districts and 89% of such tax revenues would be allocated by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to school districts, charter schools and county offices of education.

The Districts cannot predict whether Proposition 15 will be approved by a majority of voters casting a ballot. If approved, the Districts cannot make any assurance as to what effect the implementation of Proposition 15 will have on District revenues or the assessed valuation of real property in the Districts.

### **Proposition 50 and Proposition 171**

On June 3, 1986, the voters of the State approved Proposition 50. Proposition 50 amends Section 2 of Article XIII A of the State Constitution to allow owners of property that was “substantially damaged or destroyed” by a disaster, as declared by the Governor (the “Damaged Property”), to transfer their existing base year value (the “Original Base Year Value”) to a comparable replacement property within the same county, which is acquired or constructed within five years after the disaster. At the time of such transfer, the Damaged Property will be reassessed at its full cash value immediately prior to damage or destruction (the “Original Cash Value”); however, such property will retain its base year value notwithstanding such a transfer. Property is substantially damaged or destroyed if either the land or the improvements sustain physical damage amounting to more than 50% of either the land or improvements full cash value immediately prior to the disaster. There is no filing deadline, but the assessor can only correct four years of assessments when the owner fails to file a claim within four years of acquiring a replacement property.

Under Proposition 50, the base year value of the replacement property (the “Replacement Base Year Value”) depends on the relation of the full cash value of the replacement property (the “Replacement Cash Value”) to the Original Cash Value: if the Replacement Cash Value exceeds 120% of the Original Cash Value, then the Replacement Base Year Value is calculated by combining the Original Base Year Value with such excessive Replacement Cash Value; if the Replacement Cash Value does not exceed 120% of the Original Cash Value, then the Replacement Base Year Value equals the Original Base Year Value; if the Replacement Cash Value is less than the Original Cash Value, then the Replacement Base Year Value equals the Replacement Cash Value. The replacement property must be comparable in size, utility, and function to the Damaged Property.

On November 2, 1993, the voters of the State approved Proposition 171. Proposition 171 amends subdivision (e) of Section 2 of Article XIII A of the State Constitution to allow owners of Damaged Property to transfer their Original Base Year Value to a “comparable replacement property” located

within another county in the State, which is acquired or newly constructed within three years after the disaster.

Intra-county transfers under Proposition 171 are more restrictive than inter-county transfers under Proposition 50. For example, Proposition 171 (1) only applies to (a) structures that are owned and occupied by property owners as their principal place of residence and (b) land of a “reasonable size that is used as a site for a residence;” (2) explicitly does not apply to property owned by firms, partnerships, associations, corporations, companies, or legal entities of any kind; (3) only applies to replacement property located in a county that adopted an ordinance allowing Proposition 171 transfers; (4) claims must be timely filed within three years of the date of purchase or completion of new construction; and (5) only applies to comparable replacement property, which has a full cash value that is of “equal or lesser value” than the Original Cash Value.

Within the context of Proposition 171, “equal or lesser value” means that the amount of the Replacement Cash Value does not exceed either (1) 105% of the Original Cash Value when the replacement property is acquired or constructed within one year of the destruction, (2) 110% of the Original Cash Value when the replacement property is acquired or constructed within two years of the destruction, or (3) 115% of the Original Cash Value when the replacement property is acquired or constructed within three years of the destruction.

### **Unitary Property**

Some amount of property tax revenue of the Districts is derived from utility property which is considered part of a utility system with components located in many taxing jurisdictions (“unitary property”). Under the State Constitution, such property is assessed by the State Board of Equalization (“SBE”) as part of a “going concern” rather than as individual pieces of real or personal property. State-assessed unitary and certain other property is allocated to the counties by SBE, taxed at special county-wide rates, and the tax revenues distributed to taxing jurisdictions (including the Districts) according to statutory formulae generally based on the distribution of taxes in the prior year. For each District that remains a basic aid district, taxes lost through any reduction in assessed valuation will be not compensated by the State as equalization aid under the State’s school financing formula. See “FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN CALIFORNIA—Major Revenues” herein.

### **Article XIII B of the California Constitution**

Article XIII B of the State Constitution (“Article XIII B”), as subsequently amended by Propositions 98 and 111, respectively, limits the annual appropriations of the State and of any city, county, school district, authority or other political subdivision of the State to the level of appropriations of the particular governmental entity for the prior fiscal year, as adjusted for changes in the cost of living and in population and for transfers in the financial responsibility for providing services and for certain declared emergencies. As amended, Article XIII B defines

(a) “change in the cost of living” with respect to school districts to mean the percentage change in California per capita income from the preceding year, and

(b) “change in population” with respect to a school district to mean the percentage change in the average daily attendance of the school district from the preceding fiscal year.

For fiscal years beginning on or after December 1, 1990, the appropriations limit of each entity of government shall be the appropriations limit for the 1986-87 fiscal year adjusted for the changes made from that fiscal year pursuant to the provisions of Article XIII B, as amended.

The appropriations of an entity of local government subject to Article XIII B limitations include the proceeds of taxes levied by or for that entity and the proceeds of certain state subventions to that entity. "Proceeds of taxes" include, but are not limited to, all tax revenues and the proceeds to the entity from (a) regulatory licenses, user charges and user fees (but only to the extent that these proceeds exceed the reasonable costs in providing the regulation, product or service), and (b) the investment of tax revenues.

Appropriations subject to limitation do not include (a) refunds of taxes, (b) appropriations for debt service, (c) appropriations required to comply with certain mandates of the courts or the federal government, (d) appropriations of certain special districts, (e) appropriations for all qualified capital outlay projects as defined by the legislature, (f) appropriations derived from certain fuel and vehicle taxes and (g) appropriations derived from certain taxes on tobacco products.

Article XIII B includes a requirement that all revenues received by an entity of government other than the State in a fiscal year and in the fiscal year immediately following it in excess of the amount permitted to be appropriated during that fiscal year and the fiscal year immediately following it shall be returned by a revision of tax rates or fee schedules within the next two subsequent fiscal years.

Article XIII B also includes a requirement that fifty percent of all revenues received by the State in a fiscal year and in the fiscal year immediately following it in excess of the amount permitted to be appropriated during that fiscal year and the fiscal year immediately following it shall be transferred and allocated to the State School Fund pursuant to Section 8.5 of Article XVI of the State Constitution. See "Propositions 98 and 111" below.

#### **Article XIII C and Article XIII D of the California Constitution**

On November 5, 1996, the voters of the State of California approved Proposition 218, popularly known as the "Right to Vote on Taxes Act." Proposition 218 added to the California Constitution Articles XIII C and XIII D (respectively, "Article XIII C" and "Article XIII D"), which contain a number of provisions affecting the ability of Districts, including school districts, to levy and collect both existing and future taxes, assessments, fees and charges.

According to the "Title and Summary" of Proposition 218 prepared by the California Attorney General, Proposition 218 limits "the authority of local governments to impose taxes and property-related assessments, fees and charges." Among other things, Article XIII C establishes that every tax is either a "general tax" (imposed for general governmental purposes) or a "special tax" (imposed for specific purposes), prohibits special purpose government agencies such as school districts from levying general taxes, and prohibits any District from imposing, extending or increasing any special tax beyond its maximum authorized rate without a two-thirds vote; and also provides that the initiative power will not be limited in matters of reducing or repealing local taxes, assessments, fees and charges. Article XIII C further provides that no tax may be assessed on property other than *ad valorem* property taxes imposed in accordance with Articles XIII and XIII A of the California Constitution and special taxes approved by a two-thirds vote under Article XIII A, Section 4. Article XIII D deals with assessments and property-related fees and charges, and explicitly provides that nothing in Article XIII C or XIII D will be construed to affect existing laws relating to the imposition of fees or charges as a condition of property development.

The Districts do not impose any taxes, assessments, or property-related fees or charges which are subject to the provisions of Proposition 218. They do, however, receive a portion of the basic one percent *ad valorem* property tax levied and collected by counties pursuant to Article XIII A of the California Constitution. The provisions of Proposition 218 may have an indirect effect on the Districts, such as by

limiting or reducing the revenues otherwise available to other local governments whose boundaries encompass property located within the Districts thereby causing such local governments to reduce service levels and possibly adversely affecting the value of property within the Districts.

### **Proposition 98**

On November 8, 1988, California voters approved Proposition 98, a combined initiative constitutional amendment and statute called the “Classroom Instructional Improvement and Accountability Act” (the “Accountability Act”). Certain provisions of the Accountability Act, have, however, been modified by Proposition 111, discussed below, the provisions of which became effective on July 1, 1990. The Accountability Act changed State funding of public education below the university level and the operation of the State’s appropriations limit. The Accountability Act guarantees State funding for K-12 school districts and school districts (hereinafter referred to collectively as “K-14 school districts”) at a level equal to the greater of (a) the same percentage of General Fund revenues as the percentage appropriated to such districts in 1986-87, or (b) the amount actually appropriated to such districts from the State general fund in the previous fiscal year, adjusted for increases in enrollment and changes in the cost of living. The Accountability Act permits the Legislature to suspend this formula for a one year period. The current level of guaranteed funding pursuant to Proposition 98 is 34.55% of the State general fund.

The Accountability Act also changed how tax revenues in excess of the State appropriations limit are distributed. Any excess State tax revenues up to a specified amount would, instead of being returned to taxpayers, be transferred to K-14 school districts. Any such transfer to K-14 school districts would be excluded from the appropriations limit for K-14 school districts and the K-14 school district appropriations limit for the next year would automatically be increased by the amount of such transfer. These additional moneys would enter the base funding calculation for K-14 school districts for subsequent years, creating further pressure on other portions of the State budget, particularly if revenues decline in a year following an Article XIII B surplus. The maximum amount of excess tax revenues which could be transferred to K-14 school districts is 4% of the minimum State spending for education mandated by the Accountability Act.

Since the Accountability Act is unclear in some details, there can be no assurances that the Legislature or a court might not interpret the Accountability Act to require a different percentage of State general fund revenues to be allocated to K-14 school districts, or to apply the relevant percentage to the State’s budgets in a different way than is proposed in the Governor’s Budget.

### **Proposition 111**

On June 5, 1990, the voters of California approved the “Traffic Congestion Relief and Spending Limitation Act of 1990 (“Proposition 111”), which modified the State Constitution to alter the Article XIII B spending limit and the education funding provisions of Proposition 98. Proposition 111 took effect on July 1, 1990.

The most significant provisions of Proposition 111 are summarized as follows:

- a. Annual Adjustments to Spending Limit. The annual adjustments to the Article XIII B spending limit were liberalized to be more closely linked to the rate of economic growth. Instead of being tied to the Consumer Price Index, the “change in the cost of living” is now measured by the change in California per capita personal income. The definition of “change in population” specifies that a portion of the State’s spending limit is to be adjusted to reflect changes in school attendance.

- b. Treatment of Excess Tax Revenues. “Excess” tax revenues with respect to Article XIII B are now determined based on a two year cycle, so that the State can avoid having to return to taxpayers excess tax revenues in one year if its appropriations in the next fiscal year are under its limit. In addition, the Proposition 98 provision regarding excess tax revenues was modified. After any two year period, if there are excess State tax revenues, 50% of the excess is to be transferred to K-14 school districts with the balance returned to taxpayers; under prior law, 100% of excess State tax revenues went to K-14 school districts, but only up to a maximum of 4% of the schools’ minimum funding level. Also, reversing prior law, any excess State tax revenues transferred to K-14 school districts are not built into the school districts’ base expenditures for calculating their entitlement for State aid in the next year, and the State’s appropriations limit is not to be increased by this amount.
- c. Exclusions from Spending Limit. Two new exceptions were added to the calculation of appropriations which are subject to the Article XIII B spending limit: (i) all appropriations for “qualified capital outlay projects” as defined by the Legislature, and (ii) any increases in gasoline taxes above the current nine cents per gallon level, sales and use taxes on such increment in gasoline taxes, and increases in receipts from vehicle weight fees above the levels in effect on January 1, 1990.
- d. Recalculation of Appropriations Limit. The Article XIII B appropriations limit for each unit of government, including the State, was to be recalculated beginning in fiscal year 1990-91. It is based on the actual limit for fiscal year 1986-87, adjusted forward to 1990-91 as if Proposition 111 had been in effect.
- e. School Funding Guarantee. A complex adjustment was made to the formula enacted in Proposition 98 which guarantees K-14 school districts a certain amount of State general fund revenues. Under prior law, K-14 school districts were guaranteed the greater of (1) a certain percentage of State general fund revenues (the “Test 1”) or (2) the amount appropriated in the prior year adjusted for changes in the cost of living (measured as in Article XIII B by reference to per capita personal income) and enrollment (the “Test 2”). Under Proposition 111, schools will receive the greater of (1) the Test 1, (2) the Test 2, or (3) a third test (“Test 3”), which will replace the Test 2 in any year when growth in per capita State general fund revenues from the prior year is less than the annual growth in California per capita personal income. Under the Test 3, schools will receive the amount appropriated in the prior year adjusted for change in enrollment and per capita State general fund revenues, plus an additional small adjustment factor. If the Test 3 is used in any year, the difference between the Test 3 and the Test 2 will become a “credit” to schools (also referred to as a “maintenance factor”), which will be paid in future years when State general fund revenue growth exceeds personal income growth.

### **Proposition 1A and Proposition 22**

On November 2, 2004, California voters approved Proposition 1A, which amends the State constitution to significantly reduce the State’s authority over major local government revenue sources. Under Proposition 1A, the State cannot (i) reduce local sales tax rates or alter the method of allocating the revenue generated by such taxes, (ii) shift property taxes from local governments to schools or community colleges, (iii) change how property tax revenues are shared among local governments without two-third approval of both houses of the State Legislature or (iv) decrease Vehicle License Fee revenues without providing local governments with equal replacement funding. Beginning in 2008-09, the State may shift to schools and community colleges a limited amount of local government property tax revenue



if certain conditions are met, including: (i) a proclamation by the Governor that the shift is needed due to a severe financial hardship of the State, and (ii) approval of the shift by the State Legislature with a two-thirds vote of both houses. Under such a shift, the State must repay local governments for their property tax losses, with interest, within three years. Proposition 1A does allow the State to approve voluntary exchanges of local sales tax and property tax revenues among local governments within a county. Proposition 1A also amends the State Constitution to require the State to suspend certain State laws creating mandates in any year that the State does not fully reimburse local governments for their costs to comply with the mandates. This provision does not apply to mandates relating to schools or community colleges or to those mandates relating to employee rights.

Proposition 22, The Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act, approved by the voters of the State on November 6, 2012, prohibits the State from enacting new laws that require redevelopment agencies to shift funds to schools or other agencies and eliminates the State's authority to shift property taxes temporarily during a severe financial hardship of the State. In addition, Proposition 22 restricts the State's authority to use State fuel tax revenues to pay debt service on state transportation bonds, to borrow or change the distribution of state fuel tax revenues, and to use vehicle license fee revenues to reimburse local governments for state mandated costs. Proposition 22 impacts resources in the State's general fund and transportation funds, the State's main funding source for schools and community colleges, as well as universities, prisons and health and social services programs. According to an analysis of Proposition 22 submitted by the Legislative Analyst's Office (the "LAO") on July 15, 2010, the reduction in resources available for the State to spend on these other programs as a consequence of the passage of Proposition 22 was expected to be approximately \$1 billion in fiscal year 2010-11, with an estimated immediate fiscal effect equal to approximately 1 percent of the State's total general fund spending. The longer-term effect of Proposition 22, according to the LAO analysis, will be an increase in the State's general fund costs by approximately \$1 billion annually for several decades.

### ***Jarvis v. Connell***

On May 29, 2002, the California Court of Appeal for the Second District decided the case of *Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, et al. v. Kathleen Connell* (as Controller of the State of California). The Court of Appeal held that either a final budget bill, an emergency appropriation, a self-executing authorization pursuant to state statutes (such as continuing appropriations) or the California Constitution or a federal mandate is necessary for the State Controller to disburse funds. The foregoing requirement could apply to amounts budgeted by the Districts as being received from the State. To the extent the holding in such case would apply to State payments reflected in the Districts' budgets, the requirement that there be either a final budget bill or an emergency appropriation may result in the delay of such payments to the Districts if such required legislative action is delayed, unless the payments are self-executing authorizations or are subject to a federal mandate. On May 1, 2003, the California Supreme Court upheld the holding of the Court of Appeal, stating that the Controller is not authorized under State law to disburse funds prior to the enactment of a budget or other proper appropriation, but under federal law, the Controller is required, notwithstanding a budget impasse and the limitations imposed by State law, to timely pay those State employees who are subject to the minimum wage and overtime compensation provisions of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

### **Proposition 55**

The California Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016 (also known as "Proposition 55") is a constitutional amendment approved by the voters of the State on November 8, 2016. Proposition 55 extends, through 2030, the increases to personal income tax rates for high-income taxpayers that were approved as part of Temporary Taxes to Fund Education, Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding, Initiative Constitutional Amendment (also known as "Proposition 30"). Proposition 30

increased the marginal personal income tax rate by: (i) 1% for taxable income over \$250,000 but less than \$300,001 for single filers (over \$500,000 but less than \$600,001 for joint filers and over \$340,000 but less than \$408,001 for head-of-household filers), (ii) 2% for taxable income over \$300,000 but less than \$500,001 for single filers (over \$600,000 but less than \$1,000,001 for joint filers and over \$408,000 but less than \$680,001 for head-of-household filers), and (iii) 3% for taxable income over \$500,000 for single filers (over \$1,000,000 for joint filers and over \$680,000 for head-of-household filers).

The revenues generated from the personal income tax increases will be included in the calculation of the Proposition 98 Minimum Funding Guarantee (defined herein) for school districts and community college districts. See “CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY LIMITATIONS ON TAXES AND APPROPRIATIONS – Propositions 98” and “— Proposition 111” herein. From an accounting perspective, the revenues generated from the personal income tax increases are being deposited into the State account created pursuant to Proposition 30 called the Education Protection Account (the “EPA”). Pursuant to Proposition 30, funds in the EPA will be allocated quarterly, with 89% of such funds provided to schools districts and 11% provided to community college districts. The funds will be distributed to school districts and community college districts in the same manner as existing unrestricted per-student funding, except that no school district will receive less than \$200 per unit of ADA and no community college district will receive less than \$100 per full time equivalent student. The governing board of each school district and community college district is granted sole authority to determine how the moneys received from the EPA are spent, provided that the appropriate governing board is required to make these spending determinations in open session at a public meeting and such local governing board is prohibited from using any funds from the EPA for salaries or benefits of administrators or any other administrative costs.

## **Proposition 2**

On November 4, 2014, voters approved the Rainy Day Budget Stabilization Fund Act (also known as “Proposition 2”). Proposition 2 is a legislatively-referred constitutional amendment which makes certain changes to State budgeting practices, including substantially revising the conditions under which transfers are made to and from the State’s Budget Stabilization Account (the “BSA”) established by the California Balanced Budget Act of 2004 (also known as Proposition 58).

Under Proposition 2, and beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 and each fiscal year thereafter, the State will generally be required to annually transfer to the BSA an amount equal to 1.5% of estimated State general fund revenues (the “Annual BSA Transfer”). Supplemental transfers to the BSA (a “Supplemental BSA Transfer”) are also required in any fiscal year in which the estimated State general fund revenues that are allocable to capital gains taxes exceed 8% of total estimated general fund tax revenues. Such excess capital gains taxes—net of any portion thereof owed to K-14 school districts pursuant to Proposition 98—will be transferred to the BSA. Proposition 2 also increases the maximum size of the BSA to an amount equal to 10% of estimated State general fund revenues for any given fiscal year. In any fiscal year in which a required transfer to the BSA would result in an amount in excess of the 10% threshold, Proposition 2 requires such excess to be expended on State infrastructure, including deferred maintenance.

For the first 15-year period ending with the 2029-30 fiscal year, Proposition 2 provides that half of any required transfer to the BSA, either annual or supplemental, must be appropriated to reduce certain State liabilities, including making certain payments owed to K-14 school districts, repaying State interfund borrowing, reimbursing local governments for State mandated services, and reducing or prefunding accrued liabilities associated with State-level pension and retirement benefits. Following the initial 15-year period, the Governor and the Legislature are given discretion to apply up to half of any

required transfer to the BSA to the reduction of such State liabilities. Any amount not applied towards such reduction must be transferred to the BSA or applied to infrastructure, as described above.

Proposition 2 changes the conditions under which the Governor and the Legislature may draw upon or reduce transfers to the BSA. The Governor does not retain unilateral discretion to suspend transfers to the BSA, nor does the Legislature retain discretion to transfer funds from the BSA for any reason, as previously provided by law. Rather, the Governor must declare a “budget emergency,” defined as an emergency within the meaning of Article XIII B of the Constitution or a determination that estimated resources are inadequate to fund State general fund expenditures, for the current or ensuing fiscal year, at a level equal to the highest level of State spending within the three immediately preceding fiscal years. Any such declaration must be followed by a legislative bill providing for a reduction or transfer. Draws on the BSA are limited to the amount necessary to address the budget emergency, and no draw in any fiscal year may exceed 50% of funds on deposit in the BSA unless a budget emergency was declared in the preceding fiscal year.

Proposition 2 also requires the creation of the Public School System Stabilization Account (the “PSSSA”) into which transfers will be made in any fiscal year in which a Supplemental BSA Transfer is required (as described above). Such transfer will be equal to the portion of capital gains taxes above the 8% threshold that would be otherwise paid to K-14 school districts as part of the minimum funding guarantee. A transfer to the PSSSA will only be made if certain additional conditions are met, as follows: (i) the minimum funding guarantee was not suspended in the immediately preceding fiscal year, (ii) the operative Proposition 98 formula for the fiscal year in which a PSSSA transfer might be made is “Test 1,” (iii) no maintenance factor obligation is being created in the budgetary legislation for the fiscal year in which a PSSSA transfer might be made, (iv) all prior maintenance factor obligations have been fully repaid, and (v) the minimum funding guarantee for the fiscal year in which a PSSSA transfer might be made is higher than the immediately preceding fiscal year, as adjusted for ADA growth and cost of living. Proposition 2 caps the size of the PSSSA at 10% of the estimated minimum guarantee in any fiscal year, and any excess funds must be paid to K-14 school districts. Reductions to any required transfer to the PSSSA, or draws on the PSSSA, are subject to the same budget emergency requirements described above. However, Proposition 2 also mandates draws on the PSSSA in any fiscal year in which the estimated minimum funding guarantee is less than the prior year’s funding level, as adjusted for ADA growth and cost of living.

**SB 858.** Senate Bill 858 (“SB 858”) became effective upon the passage of Proposition 2. SB 858 includes provisions which could limit the amount of reserves that may be maintained by a school district in certain circumstances. Under SB 858, in any fiscal year immediately following a fiscal year in which the State has made a transfer into the PSSSA, any adopted or revised budget by a school district would need to contain a combined unassigned and assigned ending fund balance that (a) for school districts with an ADA of less than 400,000, is not more than two times the amount of the reserve for economic uncertainties mandated by the State Education Code, or (b) for school districts with an ADA that is more than 400,000, is not more than three times the amount of the reserve for economic uncertainties mandated by the State Education Code. In certain cases, the county superintendent of schools may grant a school district a waiver from this limitation on reserves for up to two consecutive years within a three-year period if there are certain extraordinary fiscal circumstances.

The Districts, which each have an ADA of less than 400,000, are required to maintain a reserve for economic uncertainty in an amount equal to 3% of its general fund expenditures and other financing uses.

**SB 751.** Senate Bill 751 (“SB 751”), enacted on October 11, 2017, alters the reserve requirements imposed by SB 858. Under SB 751, in a fiscal year immediately after a fiscal year in which

the amount of moneys in the PSSSA is equal to or exceeds 3% of the combined total general fund revenues appropriated for school districts and allocated local proceeds of taxes for that fiscal year, a school district budget that is adopted or revised cannot have an assigned or unassigned ending fund balance that exceeds 10% of those funds. SB 751 excludes from the requirements of those provisions basic aid school districts (also known as community funded districts) and small school districts having fewer than 2,501 units of average daily attendance.

### **Future Initiatives**

Article XIII A, Article XIII B, Article XIII C and Article XIII D of the California Constitution and Propositions 22, 26, 30, 98 and 55 were each adopted as measures that qualified for the ballot pursuant to the State's initiative process. From time to time other initiative measures could be adopted, further affecting revenues of the Districts or the Districts' ability to expend revenues. The nature and impact of these measures cannot be anticipated by the Districts.

### **TAX MATTERS**

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing statutes, regulations, rulings and judicial decisions, interest with respect to the Note Participations is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of calculating the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals. In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, interest with respect to the Note Participations is exempt from State of California personal income tax.

Taxpayers considering an investment in the Note Participations that are classified as corporations for federal income tax purposes should consult their tax advisors regarding the application of the corporate alternative minimum tax to any investment in the Note Participations.

The excess of the stated redemption price at maturity over the issue price of a Note Participation (the first price at which a substantial amount of a maturity is to be sold to the public) constitutes original issue discount. Original issue discount accrues under a constant yield method, and original issue discount will accrue to a Note Participation Owner before receipt of cash attributable to such excludable income. The amount of original issue discount deemed received by the Note Participation Owner will increase the Note Participation Owner's basis in the applicable Note Participation. In the opinion of Bond Counsel, the amount of original issue discount that accrues to the owner of the Note Participation is excluded from the gross income of such owner for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals. In the opinion of Bond Counsel, the amount of original issue discount that accrues to the Beneficial Owner of the Note Participations is exempt from State of California personal income tax.

Bond Counsel's opinion as to the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest (and original issue discount) on the Note Participations is based upon certain representations of fact and certifications made by the Districts and others and is subject to the condition that the Districts complies with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Note Participations to assure that interest (and original issue discount) on the Note Participations will not become includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with such requirements of the Code might cause the interest (and original issue discount) on the Note Participations to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Note Participations. The Districts have covenanted to comply with all such requirements.

The amount by which a Note Participation Owner's original basis for determining gain or loss on sale or exchange of the applicable Note Participation (generally, the purchase price) exceeds the amount payable on maturity (or on an earlier call date) constitutes amortizable Note Participation premium, which must be amortized under Section 171 of the Code; such amortizable Note Participation premium reduces the Note Participation Owner's basis in the applicable Note Participation (and the amount of tax-exempt interest received), and is not deductible for federal income tax purposes. The basis reduction as a result of the amortization of Note Participation premium may result in a Note Participation Owner realizing a taxable gain when a Note Participation is sold by the Owner for an amount equal to or less (under certain circumstances) than the original cost of the Note Participation to the Owner. Purchasers of the Note Participations should consult their own tax advisors as to the treatment, computation and collateral consequences of amortizable Note Participation premium.

The Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") has initiated an expanded program for the auditing of tax-exempt bond issues, including both random and targeted audits. It is possible that the Note Participations will be selected for audit by the IRS. It is also possible that the market value of the Note Participations might be affected as a result of such an audit of the Note Participations (or by an audit of similar bonds). No assurance can be given that in the course of an audit, as a result of an audit, or otherwise, Congress or the IRS might not change the Code (or interpretation thereof) subsequent to the issuance of the Note Participations to the extent that it adversely affects the exclusion from gross income of interest with respect to the Note Participations or their market value.

SUBSEQUENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE NOTE PARTICIPATIONS THERE MIGHT BE FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL STATUTORY CHANGES (OR JUDICIAL OR REGULATORY CHANGES TO OR INTERPRETATIONS OF FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL LAW) THAT AFFECT THE FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL TAX TREATMENT OF THE NOTE PARTICIPATIONS OR THE MARKET VALUE OF THE NOTE PARTICIPATIONS. THESE CHANGES COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE MARKET VALUE OR LIQUIDITY OF THE NOTE PARTICIPATIONS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES WILL BE INTRODUCED WHICH, IF ENACTED, WOULD RESULT IN ADDITIONAL FEDERAL INCOME OR STATE TAX BEING IMPOSED ON OWNERS OF TAX-EXEMPT STATE OR LOCAL OBLIGATIONS, SUCH AS THE NOTE PARTICIPATIONS. NO ASSURANCE CAN BE GIVEN THAT SUBSEQUENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE NOTE PARTICIPATIONS STATUTORY CHANGES WILL NOT BE INTRODUCED OR ENACTED OR INTERPRETATIONS WILL NOT OCCUR. BEFORE PURCHASING ANY OF THE NOTE PARTICIPATIONS, ALL POTENTIAL PURCHASERS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS REGARDING POSSIBLE STATUTORY CHANGES OR JUDICIAL OR REGULATORY CHANGES OR INTERPRETATIONS, AND THEIR COLLATERAL TAX CONSEQUENCES RELATING TO THE NOTE PARTICIPATIONS.

Bond Counsel's opinions may be affected by actions taken (or not taken) or events occurring (or not occurring) after the date hereof. Bond Counsel has not undertaken to determine, or to inform any person, whether any such actions or events are taken or do occur. The Resolution and the Tax Certificate relating to the Note Participations permit certain actions to be taken or to be omitted if a favorable opinion of Bond Counsel is provided with respect thereto. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to the effect on the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest (or original issue discount) on any Note Participation if any such action is taken or omitted based upon the advice of counsel other than Bond Counsel.

Although Bond Counsel will render an opinion that interest (and original issue discount) on the Note Participations is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes provided that the Districts continue to comply with certain requirements of the Code, the ownership of the Note Participations and the accrual or receipt of interest (and original issue discount) on the Note Participations

may otherwise affect the tax liability of certain persons. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any such tax consequences. Accordingly, before purchasing any of the Note Participations, all potential purchasers should consult their tax advisors with respect to collateral tax consequences relating to the Note Participations.

A copy of the proposed form of opinion of Bond Counsel is attached hereto as APPENDIX F. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion therein on the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of this Official Statement or other offering material related to the Note Participations.

### **LITIGATION**

There is no action, suit or proceeding known to be pending or threatened against any of the Districts, restraining or enjoining the execution or delivery of the Note Participations, the Trust Agreement or the Notes or in any way contesting or affecting the validity of the foregoing or, any action of the Districts taken with respect to any of the foregoing.

There is no litigation pending or, to the knowledge of the respective Districts, threatened, questioning the existence of the Districts, or the title of the officers of the respective Districts to their respective offices, or the power and authority of the Districts to issue and deliver the Notes or the Trustee to execute and deliver the related Note Participations.

### **RATING**

S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P") has assigned the rating of "SP-1+" to the Note Participations and to each of the Notes. The Districts supplied certain information to S&P's to be considered in evaluating the Note Participations and the Notes. The ratings reflect only the view of S&P, and any explanation of the significance of such ratings should be obtained from S&P. There is no assurance that any ratings will be retained for any given period of time or that the same will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by S&P if, in its judgment, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of any rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Note Participations.

Generally, rating agencies base their ratings on information and materials furnished to them (which may include information and material from the Districts which is not included in this Official Statement) and on investigations, studies and assumptions by the rating agencies.

Each of the Districts has covenanted to file on the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Electronic Municipal Market Access website ("EMMA") notices of any ratings changes on its Notes or the Note Participations. See "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE – Material Events Undertaking" herein. Notwithstanding such covenant, information relating to ratings changes on the Notes and the Note Participations may be publicly available from S&P prior to such information being provided to the Districts and prior to the date the Districts are obligated to file a notice of rating change on EMMA. Purchasers of the Note Participations are directed to S&P, its website and official media outlets for the most current ratings changes with respect to the Note Participations after the initial execution and delivery thereof.

## UNDERWRITING

UBS Financial Services, Inc. and Stifel Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated (the “Underwriters”), have contracted to purchase the Note Participations pursuant to a Note Participation Purchase Agreement (the “Purchase Agreement”) by and among the Underwriters and the Districts. The Underwriters have agreed to purchase the Note Participations at a price of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (representing the principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, plus original issue premium of \$\_\_\_\_\_, less the Underwriters’ discount of \$\_\_\_\_\_).

The Underwriters may offer and sell Note Participations to certain dealers and others at prices lower than the offering prices stated on the cover page hereof. The offering price may be changed from time to time by the Underwriters.

## CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

### Material Events Undertaking

Pursuant to the Trust Agreement, the Districts have agreed to give, or cause to be given, to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the “Repository”), in a timely manner, but in no event more than 10 Business Days after the occurrence thereof, notice of the following “Listed Events” with respect to such District’s Note and the Note Participations: (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies; (2) defeasances; (3) tender offers, (4) rating changes; (5) adverse tax opinions or the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, or Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB), (6) optional, contingent or unscheduled bond calls, (7) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financing difficulties; (8) unscheduled draws on the credit enhancement reflecting financial difficulties; (9) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform; (10) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event (within the meaning of the Rule, as defined herein) of the Districts; and (11) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation (as defined in the Trust Agreement), any of which reflect financial difficulties.

The Districts have also agreed to give, or cause to be given, to the Repository, in a timely manner, but in no event more than 10 Business Days after the occurrence thereof, notice of the following Listed Events, if deemed material pursuant to the terms of the Trust Agreement: (1) non-payment related defaults; (2) modifications to rights of Owners and Beneficial Owners of the Note Participations; (3) unless described by clause (5) of the preceding paragraph, material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Note and the Note Participations, or other material events affecting the tax-exempt status of the Note and the Note Participations; (4) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving a District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of such District, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms; (5) appointment of a successor or additional Trustee or the change of name of such Trustee; (6) release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Notes, if any; and (7) incurrence of a Financial Obligation, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation, any of which affect the Owners of the Note Participations.

These covenants have been made in order to assist the Underwriters in complying with SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) (the “Rule”). The undertakings regarding material event disclosure set forth in the Trust Agreement may be amended, and any provision thereof may be waived, by written agreement of the parties thereto, without the consent of the Owners of the Note Participations (except to the extent required

under clause (3)(ii) below), if all of the following conditions are satisfied: (1) such amendment or waiver is made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature or status of the Participants or the type of business conducted thereby; (2) the undertakings therein as so amended or waived would, in the opinion of nationally recognized Bond Counsel with expertise in federal securities laws, addressed to the Districts and the Trustee, have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the primary offering of the Note Participations, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; (3) the proposed amendment or waiver either (i) is approved by the Owners in the manner provided in the Trust Agreement for amendments to the Trust Agreement with the consent of the Owners, or (ii) does not, in the opinion of the nationally recognized Bond Counsel or counsel with expertise in federal securities laws, addressed to the Participants and the Trustee, materially impair the interests of the owners of Note Participations; and (4) the Participants shall have delivered copies of such opinions and amendment to each Repository.

The Districts' obligations under the Trust Agreement shall terminate upon the defeasance or payment in full of all of the Notes and the Note Participations. The undertakings in the Trust Agreement relating to continuing disclosure shall inure solely to the benefit of the Districts, the Trustee, the Dissemination Agent, the Underwriters and the Owners and Beneficial Owners, from time to time of the Note Participations, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

See also APPENDIX E—"DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS AND SUMMARY OF THE TRUST AGREEMENT".

#### **Prior Continuing Disclosure Obligations**

Except as otherwise described below, each of the District's has not failed within the past five years to comply in a material respect with prior continuing disclosure undertakings pursuant to the Rule:

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#### **CERTAIN LEGAL MATTERS**

At the time of the delivery of the Note Participations, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, A Professional Corporation, San Francisco, California, Bond Counsel, will deliver its final approving opinion in the form set forth in APPENDIX F. A copy of such approving opinion will be available for delivery with the Note Participations. Certain matters will be passed on for the Underwriters \_\_\_\_\_, California, and for the Trustee by its counsel.



**AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL**

Any statements in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion, whether or not expressly so stated, are intended as such and not as representations of fact. This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or agreement between the Districts and the purchasers or Owners of any of the Note Participations.

This Official Statement, and its distribution and use by the Underwriters, have been duly authorized and approved by the Districts.

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## **APPENDIX A**

### **NOTE AMOUNT BY DISTRICT AND COVERAGE ANALYSIS**

*This Appendix contains tables listing the participating Districts, the principal amount of the Note being issued by each such District, the principal amount of the Note of such District as a percentage of the principal amount of the Note Participations, and projected note payment coverage for each District. Further, investors should note that amounts shown as alternative cash resources for a District will not necessarily be available for the payment of the Note of such District.*

**APPENDIX B**  
**DISTRICT FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

## **APPENDIX C**

### **DISTRICT CASH FLOWS**

*This Appendix contains current and projected cash flows for each District. The projected cash flow amounts are projections only; there can be no assurance that such projections will be realized. Further, investors should note that amounts shown as alternative cash resources in APPENDIX A for a District will not necessarily be available for the payment of the Note of such District.*

**APPENDIX D**

**REPAYMENT MONTHS, PERCENTAGES AND AMOUNTS**

## **APPENDIX E**

### **DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS AND SUMMARY OF THE TRUST AGREEMENT**

*The following is a brief summary of certain provisions of the legal documents related to the Note Participations which are not described in the Official Statement to which this Appendix is attached. This summary is not intended to be definitive and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the fully executed Trust Agreement and Note Resolutions for the complete terms thereof. Copies of the Trust Agreement and Note Resolutions are available upon request from the respective School Districts.*

**APPENDIX F**

**PROPOSED FORM OF BOND COUNSEL OPINION**

\_\_\_\_\_, 2020

Participants identified  
in the Trust Agreement

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*Riverside County Office of Education*  
*Pooled Cross Fiscal Year 2020-21 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes*  
*Note Participations Series A*

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as Bond Counsel to various Districts (the “Participants”), in connection with the execution and delivery of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ aggregate principal amount of the Contra Costa County Schools Pooled Cross Fiscal Year 2020-21 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Note Participations Series A , (the “Note Participations”), evidencing and representing fractional and undivided interests in the tax and revenue anticipation notes (the “Notes”) issued by the Participants identified in the Trust Agreement (as hereinafter defined) and identified in the Official Statement, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 (the “Official Statement”), relating to the Note Participations and the debt service payments on the Notes to be made by the Participants. The Note Participations are executed and delivered pursuant a trust agreement, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 (the “Trust Agreement”), between [TBD] (the “Trustee”) and the Participants. Each Note is issued pursuant to and by authority of a resolution of the governing board of each respective Participant (collectively, the “Resolutions”), each passed and adopted under and by authority of Article 7.6, Chapter 4, Part 1, Division 2, Title 5 of the California Government Code, and designated the respective Participant’s “2020-21 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note.”

In such connection, we have reviewed the Trust Agreement, the Resolutions, the Notes, opinions of counsel to the Participants regarding issuance of the Notes by the Participants and the adoption, legality, validity and enforceability of the Resolutions, the Notes and other matters, the opinion of counsel to the Trustee, certificates of the Participants regarding tax and other matters (the “Certificates”), certificates of the Trustee and others, and such other documents, opinions and matters to the extent we deemed necessary to render the opinions set forth herein.

Certain agreements, requirements and procedures contained or referred to in the Resolutions, the Certificates and other relevant documents may be changed and certain actions (including, without limitation, prepayment of the Note Participations) may be taken or omitted under the circumstances and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in such documents. No opinion is expressed herein as to the effect on the interest on any Note evidenced and represented by the Note Participations if any such change occurs or action is taken or omitted upon the advice or approval of counsel other than ourselves.

The opinions expressed herein are based on an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions and cover certain matters not directly addressed by such authorities. Such opinions may be affected by actions taken or omitted or events occurring after the date hereof. We have not undertaken to determine, or to inform any person, whether any such actions are taken or omitted or events do occur or

any other matters come to our attention after the date hereof. Our engagement with respect to the Note Participations has concluded with their execution and delivery, and we disclaim any obligation to update this letter. We have assumed the genuineness of all documents and signatures presented to us (whether as originals or copies) and the due and legal execution and delivery thereof by, and validity against, any parties other than the Participants. We have assumed, without undertaking to verify, the accuracy of the factual matters represented, warranted or certified in the documents, and of the legal conclusions contained in the opinions, referred to in the second paragraph hereof. Furthermore, we have assumed compliance with all covenants and agreements contained in the Resolutions, the Trust Agreement and the Certificates, including (without limitation) covenants and agreements compliance with which is necessary to assure that future actions, omissions or events will not cause interest evidenced and represented by the Note Participations to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. We call attention to the fact that the rights and obligations under the Resolutions, the Notes, the Trust Agreement and evidenced and represented by the Note Participations, and their enforceability may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, arrangement, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium and other similar laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights, to the application of equitable principles, to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to the limitations on legal remedies against public entities such as the Participants in the State of California. We express no opinion with respect to any indemnification, contribution, choice of law, choice of forum, choice of venue, waiver or severability provisions contained in the foregoing documents. Finally, we undertake no responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the official statement or other offering materials relating to the Notes or the Note Participations and express no opinion with respect thereto.

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

1. Each Note constitutes the valid and binding obligation of the respective issuing Participant. The principal of and interest on each Note are payable from the Pledged Revenues (as that term is defined in the respective Resolution) of the issuing Participant and, to the extent not so paid, are payable from any other moneys of such Participant lawfully available therefor.

2. The Resolutions have been duly adopted by the Participants and each constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the respective Participant.

3. The Trust Agreement, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the Participants and the Trustee, constitutes the valid and binding obligations of, the respective Participants which are a party thereto.

4. The Note Participations, upon execution and delivery thereof by the Trustee, are entitled to the benefits of the Trust Agreement.



5. Interest on the Notes paid by the Participants and received by the registered owners of the Note Participations is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, is not an item of tax preference for purposes of calculating the federal alternative minimum tax on individuals, and is exempt from State of California personal income taxes. We express no opinion regarding other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of such interest represented by, the Note Participations.

Respectfully submitted,

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## APPENDIX G

### THE BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM

*The information in this Appendix concerning The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, New York, and DTC’s book entry system has been obtained from DTC and the Districts take no responsibility for the completeness or accuracy thereof. The Districts cannot and do not give any assurances that DTC, DTC Participants or Indirect Participants will distribute to the Beneficial Owners (a) payments of interest, principal or premium, if any, with respect to the Note Participations, (b) certificates representing ownership interest in or other confirmation or ownership interest in the Note Participations, or (c) redemption or other notices sent to DTC or Cede & Co., its nominee, as the registered owner of the Note Participations, or that they will so do on a timely basis, or that DTC, DTC Participants or DTC Indirect Participants will act in the manner described in this Appendix. The current “Rules” applicable to DTC are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the current “Procedures” of DTC to be followed in dealing with DTC Participants are on file with DTC.*

The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, NY, will act as securities depository for the Note Participations. The Note Participations 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 certificate will be issued for the Note Participations, in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world’s largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organization” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.6 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC’s participants (“Direct Participants”) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants’ accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (“DTCC”). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly (“Indirect Participants”). DTC has a Standard & Poor’s Rating of “AA+”. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com) and [www.dtc.org](http://www.dtc.org).

Purchases of Note Participations under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Note Participations on DTC’s records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Note Participation (“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 Note Participations 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 Note Participations, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Note Participations is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Note Participations 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 Note Participations 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 Note Participations; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Note Participations 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 Note Participations may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Note Participations, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Security documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Note Participations may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Note Participations for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. 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.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to Note Participations unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Districts 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 Note Participations are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Payments on the Note Participations 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 Districts or the Paying Agent, on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the Paying Agent, or the Districts, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of 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 Districts or 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.

A Beneficial Owner shall give notice to elect to have its Note Participations purchased or tendered, through its Participant, to the Paying Agent, and shall effect delivery of such Note Participations by causing the Direct Participant to transfer the Participant's interest in the Note Participations, on DTC's records, to the Paying Agent. The requirement for physical delivery of Note Participations in connection with an optional tender or a mandatory purchase will be deemed satisfied when the ownership rights in the Note Participations are transferred by Direct Participants on DTC's records and followed by a book-entry credit of tendered Note Participations to the Paying Agent's DTC account.

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

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

## APPENDIX H

### RIVERSIDE COUNTY TREASURY POOL

*The following information concerning the Riverside County Pooled Investment Fund (the “Investment Pool”) has been provided by the Treasurer, and has not been confirmed or verified by the District Municipal Advisor or the Underwriters. The District, Municipal Advisor and the Underwriters have not made an independent investigation of the investments in the Investment Pool and have made no assessment of the current County investment policy. The value of the various investments in the Investment Pool will fluctuate on a daily basis as a result of a multitude of factors, including generally prevailing interest rates and other economic conditions. Additionally, the Treasurer, with the consent of the County Board of Supervisors may change the County investment policy at any time. Therefore, there can be no assurance that the values of the various investments in the Investment Pool will not vary significantly from the values described herein. Finally, none of the District, Municipal Advisor or the Underwriters make any representation as to the accuracy or adequacy of such information or as to the absence of material adverse changes in such information subsequent to the date hereof, or that the information contained or incorporated hereby by reference is correct as of any time subsequent to its date. Additional information regarding the Investment Pool may be obtained from the Treasurer at <https://www.countytreasurer.org/>; however, the information presented on such website is not incorporated herein by any reference.*

**APPENDIX I**  
**SELECTED DISTRICT GENERAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION**