

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED OCTOBER 24, 2019

NEW ISSUE—BOOK-ENTRY ONLY BANK QUALIFIED

RATING:

S&P Global Ratings: “AAA”
See “RATING” herein.

In the opinion of Quint & Thimmig LLP, Larkspur, California, Bond Counsel, subject to compliance by the District with certain covenants, under present law, interest on Bonds is excludable from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and is not included as an item of tax preference in computing the federal alternative minimum tax for individuals under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). It is also the opinion of Bond Counsel that the Bonds are “qualified tax-exempt obligations” under section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. In addition, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal income taxation imposed by the State of California. See “TAX MATTERS” herein.



\$3,000,000* **ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT** **(Marin County, California)** **2019 General Obligation Refunding Bonds**

Dated: Date of Delivery

Due: August 1, as shown on the inside cover

The \$3,000,000* Ross School District (Marin County, California) 2019 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, (the “Bonds”) are being issued by the Ross School District (the “District”) pursuant to the provisions of Articles 9 and 11 of Chapter 3 (commencing with section 53550) of Division 2 of Title 5 of the California Government Code (collectively, the “Act”) and a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District on October 23, 2019 (the “Resolution”). The Bonds will be issued as current interest bonds.

The Bonds are being issued to (a) refund, on a current basis, the District’s outstanding Ross School District (Marin County, California) General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2008, Series 2008 (the “2008 Bonds”), and (b) pay certain costs of issuance of the Bonds. The 2008 Bonds were issued to finance the construction of improvements to the District’s facilities. See “REFUNDING PLAN” herein.

The Bonds constitute general obligations of the District payable solely from *ad valorem* property taxes levied and collected by Marin County (the “County”). The Board of Supervisors of the County is empowered and obligated to annually levy *ad valorem* taxes, without limitation as to rate or amount, for the payment of interest on, and principal of, the Bonds upon all property subject to taxation within the District (except certain personal property which is taxable at limited rates), all as more fully described herein under “THE BONDS” and “SECURITY AND SOURCE OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS—Property Taxation System.”

The Bonds are issuable in denominations of \$5,000 and any integral multiple thereof. Interest on the Bonds is payable on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing February 1, 2020. See “THE BONDS” herein. The Bonds will be delivered in fully registered form only and, when delivered, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”). DTC will act as securities depository of the Bonds. Ownership interests in the Bonds may be purchased in book-entry form only. Principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid by The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as paying agent, to DTC or its nominee, which will in turn remit such payment to its participants for subsequent disbursement to the beneficial owners of the Bonds. See “BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM” herein.

The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity. See “THE BONDS—Redemption” herein.

MATURITIES, PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES AND YIELDS

SEE THE INSIDE COVER

This cover page contains information for quick reference only. It is not a summary of these issues. Potential purchasers must read the entire Official Statement to obtain information essential to making an informed investment decision.

The Bonds will be offered when, as and if issued, and received by the Underwriter, subject to the approval as to their validity by Quint & Thimmig LLP, Larkspur, California, Bond Counsel, and certain other conditions. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the District by Quint & Thimmig LLP, Larkspur, California, as Disclosure Counsel. Certain matters will be passed upon for the Underwriter by Kutak Rock LLP, Denver, Colorado. It is anticipated that the Bonds will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC in New York, New York on or about November 13, 2019.

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Date of this Official Statement is October __, 2019

*Preliminary, subject to change.

\$3,000,000*
ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
(Marin County, California)
2019 General Obligation Refunding Bonds

MATURITIES, PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES, PRICES AND YIELDS*

CUSIP† Prefix: 519547

<u>Maturity (August 1)</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>CUSIP† Suffix</u>
2020				
2021				
2022				
2023				
2024				
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*Information therein is not incorporated by reference into this Official Statement.

For purposes of compliance with Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, as amended ("Rule 15c2-12"), this Preliminary Official Statement constitutes an "official statement" of the District with respect to the Bonds that has been deemed "final" by the District as of its date except for the omission of no more than the information permitted by Rule 15c2-12.

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Document Summaries. All summaries of the documents referred to in this Official Statement are made subject to the provisions of such documents and qualified in their entirety to reference to such documents, and do not purport to be complete statements of any or all of such provisions.

No Securities Laws Registration. The Bonds have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, in reliance upon exceptions therein for the issuance and sale of municipal securities. The Bonds have not been registered or qualified under the securities laws of any state.

Estimates and Projections. When used in this Official Statement and in any continuing disclosure by the District, in any press release and in any oral statement made with the approval of an authorized officer of the District, the words or phrases "will likely result," "are expected to," "will continue," "is anticipated," "estimate," "project," "forecast," "expect," "intend" and similar expressions identify "forward looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated in such forward-looking statements. Any forecast is subject to such uncertainties. Inevitably, some assumptions used to develop the forecasts will not be realized and unanticipated events and circumstances may occur. Therefore, there are likely to be differences between forecasts and actual results, and those differences may be material.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, THE UNDERWRITER MAY OVERALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICE OF THE BONDS AT LEVELS ABOVE THOSE THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME. THE UNDERWRITER MAY OFFER AND SELL THE BONDS TO CERTAIN SECURITIES DEALERS AND DEALER BANKS AND BANKS ACTING AS AGENT AND OTHERS AT PRICES LOWER THAN THE PUBLIC OFFERING PRICES STATED ON THE INSIDE COVER PAGE HEREOF AND SAID PUBLIC OFFERING PRICES MAY BE CHANGED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE UNDERWRITER.

Effective Date. This Official Statement speaks only as of its date, and the information and expressions of opinion contained in this Official Statement are subject to change without notice. Neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale of the Bonds will, under any circumstances, give rise to any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the District, the County, the other parties described in this Official Statement, or the condition of the property within the District since the date of this Official Statement.

Website. The District maintains a website. Unless specifically indicated otherwise, the information presented on such website is not incorporated by reference as part of this Official Statement.

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\$3,000,000*
ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
(Marin County, California)
2019 General Obligation Refunding Bonds

INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement, which includes the cover page, the inside cover page and the appendices hereto, provides information in connection with the sale of the \$3,000,000* Ross School District (Marin County, California) 2019 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (the “Bonds”).

This Introduction is not a summary of this Official Statement. It is only a brief description of and guide to, and is qualified by, more complete and detailed information contained in the entire Official Statement, including the cover page, the inside cover page and the appendices hereto, and the documents summarized or described herein. A full review should be made of the entire Official Statement. The offering of the Bonds to potential investors is made only by means of the entire Official Statement.

The District

The District is an elementary school district located in the town of Ross (the “Town”), in Marin County (the “County”), California (the “State”), encompassing a population of approximately 2,800 residents. The District is located approximately 18 miles north of San Francisco, across the Golden Gate Bridge. The District serves the students of the Town and sections of Kentfield and San Rafael and adjacent unincorporated areas of the County. The District operates one school which serves elementary school children attending kindergarten through eighth grade.

The District is governed by a five-member Board of Trustees (the “District Board”), whose members are elected at large to four-year terms. The members of the District Board elect a president each year. The management and policies of the District are administered by a Superintendent appointed by the District Board who is responsible for day-to-day District operations as well as the supervision of the District’s other personnel.

The District’s education funding base is “Community Funded”, meaning its share of local property taxes exceeds the State “”funding requirement, and as a result, the District is entitled to keep its full share of local property tax revenues, including the amount which exceeds the State funding formula. For more complete information concerning the District, including certain financial information, see “THE DISTRICT” and APPENDIX B—DISTRICT AND GENERAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL INFORMATION. The District’s audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, are included as APPENDIX C—AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018.

* Preliminary, subject to change.

Source of Payment for the Bonds

The Bonds constitute general obligations of the District payable solely from *ad valorem* property taxes levied and collected by the County. The Board of Supervisors of the County is empowered and is obligated to annually levy *ad valorem* taxes for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds upon all property in the District subject to taxation by the District without limitation of rate or amount (except certain personal property which is taxable at limited rates). See “SECURITY AND SOURCE OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS.”

Authority for Issue; Purpose of Issue

The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State, including the provisions of Article 9 of Chapter 3 (commencing with section 53550) of Division 2 of Title 5 of the California Government Code (the “Refunding Bond Law”). The Bonds are authorized to be issued pursuant to a resolution, adopted by the District Board on October 23, 2019 (the “Resolution”).

The Bonds are being issued to (a) refund, on a current basis, the District’s outstanding Ross Elementary School District (Marin County, California) General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2008, Series 2008 (the “2008 Bonds”), and (b) pay certain costs of issuance of the Bonds. The 2008 Bonds were issued to finance the construction of improvements to the District’s facilities. See “REFUNDING PLAN” herein.

Description of the Bonds

The Bonds are being issued as current interest bonds. The Bonds will be dated as of their date of delivery, will be issued as fully registered bonds, without coupons, in the denominations of \$5,000 principal amount or any integral multiple thereof. Interest on the Bonds accrues from their date of delivery and is payable semiannually on each February 1 and August 1 (each an “Interest Payment Date”), commencing February 1, 2020.

The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form only, registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee of The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), and will be available to actual purchasers of the Bonds (the “Beneficial Owners”) in the denominations set forth on the inside cover page hereof, under the book-entry system maintained by DTC, only through brokers and dealers who are or act through DTC Participants as described herein. Beneficial Owners will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of the Bonds. See “BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM” and APPENDIX G—BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM. In event that the book-entry system described below is no longer used with respect to the Bonds, the Bonds will be registered in accordance with the Resolution as described herein. See “THE BONDS—Registration, Transfer and Exchange of Bonds.” Individual purchases of interests in the Bonds will be available to purchasers of the Bonds in the denominations of \$5,000 principal amount or any integral multiple thereof.

Certain of the Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity. See “THE BONDS—Redemption.”

Tax Matters

In the opinion of Quint & Thimmig LLP, Larkspur, California, Bond Counsel, subject to compliance by the District with certain covenants, under present law, interest on Bonds is excludable from

gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and is not included as an item of tax preference in computing the federal alternative minimum tax for individuals under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In addition, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal income taxation imposed by the State. See “TAX MATTERS” herein.

Offering and Delivery

The Bonds are offered when, as, and if issued and received by the purchaser, subject to approval as to their legality by Bond Counsel. It is anticipated that the Bonds will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC on or about November 13, 2019.

Continuing Disclosure

The District has covenanted for the benefit of the holders and Beneficial Owners of the Bonds to make available certain financial information and operating data relating to the District and to provide notices of the occurrence of certain enumerated events in compliance with S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) (the “Rule”). The specific nature of the information to be made available and of the notices of enumerated events is summarized below under the caption “CONTINUING DISCLOSURE.” Also, see APPENDIX F—FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE.

Professionals Involved in the Bond Offering

Several professional firms have provided services to the District with respect to the sale and delivery of the Bonds. Quint & Thimmig LLP, Larkspur, California, Bond Counsel, will deliver its legal opinion in substantially the form set forth in APPENDIX E—FORM OF OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL. Quint & Thimmig LLP, Larkspur, California, is also serving as Disclosure Counsel to the District with respect to the Bonds (“Disclosure Counsel”). Certain legal matters will also be passed upon for the Underwriter by Kutak Rock LLP, Denver, Colorado. The payment of fees and expenses of such firms with respect to the Bonds is contingent on the sale and delivery of the Bonds. The District’s financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, have been audited by Stephen Roatch Accountancy Corporation, Folsom, California. See APPENDIX C—AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018. The Underwriter is not obligated to undertake, and has not undertaken to make, an independent verification or to assume responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the information in this Official Statement.

Other Information

This Official Statement speaks only as of its date, and the information contained herein is subject to change. Copies of documents referred to herein and information concerning the Bonds are available for inspection at the office of the Chief Business Official, Ross School District, 9 Lagunitas Road, Ross, CA 94957, telephone (415) 257-2705. The District may impose a charge for copying, mailing and handling.

This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract with the purchasers of the Bonds. Statements contained in this Official Statement which involve estimates, forecasts or matters of opinion, whether or not expressly so described herein, are intended solely as such and are not to be construed as representations of fact. The summaries and references to documents, statutes and constitutional provisions referred to herein do not purport to be comprehensive or definitive and are qualified in their entireties by reference to each of such documents, statutes and constitutional provisions.

The information set forth herein has been obtained from official sources which are believed to be reliable, but it is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness and is not to be construed as a representation by the District. The information and expressions of opinions herein are subject to change without notice and neither delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the District since the date hereof. This Official Statement is submitted in connection with the sale of the Bonds referred to herein and may not be reproduced or used, in whole or in part, for any other purpose.

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, and Section 27A of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1933, as amended. Such statements are generally identifiable by the terminology used such as “plan,” “expect,” “estimate,” “project,” “budget,” or other similar words. Such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated in such forward-looking statements. Any forecast is subject to such uncertainties. Inevitably, some assumptions used to develop the forecasts will not be realized and unanticipated events and circumstances may occur. Therefore, there are likely to be differences between forecasts and actual results, and those differences may be material.

All terms used in this Official Statement and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings given such terms in the Resolution.

THE BONDS

Authority for Issuance

The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State, including the Refunding Bond Law, and the Resolution.

Purposes of Issuance

The Bonds are being issued to (a) refund, on a current basis, the 2008 Bonds, and (b) pay for costs of issuance of the Bonds. See “—Estimated Sources and Uses of Funds.”

The District has authorized and issued certain other general obligation bonds. See “APPENDIX B—DISTRICT AND GENERAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL INFORMATION—District Debt Structure.”

Security and Source of Payment

The Bonds constitute general obligations of the District payable solely from *ad valorem* property taxes levied and collected by the County. The Board of Supervisors of the County is empowered and are obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes for the payment of the Bonds, and the interest thereon, upon all property in the District subject to taxation by the District without limitation of rate or amount (except certain personal property which is taxable at limited rates). Such taxes are required to be levied annually, in addition to all other taxes, during the period that the Bonds are outstanding in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due. The levy may include an allowance for a reserve, established to avoid fluctuations in tax levies. Such taxes, when collected, will be deposited, with respect

to the Bonds, into the Interest and Sinking Fund and which is required by the California Education Code to be applied for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due. Although the County is obligated to levy an *ad valorem* tax for the payment of the Bonds, and the County Director of Finance (the "Director of Finance") will maintain the Interest and Sinking Fund, the Bonds are a debt of the District, not of the County.

Moneys placed in the Interest and Sinking Fund of the District are irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds when and as the same fall due. The property taxes and amounts held in the Interest and Sinking Fund of the District shall immediately be subject to this pledge, and the pledge shall constitute a lien and security interest which shall be effective, binding, and enforceable against the District, its successors, creditors and all others irrespective of whether those parties have notice of the pledge and without the need of any physical delivery, recordation, filing, or further act. The pledge is an agreement between the District and the Owners of the Bonds in addition to the statutory lien in accordance with section 53515(a) of the California Government Code, and the Bonds were issued to finance one or more projects authorized under the authorization provided by District voters and not to finance the general purposes of the District.

In accordance with section 53515(a) of the California Government Code, the Bonds shall be secured by a statutory lien on all revenues received pursuant to the levy and collection of the tax for general obligation bonds issued under the authorization provided by District voters. The lien shall automatically attach without further action or authorization by the District or the County. The lien shall be valid and binding from the time the Bonds are issued and delivered. The revenues received pursuant to the levy and collection of the tax shall be immediately subject to the lien, and the lien shall automatically attach to the revenues and be effective, binding, and enforceable against the District, its successors, transferees, and creditors, and all others asserting rights therein, irrespective of whether those parties have notice of the lien and without the need for any physical delivery, recordation, filing, or further act.

The moneys in the Interest and Sinking Fund, to the extent necessary to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due and payable, will be transferred by the County, through the Director of Finance, to the Paying Agent (hereinafter defined) which, in turn, will pay such moneys to DTC to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds. DTC will thereupon make payments of principal and interest on the Bonds to the DTC Participants who will thereupon make payments of principal and interest to the Beneficial Owners (as defined herein) of the Bonds.

The amount of the annual *ad valorem* tax levied by the County to repay the Bonds will be determined by the relationship between the assessed valuation of taxable property in the District and the amount of debt service due on the Bonds in any year. Fluctuations in the annual debt service on the Bonds and the assessed value of taxable property in the District may cause the annual tax rate to fluctuate. Economic and other factors beyond the District's control, such as a general market decline in property values, reclassification of property to a class exempt from taxation, whether by ownership or use (such as exemption for property owned by the State and local agencies and property used for qualified educational, hospital, charitable or religious purposes), or the complete or partial destruction of taxable property caused by natural or manmade disaster, such as earthquake, fire, flood, drought or toxic contamination, could cause a reduction in the assessed value of taxable property within the District and necessitate a corresponding increase in the annual tax rate. For further information regarding the District's assessed valuation, tax rates, overlapping debt, and other matters concerning taxation, see "SECURITY AND SOURCE OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS."

Description of the Bonds

The Bonds will be issued in book-entry form only and will be initially issued and registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee for DTC. Beneficial Owners will not receive physical certificates representing their interests in the Bonds. See “BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM” and APPENDIX G—BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM.

Interest on the Bonds accrues from their date of issuance and is payable semiannually on each Interest Payment Date. Interest on the Bonds accrues on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months. Each Bond will bear interest from the Interest Payment Date next preceding the date of authentication thereof unless it is authenticated as of a day during the period from the 16th day of the month next preceding any Interest Payment Date to that Interest Payment Date, inclusive, in which event it will bear interest from such Interest Payment Date, or unless it is authenticated on or before January 15, 2020, in which event it will bear interest from its date of delivery.

The Bonds are issuable in denominations of \$5,000 principal amount or any integral multiple thereof. The Bonds mature on the dates, in the years and amounts set forth on the inside cover page hereof. The principal of and interest on the Bonds (including the final interest payment upon maturity or earlier redemption) is payable by check or draft of the Paying Agent mailed by first-class mail to the Owner at the Owner’s address as it appears on the registration books maintained by the Paying Agent as of the close of business on the fifteenth day of the month next preceding such interest payment date (the “Record Date”), or at such other address as the Owner may have filed with the Paying Agent for that purpose; provided however, that payment of interest may be by wire transfer in immediately available funds to an account in the United States of America to any Owner of the Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000 or more who shall furnish written wire instructions to the Paying Agent at least five (5) days before the applicable Record Date. See also “Book Entry Only System” below.

See the maturity schedule on the inside cover page hereof and “Debt Service Schedule.”

Payment

The principal of the Bonds will be payable upon maturity or redemption upon surrender of such Bonds at the principal office of the Paying Agent. The principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America. The Paying Agent is authorized to pay the Bonds when duly presented for payment at maturity, and to cancel all Bonds upon payment thereof. The Bonds are general obligations of the District and do not constitute an obligation of the County. No part of any fund of the County is pledged or obligated to the payment of the Bonds.

Redemption*

Optional Redemption. The Bonds maturing on or before August 1, 20__ are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. The Bonds maturing on or after August 1, 20__ may be redeemed before maturity at the option of the District, in whole or in part, from any source of available funds, on any date on or after August 1, 20__ at a redemption price equal to the par amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, without premium.

* Preliminary, subject to change.

Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption. The Bonds maturing on August 1, 20___, are also subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on August 1 in the years, and in the amounts, as set forth in the following table, at a redemption price equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed (without premium), together with interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption:

Sinking Fund Redemption Date (August 1)	Principal Amount to be August
_____	_____

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†Maturity

Selection of Bonds for Redemption. If less than all of the Bonds are called for redemption, the particular Bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed shall be called in such order as shall be directed by the District and, in lieu of such direction, in inverse order of their maturity. Within a maturity, the Paying Agent shall select the Bonds for redemption by lot; *provided, however*, that the portion of any Bonds to be redeemed shall be in the principal amount of \$5,000 or some integral multiple thereof and that, in selecting Bonds for redemption, the Paying Agent shall treat each Bonds as representing that number of Bonds which is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such Bonds by five thousand dollars.

Notice of Redemption. The Paying Agent is required to mail (by first class mail) notice of any redemption to: (i) the respective Owners of any Bonds designated for redemption, at least thirty (30) but not more than sixty (60) days prior to the redemption date, at their respective addresses appearing on the Bond Register, and (ii) the Securities Depositories and to one or more Information Services, at least thirty (30) but not more than sixty (60) days prior to the redemption; *provided, however*, that neither failure to receive any such notice so mailed nor any defect therein shall affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of such Bonds or the cessation of the accrual of interest thereon. Such notice will state the date of the notice, the redemption date, the redemption place and the redemption price and shall designate the CUSIP numbers, the Bond numbers and the maturity or maturities (in the event of redemption of all of the Bonds of such maturity or maturities in whole) of the Bonds to be redeemed, and will require that such Bonds be then surrendered for redemption at the redemption price, giving notice also that further interest on such Bonds will not accrue from and after the redemption date.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of any optional redemption of the Bonds, the notice of redemption will state that the redemption is conditioned upon receipt by the Paying Agent of sufficient moneys to redeem the Bonds on the scheduled redemption date, and that the optional redemption shall not occur if, by no later than the scheduled redemption date, sufficient moneys to redeem the Bonds have not been deposited with the Paying Agent. In the event that the Paying Agent does not receive sufficient funds by the scheduled optional redemption date to so redeem the Bonds to be optionally redeemed, the Paying Agent will send written notice to the Owners, to the Securities Depositories and to one or more of the Information Services to the effect that the redemption did not occur as anticipated, and the Bonds for which notice of optional redemption was given shall remain Outstanding for all purposes.

Conditional Notice of Redemption. Any notice of optional redemption of the Bonds may be conditional and if any condition stated in the notice of redemption shall not have been satisfied on or prior

to the redemption date, (i) said notice shall be of no force and effect, (ii) the District shall not be required to redeem such Bonds; (iii) the redemption shall be cancelled and (iv) the Paying Agent shall within a reasonable time thereafter give notice to the persons and in the manner in which the conditional notice of redemption was given, that such condition or conditions were not met and that the redemption was cancelled. The actual receipt by the owner of any Bonds of notice of such cancellation shall not be a condition precedent to cancellation, and failure to receive such notice or any defect in such notice shall not affect the validity of the cancellation.

Rescission of Notice of Redemption. The District may rescind any optional redemption and notice thereof for any reason on any date on or prior to the date fixed for redemption by causing written notice of the rescission to be given to the owners of the Bonds so called for redemption. Any optional redemption and notice thereof will be rescinded if for any reason on the date fixed for redemption moneys are not available in the Interest and Sinking Fund or otherwise held in trust for such purpose in an amount sufficient to pay in full on said date the principal of, interest, and any premium due on the Bonds called for redemption. Notice of rescission of redemption will be given in the same manner in which the notice of redemption was originally given. The actual receipt by the owner of any Bonds of notice of such rescission will not be a condition precedent to rescission, and failure to receive such notice or any defect in such notice will not affect the validity of the rescission.

Partial Redemption of Bonds. In the event only a portion of any Bonds is called for redemption, then upon surrender of such Bonds the District will execute and the Paying Agent will authenticate and deliver to the Owner thereof, at the expense of the District, a new Bond or Bonds of the same maturity date, of authorized denominations in aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the Bond to be redeemed. Bonds need not be presented for mandatory sinking fund redemptions.

Effect of Redemption. Notice having been given as described above, and the moneys for the redemption (including the interest to the applicable date of redemption) having been set aside for such purpose, the Bonds to be redeemed will become due and payable on such date of redemption. If on such redemption date, money for the redemption of all the Bonds to be redeemed, together with interest to such redemption date, will be held by the Paying Agent so as to be available therefor on such redemption date, and if notice of redemption thereof will have been given as aforesaid, then from and after such redemption date, interest with respect to the Bonds to be redeemed will cease to accrue and become payable. All money held by or on behalf of the Paying Agent for the redemption of Bonds will be held in trust for the account of the registered owners of the Bonds so to be redeemed. Bonds (or portions thereof), which have been duly called for redemption prior to maturity, or with respect to which irrevocable instructions to call for redemption prior to maturity at the earliest redemption date have been given to the Paying Agent, and sufficient moneys are held by the Paying Agent irrevocably in trust for the payment of the redemption price of such Bonds or portions thereof, then such Bonds will no longer be deemed outstanding and will be surrendered to the Paying Agent for cancellation.

Defeasance

Discharge of Resolution. Bonds may be paid by the District in any of the following ways, provided that the District also pays or causes to be paid any other sums payable hereunder by the District:

(i) by paying or causing to be paid the principal or redemption price of and interest on Bonds Outstanding, as and when the same become due and payable;

(ii) by depositing, in trust, at or before maturity, money or securities in the necessary amount (as provided in the Resolution) to pay or redeem Bonds Outstanding; or

(iii) by delivering to the Paying Agent, for cancellation by it, Bonds Outstanding.

then and in that case, at the election of the District (evidenced by a certificate of a District Representative, filed with the Paying Agent, signifying the intention of the District to discharge all such indebtedness and the Resolution), and notwithstanding that any Bonds shall not have been surrendered for payment, the Resolution and all covenants, agreements and other obligations of the District under the Resolution shall cease, terminate, become void and be completely discharged and satisfied, except only as provided in the Resolution. In such event, upon request of the District, the Paying Agent shall cause an accounting for such period or periods as may be requested by the District to be prepared and filed with the District and shall execute and deliver to the District all such instruments as may be necessary to evidence such discharge and satisfaction, and the Paying Agent shall pay over, transfer, assign or deliver to the District all moneys or securities or other property held by it pursuant to the Resolution which are not required for the payment or redemption of Bonds not theretofore surrendered for such payment or redemption.

Discharge of Liability on Bonds. Upon the deposit, in trust, at or before maturity, of money or securities in the necessary amount (as provided in the Resolution to pay or redeem any Outstanding Bond (whether upon or prior to its maturity or the redemption date of such Bond), provided that, if such Bond is to be redeemed prior to maturity, notice of such redemption shall have been given as provided in the Resolution or provision satisfactory to the Paying Agent shall have been made for the giving of such notice, then all liability of the District in respect of such Bond shall cease and be completely discharged, except only that thereafter the Owner thereof shall be entitled only to payment of the principal of and interest on such Bond by the District, and the District shall remain liable for such payment, but only out of such money or securities deposited in trust with an escrow holder as aforesaid for such payment, provided further, however, that the provisions of the Resolution shall apply in all events.

The District may at any time surrender to the Paying Agent for cancellation by it any Bonds previously issued and delivered, which the District may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and such Bonds, upon such surrender and cancellation, shall be deemed to be paid and retired.

Deposit of Money or Securities with Paying Agent. Whenever in the Resolution it is provided or permitted that there be deposited with or held in trust with an escrow holder money or securities in the necessary amount to pay or redeem any Bonds, the money or securities so to be deposited or held may include money or securities held by the Paying Agent in the funds and accounts established pursuant to the Resolution and shall be:

(i) lawful money of the United States of America in an amount equal to the principal amount of such Bonds and all unpaid interest thereon to maturity, except that, in the case of Bonds which are to be redeemed prior to maturity and in respect of which notice of such redemption shall have been given as provided in the Resolution or provision satisfactory to the Paying Agent will have been made for the giving of such notice, the amount to be deposited or held will be the principal amount or redemption price of such Bonds and all unpaid interest thereon to the redemption date; or

(ii) Federal Securities (not callable by the issuer thereof prior to maturity) the principal of and interest on which when due, in the opinion of a certified public accountant delivered to the

District, will provide money sufficient to pay the principal or redemption price of and all unpaid interest to maturity, or to the redemption date, as the case may be, on the Bonds to be paid or redeemed, as such principal or redemption price and interest become due, provided that, in the case of Bonds which are to be redeemed prior to the maturity thereof, notice of such redemption will have been given provided in the Resolution or provision satisfactory to the Paying Agent shall have been made for the giving of such notice;

provided, in each case, that the Paying Agent shall have been irrevocably instructed (by the terms of the Resolution or by request of the District) to apply such money to the payment of such principal or redemption price and interest with respect to such Bonds.

Payment of Bonds After Discharge of Resolution. Notwithstanding any provisions of the Resolution, any moneys held by an escrow holder in trust for the payment of the principal or redemption price of, or interest on, any Bonds and remaining unclaimed for one year after the principal of all of the Bonds has become due and payable (whether at maturity or upon call for redemption or by acceleration as provided in the Resolution), if such moneys were so held at such date, or one year after the date of deposit of such moneys if deposited after said date when all of the Bonds became due and payable, shall, upon request of the District, be repaid to the District free from the trusts created by the Resolution, and all liability of the escrow holder with respect to such moneys shall thereupon cease; *provided, however*, that before the repayment of such moneys to the District as aforesaid, the Paying Agent may (at the cost of the District) first mail to the Owners of all Bonds which have not been paid at the addresses shown on the registration books maintained by the Paying Agent a notice in such form as may be deemed appropriate by the Paying Agent, with respect to the Bonds so payable and not presented and with respect to the provisions relating to the repayment to the District of the moneys held for the payment thereof.

Registration, Transfer and Exchange of Bonds

So long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding, the District will cause the Paying Agent to maintain and keep at its principal office all books and records necessary for the registration, exchange and transfer of the Bonds as provided in the Resolution (the "Bond Register"). Subject to the provisions of the Resolution, the person in whose name a Bond is registered on the Bond Register will be regarded as the absolute owner of that Bond for all purposes of the Resolution. Payment of or on account of the principal of any Bond will be made only to or upon the order of that person; neither the District, nor the Paying Agent will be affected by any notice to the contrary, but the registration may be changed as provided in the Resolution. All such payments will be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the District's liability upon the Bonds, including interest, to the extent of the amount or amounts so paid.

In the event that the book-entry system as described herein is no longer used with respect to the Bonds, the following provisions will govern the registration, transfer, and exchange of the Bonds.

Any Bond may be exchanged for Bonds of like tenor, maturity, and outstanding principal amount or maturity value (the "Transfer Amount") upon presentation and surrender at the principal office of the Paying Agent, together with a request for exchange signed by the owner or by a person legally empowered to do so in a form satisfactory to the Paying Agent. A Bond may be transferred on the Bond Register only upon presentation and surrender of the Bond at the principal office of the Paying Agent together with an assignment executed by the owner or by a person legally empowered to do so in a form satisfactory to the Paying Agent. Upon exchange or transfer, the Paying Agent will complete, authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds of like tenor and of any authorized denomination or denominations requested by the owner

equal to the Transfer Amount of the Bond surrendered and bearing or accruing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date.

In all cases of exchanged or transferred Bonds, the District will sign, and the Paying Agent will authenticate and deliver Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Resolution. All fees and costs of transfer will be paid by the requesting party. Those charges may be required to be paid before the procedure is begun for the exchange or transfer. All Bonds issued upon any exchange or transfer will be valid obligations of the District, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same security and benefit under the Resolution as the Bonds surrendered upon that exchange or transfer.

Any Bond surrendered to the Paying Agent for payment, retirement, exchange, replacement or transfer will be canceled by the Paying Agent. The District may at any time deliver to the Paying Agent for cancellation any previously authenticated and delivered Bonds that the District may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and those Bonds will be promptly canceled by the Paying Agent. Written reports of the surrender and cancellation of Bonds will be made to the District by the Paying Agent. The canceled Bonds will be retained for a period of time, then returned to the District or destroyed by the Paying Agent as directed by the District.

Neither the District nor the Paying Agent will be required (a) to issue or transfer any Bonds during a period beginning with the opening of business on the 16th business day next preceding either any interest payment date or any date of selection of Bonds to be redeemed and ending with the close of business on the interest payment date or any day on which the applicable notice of redemption is given or (b) to transfer any Bonds which have been selected or called for redemption in whole or in part.

Estimated Sources and Uses of Funds

The estimated sources and uses of funds in connection with the Bonds are as follows:

Sources of Funds:

Principal Amount of Bonds	
Plus: Net Original Issue Premium	
Total Sources of Funds	<hr/> <hr/>

Uses of Funds:

Deposit to Escrow Fund	
Costs of Issuance ⁽¹⁾	
Total Uses of Funds	<hr/> <hr/>

(1) Includes the Underwriter's discount, the fees of bond counsel, disclosure counsel, rating agency, and other miscellaneous expenses.

Refunding Plan

Refunding of the 2008 Bonds. A portion of the proceeds of the Bonds will be held in a fund for the 2008 Bonds (the "Escrow Fund"), established under an escrow agreement (the "Escrow Agreement"), by and between the District and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as escrow bank (the "Escrow Bank"). Such amount will be held in cash, uninvested. The uninvested cash in the Escrow Fund will be applied to redeem all 2008 Bonds in full on December 2, 2019, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the par amount thereof, plus accrued interest to such date. As a result of the deposit and

application of funds as provided in the Escrow Agreement, the obligation of the District with respect to the 2008 Bonds will be defeased and discharged. The uninvested cash in the Escrow Fund will be held solely for the 2008 Bonds and will not be available to pay principal or interest with respect to the Bonds or any obligations other than the 2008 Bonds.

Sufficiency of the amounts in the Escrow Fund for the foregoing purposes will be verified by the Verification Agent. See “VERIFICATION OF MATHEMATICAL ACCURACY.”

The 2008 Bonds to be refunded are shown in the following table:

Maturity Date	Amount Refunded	Interest Rate	Redemption Date	Redemption Price	CUSIP† No.
8/1/23	\$ 390,000	4.500%	12/2/19	100.000	778225 CS9
8/1/26	525,000	4.400	12/2/19	100.000	778225 CT7
8/1/29	795,000	4.600	12/2/19	100.000	778225 CU4
8/1/33	1,635,000	4.800	12/2/19	100.000	778225 CV2

A portion of the proceeds of the Bonds will be retained by the Paying Agent in a costs of issuance account (the “Costs of Issuance Account”) and used to pay costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds. Any proceeds of sale of the Bonds not needed to redeem the 2008 Bonds or to pay costs of issuance of the Bonds will be transferred by the Paying Agent to the Director of Finance for deposit in the Interest and Sinking Fund maintained by the Director of Finance for the District to be used only for payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds. Amounts deposited into the Interest and Sinking Fund, as well as proceeds of taxes held therein for payment of the Bonds, will be invested on behalf of the District by the Director of Finance pursuant to law and the investment policy of the County. See “INVESTMENT OF DISTRICT FUNDS.”

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Debt Service Schedule

The following table shows the annual debt service schedule with respect to the Bonds (assuming no optional redemptions).

Bond Year Ending August 1	Principal	Interest ⁽¹⁾	Total
2020			
2021			
2022			
2023			
2024			
2025			
2026			
2027			
2028			
2029			
2030			
2031			
2032			
2033			
TOTAL			

(1) Interest on the Bonds is payable semiannually on each February 1 and August 1, commencing February 1, 2020.

PAYING AGENT

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas, will act as the transfer agent, bond registrar, authenticating agent and paying agent for the Bonds (the “Paying Agent”). As long as DTC is the registered owner of the Bonds and DTC’s book-entry method is used for the Bonds, the Paying Agent will send any notice of redemption or other notices to owners only to DTC. Any failure of DTC to advise any DTC Participant, or of any DTC Participant to notify any Beneficial Owner, of any such notice and its content or effect will not affect the validity or sufficiency of the proceedings relating to the redemption of the Bonds called for redemption or of any other action premised on such notice.

The Paying Agent, the District, the County and the Underwriter have no responsibility or liability for any aspects of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to beneficial ownership, of interests for the Bonds.

BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM

DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC’s partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. See APPENDIX G—BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM.

THE DISTRICT

General Information

The District is an elementary school with a population of approximately 2,800 residents. The District is located approximately 18 miles north of San Francisco, across the Golden Gate Bridge. The District serves the students of the Town and sections of Kentfield and San Rafael and adjacent unincorporated areas of the County. The District operates one school which serves elementary school children attending kindergarten through eighth grade.

Unless otherwise indicated, the financial, statistical and demographic data in this Official Statement has been provided by the District. Additional information concerning the District and copies of subsequent audited financial reports of the District may be obtained by contacting: Ross School District, Attention: Chief Business Official.

Board of Trustees and Administration

The District is governed by a five-member District Board, each member of which is elected to a four-year term. Elections for positions to the District Board are held every two years, alternating between two and three available positions.

District Board Member	Office	Current Term Expires (December)
Stephanie Robinson	President	2020
Josh Fisher	Vice President	2022
Jeff Bergholt	Board Member	2022
Chris Ericksen	Board Member	2022
John Longley	Board Member	2020

The Superintendent of the District is Dr. Michael McDowell, Ed.D.. The chief business official is Deborah Wolfe.

SECURITY AND SOURCE OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS

The information in this section describes ad valorem property taxation, assessed valuation, and other measures of the tax base of the District. The Bonds are payable solely from ad valorem taxes levied and collected by the County on taxable property in the District. The District's General Fund is not a source for the repayment of the Bonds.

General

In order to provide sufficient funds for repayment of principal and interest when due on the Bonds, the Board of Supervisors of the County is empowered and is obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all property subject to taxation by the District, without limitation as to rate or amount (except as to certain personal property which is taxable at limited rates). Such taxes are in addition to other taxes levied upon property within the District, including the countywide tax of 1% of taxable value. When collected, the tax revenues will be deposited by the County in the District's Interest and Sinking Fund, which is required to be maintained by the County and to be used solely for the payment of bonds of the District.

Property Taxation System

The collection of property taxes is significant to the District and the Owners of the Bonds in two respects. First, the Board of Supervisors of the County will levy and collect *ad valorem* taxes on all taxable parcels within the District, which are pledged specifically to the repayment of the Bonds. Second, the general *ad valorem* property tax levy levied in accordance with Article XIII A of the California Constitution and its implementing legislation is taken into account in connection with the State's Local Control Funding Formula ("LCFF") which determines the amount of funding received by the District from the State to operate the District's educational programs and operations. The LCFF replaces revenue limit and most categorical program funding previously used to determine the amount of funding received by the District from the State. LCFF consists primarily of base, supplemental and concentration funding formulas that focus resources based on a school district's student demographic. See APPENDIX B--"DISTRICT AND GENERAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL INFORMATION - Allocation of State Funding to School Districts; Restructuring of the K-12 Funding System" and "-2019-20 State Budget Provisions Specific to K through 12 Education" below. As described below, the general *ad valorem* property tax levy, a portion of which is allocated to the District for operating purposes and the additional *ad valorem* property tax levy pledged to repay the Bonds, will be collected on the annual tax bills distributed by the County to the owners of parcels within the boundaries of the District.

The District received approximately 56% of its total general fund operating revenues from local property taxes in fiscal year 2018-19.

Local property taxation is the responsibility of various officers of the counties. For each school district located in a county, the county assessor computes the value of locally assessed taxable property. Based on the assessed value of property and the scheduled debt service on outstanding bonds in each year, the county auditor-controller computes the rate of tax necessary to pay such debt service and presents the tax rolls (including rates of tax for all taxing jurisdictions in the county) to the county board of supervisors for approval. The county treasurer-tax collector prepares and mails tax bills to taxpayers and collects the taxes according to the approved tax rolls. In addition, the treasurer-tax collector, as *ex officio* treasurer of each school district located in the county, holds and invests school district funds, including taxes collected for payment of school bonds, and is charged with payment of principal and interest on such bonds when due. Taxes on property in a school district whose boundaries extend into more than one county are administered separately by the county in which the property is located. The State Board of Equalization (the "SBE") also assesses certain special classes of property, as described later in this section.

Method of Property Taxation

Under Proposition 13, an amendment to the California Constitution adopted in 1978 that added Article XIII A of the California Constitution, the county assessor's valuation of real property is established as shown on the fiscal year 1975-76 tax bill, or, thereafter, as the appraised value of real property when purchased, newly constructed, or a change in ownership has occurred. Assessed value of property may be increased annually to reflect inflation at a rate not to exceed 2% per year, or reduced to reflect a reduction in the consumer price index or comparable data for the area under taxing jurisdiction or in the event of declining property value caused by substantial damage, destruction, market forces or other factors. As a result of these rules, real property that has been owned by the same taxpayer for many years can have an assessed value that is much lower than that of similar properties more recently sold and may be lower than its own market value. Likewise, changes in ownership of property and reassessment of such property to

market value commonly will lead to increases in aggregate assessed value even when the rate of inflation or consumer price index would not permit the full 2% increase on any property that has not changed ownership. See APPENDIX B-DISTRICT AND GENERAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

Taxes are levied by the County for each fiscal year on taxable real and personal property which is situated in the County as of the preceding January 1. Real property which changes ownership or is newly constructed is revalued at the time the change in ownership occurs or the new construction is completed. The current year property tax rate will be applied to the reassessment, and the taxes will then be adjusted by a proration factor to reflect the portion of the remaining tax year for which taxes are due.

Local agencies and schools will share the growth of “base” sources from all tax rate areas in the County. Each year’s growth allocation becomes part of each local agency’s allocation in the following year. The availability of revenue from growth in the tax bases in such tax rate areas may be affected by the existence of redevelopment agencies (including their successor agencies) which, under certain circumstances, may be entitled to sources resulting from the increase in certain property values. State law exempts \$7,000 of the assessed valuation of an owner-occupied principal residence. This exemption does not result in any loss of revenue to local agencies since an amount equivalent to the taxes that would have been payable on such exempt values is supplemented by the State.

For assessment and tax collection purposes, property is classified either as “secured” or “unsecured,” and is listed accordingly on separate parts of the assessment roll. The “secured roll” is that part of the assessment roll containing State-assessed property and property (real or personal) for which there is a lien on real property sufficient, in the opinion of the county assessor, to secure payment of the taxes. All other property is “unsecured,” and is assessed on the “unsecured roll.” Secured property assessed by the SBE is commonly identified for taxation purposes as “utility” property.

Property taxes on the secured roll are due in two installments, on November 1 and February 1 of each fiscal year, and if unpaid become delinquent on December 10 and April 10, respectively. A penalty of 10% attaches immediately to any delinquent payment. Property on the secured roll, with respect to which taxes are delinquent, becomes tax defaulted on or about June 30 of the fiscal year. Such property may thereafter be redeemed by payment of delinquent taxes and the delinquency penalty, plus costs and redemption penalty of one and one-half percent per month to the time of redemption. If taxes are unpaid for a period of five years or more, the property is subject to sale by the Director of Finance.

Property taxes on the unsecured roll are due as of the January 1 lien date and become delinquent, if unpaid, on August 31. A 10% penalty attaches to delinquent unsecured taxes. If unsecured taxes are unpaid at 5 p.m. on October 31, an additional penalty of one and one-half percent per month attaches to such taxes beginning the second month after the delinquent date, and on the first day of each month until paid. A county has four ways of collecting delinquent unsecured personal property taxes: (1) bringing a civil action against the taxpayer; (2) filing a certificate in the office of the County Clerk specifying certain facts in order to obtain a lien on certain property of the taxpayer; (3) filing a certificate of delinquency for record in the County Clerk and County Recorder’s office in order to obtain a lien on certain property of the taxpayer; and (4) seizing and selling personal property, improvements, or possessory interests belonging or assessed to the delinquent taxpayer.

Assessed Valuations

The assessed valuation of property in the District is established by the County Assessor, except for public utility property which is assessed by the SBE. Assessed valuations are reported at 100% of the “full value” of the property, as defined in Article XIII A of the California Constitution.

Certain classes of property, such as churches, colleges, not-for-profit hospitals and charitable institutions, are exempt from property taxation and do not appear on the tax rolls. No reimbursement is made by the State for such exemptions. The *ad valorem* levy for the Bonds is based upon the assessed valuation of the parcels of taxable property in the District. Property taxes allocated to the District are collected by the County at the same time and on the same tax rolls as are county, city and special district taxes. The assessed valuation of each parcel of property is the same for both District and County taxing purposes. The valuation of secured property by the County Assessor is established as of January 1 and is subsequently equalized in September of each year.

The greater the assessed value of taxable property in the District, the lower the tax rate necessary to generate taxes sufficient to pay scheduled debt service on the Bonds. The table below shows the assessed valuation of taxable property in the District for the most recent fiscal years.

HISTORIC ASSESSED VALUATIONS Fiscal Years 2012-13 to 2019-20

Fiscal Year	Local Secured	Utility	Unsecured	Total Valuation	% Growth
2012-13	\$1,674,297,684	—	\$1,553,823	\$1,675,851,507	—
2013-14	1,761,750,527	—	989,897	1,762,740,424	5.18%
2014-15	1,868,631,858	—	947,853	1,869,579,711	6.06%
2015-16	1,999,075,308	—	908,578	1,999,983,886	6.98%
2016-17	2,134,133,496	—	854,159	2,134,987,655	6.75%
2017-18	2,257,856,103	—	1,033,199	2,258,889,302	5.80%
2018-19	2,369,102,238	—	1,454,786	2,370,557,024	4.94%
2019-20	2,499,258,091	—	2,457,117	2,501,715,208	5.53%

Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

As indicated above, assessments may be adjusted during the course of the year when real property changes ownership or new construction is completed. Assessments may also be appealed by taxpayers seeking a reduction as a result of economic and other factors beyond the District’s control, such as a general market decline in property values, reclassification of property to a class exempt from taxation, whether by ownership or use (such as exemptions for property owned by State and local agencies and property used for qualified educational, hospital, charitable or religious purposes), or the complete or partial destruction of taxable property caused by natural or manmade disaster, such as earthquake, flood, fire, toxic dumping, etc. When necessitated by changes in assessed value in the course of a year, taxes are pro-rated for each portion of the tax year.

Appeals of Assessed Valuation; Blanket Reductions of Assessed Values. There are two basic types of property tax assessment appeals provided for under State law. The first type of appeal, commonly referred to as a base year assessment appeal, involves a dispute on the valuation assigned by the assessor immediately subsequent to an instance of a change in ownership or completion of new construction. If the base year value assigned by the assessor is reduced, the valuation of the property cannot increase in

subsequent years more than 2% annually unless and until another change in ownership and/or additional new construction activity occurs.

The second type of appeal, commonly referred to as a Proposition 8 appeal (which Proposition 8 was approved by the voters in 1978), can result if factors occur causing a decline in the market value of the property to a level below the property's then current taxable value (escalated base year value). Pursuant to State law, a property owner may apply for a Proposition 8 reduction of the property tax assessment for such owner's property by filing a written application, in the form prescribed by the SBE, with the appropriate county board of equalization or assessment appeals board. A property owner desiring a Proposition 8 reduction of the assessed value of such owner's property in any one year must submit an application to the county assessment appeals board (the "Appeals Board"). Following a review of the application by the county assessor's office, the county assessor may offer to the property owner the opportunity to stipulate to a reduced assessment or may confirm the assessment. If no stipulation is agreed to, and the applicant elects to pursue the appeal, the matter is brought before the Appeals Board (or, in some cases, a hearing examiner) for a hearing and decision. The Appeals Board generally is required to determine the outcome of appeals within two years of each appeal's filing date. Any reduction in the assessment ultimately granted applies only to the year for which application is made and during which the written application is filed. The assessed value increases to its pre-reduction level (escalated to the inflation rate of no more than 2%) following the year for which the reduction application is filed. However, the county assessor has the power to grant a reduction not only for the year for which application was originally made, but also for the then current year and any intervening years as well. In practice, such a reduced assessment may and often does remain in effect beyond the year in which it is granted.

In addition to the above-described taxpayer appeals, county assessors may independently reduce assessed valuations based on changes in the market value of property, or for other factors such as the complete or partial destruction of taxable property caused by natural or man-made disasters such as earthquakes, floods, fire, drought or toxic contamination pursuant to relevant provisions of the State Constitution.

In addition, Article XIII A of the State Constitution provides that the full cash value base of real property used in determining taxable value may be adjusted from year to year to reflect the inflationary rate, not to exceed a 2% increase for any given year, or may be reduced to reflect a reduction in the consumer price index or comparable local data. This measure is computed on a calendar year basis.

Risk of Decline in Property Values; Fire; Earthquake Risk. Property values could be reduced by factors beyond the District's control, including fire, earthquake and a depressed real estate market due to general economic conditions in the County, the region and the State.

Other possible causes for a reduction in assessed values include the complete or partial destruction of taxable property caused by other natural or manmade disasters, such as flood, fire, drought, toxic dumping, acts of terrorism, etc., or reclassification of property to a class exempt from taxation, whether by ownership or use (such as exemptions for property owned by State and local agencies and property used for qualified educational, hospital, charitable or religious purposes). Lower assessed values could necessitate a corresponding increase in the annual tax rate to be levied to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds. Issuance of additional bonds in the future might also cause the tax rate to increase.

No assurance can be given that property tax appeals and/or blanket reductions of assessed property values will not significantly reduce the assessed valuation of property within the District in the future.

Assembly Bill 102. On June 27, 2017, the Governor of the State (the “Governor”) signed into law Assembly Bill 102 (“AB 102”). AB 102 restructured the functions of the SBE and created two new separate agencies: (i) the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, and (ii) the Office of Tax Appeals. Under AB 102, the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration took over programs previously in the SBE Property Tax Department, such as the Tax Area Services Section, which is responsible for maintaining all property tax-rate area maps and for maintaining special revenue district boundaries. Under AB 102, the SBE continues to perform the duties assigned by the State Constitution related to property taxes, however, effective January 1, 2018, the SBE will only hear appeals related to the programs that it constitutionally administers and the Office of Tax Appeals will hear appeals on all other taxes and fee matters, such as sales and use tax and other special taxes and fees. AB 102 obligates the Office of Tax Appeals to adopt regulations as necessary to carry out its duties, powers, and responsibilities. No assurances can be given as to the effect of such regulations on the appeals process or on the assessed valuation of property within the District.

State-Assessed Property. Under the Constitution, the SBE assesses property of State-regulated transportation and communications utilities, including railways, telephone and telegraph companies, and companies transmitting or selling gas or electricity. The Board of Equalization also is required to assess pipelines, flumes, canals and aqueducts lying within two or more counties. The value of property assessed by the Board of Equalization is allocated by a formula to local jurisdictions in the county, including school districts, and taxed by the local county tax officials in the same manner as for locally assessed property. Taxes on privately owned railway cars, however, are levied and collected directly by the Board of Equalization. Property used in the generation of electricity by a company that does not also transmit or sell that electricity is taxed locally instead of by the Board of Equalization. Thus, the reorganization of regulated utilities and the transfer of electricity-generating property to non-utility companies, as often occurred under electric power deregulation in California, affects how those assets are assessed, and which local agencies benefit from the property taxes derived. In general, the transfer of State-assessed property located in the District to non-utility companies will increase the assessed value of property in the District, since the property’s value will no longer be divided among all taxing jurisdictions in the County. The transfer of property located and taxed in the District to a State-assessed utility will have the opposite effect, generally reducing the assessed value in the District as the value is shared among the other jurisdictions in the County. The District is unable to predict future transfers of State-assessed property in the District and the County, the impact of such transfers on its utility property tax revenues, or whether future legislation or litigation may affect ownership of utility assets, the State’s methods of assessing utility property, or the method by which tax revenues of utility property is allocated to local taxing agencies, including the District.

The following table shows the 2019-20 assessed valuation of each jurisdiction within the boundaries of the District:

ASSESSED VALUATION BY JURISDICTION⁽¹⁾
Fiscal Year 2019-20

Jurisdiction	Assessed Value in District	% of District	Assessed Value of Jurisdiction	% of Jurisdiction In District
Town of Ross	\$ 2,148,968,444	85.90%	\$ 2,162,088,115	99.39%
City of San Rafael	35,567,436	1.42	14,258,620,833	0.25
Unincorporated Marin County	317,179,328	12.68	22,689,432,381	1.40
Total District	2,501,715,208	100.00		
Marin County	2,501,715,208	100.00	82,516,667,278	3.03

Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

(1) Before deduction of redevelopment incremental valuation.

The following table gives a distribution of taxable real property located in the District by principal purpose for which the land is used, and the assessed valuation and number of parcels for each use.

ASSESSED VALUATION AND PARCELS BY LAND USE
Fiscal Year 2019-20

	2019-20 Assessed Valuation ⁽¹⁾	% of Total	No. of Parcels	% of Total
<u>Non Residential:</u>				
Commercial/Office	\$15,533,362	0.62%	12	1.09%
Vacant Commercial	1,530,289	0.06	2	0.18
Government/Social/Institutional	3,449,458	0.14	56	5.10
Subtotal Non-Residential	\$20,513,109	0.82	70	6.38
<u>Residential:</u>				
Single Family Residence	\$2,424,053,927	96.99	941	85.78
2 Residential Units	40,351,813	1.61	20	1.82
Vacant Residential	14,339,242	0.57	66	6.02
Subtotal Residential	\$2,478,744,982	99.18	1,027	93.62
Total	\$2,499,258,091	100.00	1,097	100.00

Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

(1) Total secured assessed valuation, excluding tax-exempt property.

The following table shows the assessed valuations of single-family homes for the District, including the average and median assessed value per single family homes.

ASSESSED VALUATION OF SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES
Fiscal Year 2019-20

	No. of Parcels	2019-20 Assessed Valuation	Average Assessed Valuation	Median Assessed Valuation
Single Family Residential	941	\$ 2,424,053,927	\$ 2,576,040	\$ 1,919,330

2019-20 Assessed Valuation	No. of Parcels ⁽¹⁾	% of Total	Cumulative % of Total	Total Valuation	% of Total	Cumulative % of Total
\$0 - \$199,999	46	4.888%	4.888%	\$ 6,502,119	0.268%	0.268%
\$200,000 - \$399,999	62	6.589	11.477	17,754,856	0.732	1.001
\$400,000 - \$599,999	44	4.676	16.153	22,157,625	0.914	1.915
\$600,000 - \$799,999	58	6.164	22.317	40,252,271	1.661	3.575
\$800,000 - \$999,999	44	4.676	26.993	39,708,117	1.638	5.213
\$1,000,000 - \$1,199,999	50	5.313	32.306	55,083,052	2.272	7.486
\$1,200,000 - \$1,399,999	45	4.782	37.088	58,420,093	2.410	9.896
\$1,400,000 - \$1,599,999	47	4.995	42.083	70,431,764	2.906	12.801
\$1,600,000 - \$1,799,999	49	5.207	47.290	82,994,135	3.424	16.225
\$1,800,000 - \$1,999,999	36	3.826	51.116	67,679,209	2.792	19.017
\$2,000,000 - \$2,199,999	42	4.463	55.579	88,288,162	3.642	22.659
\$2,200,000 - \$2,399,999	46	4.888	60.468	105,516,841	4.353	27.012
\$2,400,000 - \$2,599,999	40	4.251	64.718	100,250,879	4.136	31.148
\$2,600,000 - \$2,799,999	29	3.082	67.800	78,264,051	3.229	34.376
\$2,800,000 - \$2,999,999	31	3.294	71.095	89,973,801	3.712	38.088
\$3,000,000 - \$3,199,999	20	2.125	73.220	61,950,912	2.556	40.644
\$3,200,000 - \$3,399,999	22	2.338	75.558	72,451,358	2.989	43.633
\$3,400,000 - \$3,599,999	24	2.550	78.108	84,310,505	3.478	47.111
\$3,600,000 - \$3,799,999	15	1.594	79.702	55,382,946	2.285	49.395
\$3,800,000 - \$3,999,999	19	2.019	81.722	74,115,341	3.057	52.453
\$4,000,000 and greater	172	18.278	100.000	1,152,565,890	47.547	100.000
Total	941	100.000		\$2,424,053,927	100.000	

Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

(1) Improved single family residential parcels. Excludes condominiums and parcels with multiple family units.

Tax Rates

The State Constitution permits the levy of an *ad valorem* tax on taxable property not to exceed 1% of the full cash value of the property, and State law requires the full 1% tax to be levied. The levy of special *ad valorem* property taxes in excess of the 1% levy is permitted as necessary to provide for debt service payments on school bonds and other voter-approved indebtedness.

The rate of tax necessary to pay fixed debt service on the Bonds in a given year depends on the assessed value of taxable property in that year. (The rate of tax imposed on unsecured property for repayment of the Bonds is the prior year's secured property tax rate.) Economic and other factors beyond the District's control, such as a general market decline in property values, reclassification of property to a class exempt from taxation, whether by ownership or use (such as exemptions for property owned by State

and local agencies and property used for qualified educational, hospital, charitable or religious purposes), or the complete or partial destruction of taxable property caused by natural or manmade disaster, such as earthquake, flood, fire, toxic dumping, etc., could cause a reduction in the assessed value of taxable property within the District and necessitate a corresponding increase in the annual tax rate to be levied to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds. Issuance of additional authorized bonds in the future might also cause the tax rate to increase.

The table below summarizes the total *ad valorem* tax rates levied by all taxing entities in the principal Tax Rate Area (“TRA”) within the District for the past five fiscal years. TRA 6-000 comprises approximately 85.17% of the total assessed value of property in the District.

TYPICAL *AD VALOREM* TAX RATES
Tax Rates as a Percent of Assessed Valuation
Total Tax Rates (TRA 6-000 – 2019-20 Assessed Valuation: \$2,130,708,822)

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
General Tax Rate	1.0000%	1.0000%	1.0000%	1.0000%	1.0000%
Marin Healthcare District	0.0235	0.0093	0.0201	0.0190	0.0175
Tamalpais Union High School District	0.0313	0.0288	0.0269	0.0258	0.0239
Marin Community College District	0.0165	0.0142	0.0338	0.0339	0.0269
Ross School District	0.0615	0.0603	0.0619	0.0618	0.0571
Total Tax Rate	<u>1.1328%</u>	<u>1.1126%</u>	<u>1.1427%</u>	<u>1.1405%</u>	<u>1.1254%</u>

Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

Tax Levies and Delinquencies

Beginning in 1978-79, Article XIII A and its implementing legislation shifted the function of property taxation primarily to the counties, except for levies to support prior-voted debt, and prescribed how levies on county-wide property values are to be shared with local taxing entities within each county.

The following tables reflects the historical secured tax levy and year-end delinquencies for general obligation bonds of the District for the past eight fiscal years. See “Teeter Plan” below for a discussion of the application of the Teeter Plan in the County which provides the District with 100% of the secured property tax levy irrespective of delinquencies.

SECURED TAX CHARGE AND DELINQUENCY
Fiscal Years 2011-12 to 2018-19

Debt Service Levy

Fiscal Year	Secured Tax Charge ⁽¹⁾	Amount Delinquent June 30	% Delinquent June 30
2011-12	\$1,057,032.08	\$19,080.88	1.81%
2012-13	1,120,728.34	11,769.70	1.05
2013-14	1,152,177.02	11,448.23	0.99
2014-15	1,126,261.74	3,770.98	0.33
2015-16	1,226,650.78	9,618.69	0.78
2016-17	1,283,754.30	9,618.69	0.78
2017-18	1,381,112.10	10,976.50	0.79
2018-19	1,463,425.40	28,767.26	1.97

Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

(1) District’s debt service levy for outstanding general obligation bonds.

Teeter Plan

The Board of Supervisors of the County has approved the implementation of the Alternative Method of Distribution of Tax Levies and Collections and of Tax Sale Proceeds (the “Teeter Plan”), as provided for in section 4701 et seq. of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. The Teeter Plan guarantees distribution of 100% of the general taxes levied to the taxing entities within the County, with the County retaining all penalties and interest penalties affixed upon delinquent properties and redemptions of subsequent collections. Under the Teeter Plan, the County apportions secured property taxes on a cash basis to local political subdivisions, including the District, for which the County acts as the tax-levying or tax-collecting agency. At the conclusion of each fiscal year, the County distributes 100% of any taxes delinquent as of June 30th to the respective taxing entities.

The Teeter Plan is applicable to secured property tax levies, including for the Bonds. The Teeter Plan is not applicable to unsecured property tax levies. As adopted by the County, the Teeter Plan excludes Mello-Roos Community Facilities Districts, special assessment districts, and benefit assessment districts.

The County cash position is protected by a special fund, known as the “Tax Loss Reserve Fund,” which accumulates moneys from interest and penalty collections. In each fiscal year, the Tax Loss Reserve Fund is required to be funded to the amount of delinquent taxes plus one percent of that year’s tax levy. Amounts exceeding the amount required to be maintained in the tax loss reserve fund may be credited to the County’s general fund. Amounts required to be maintained in the tax loss reserve fund may be drawn on to the extent of the amount of uncollected taxes credited to each agency in advance of receipt.

The Teeter Plan is to remain in effect unless the County Board orders its discontinuance or unless, prior to the commencement of any fiscal year of the County (which commences on July 1), the County Board receives a petition for its discontinuance joined in by resolutions adopted by at least two-thirds of the participating revenue districts in the County, in which event the County Board is to order discontinuance of the Teeter Plan effective at the commencement of the subsequent fiscal year. The County Board may also, after holding a public hearing on the matter, discontinue the Teeter Plan with respect to any tax levying agency or assessment levying agency in the County if the rate of secured tax delinquency in that agency in any year exceeds 3% of the total of all taxes and assessments levied on the secured roll in that agency. If the Teeter Plan is discontinued subsequent to its implementation, only those secured property taxes actually collected would be allocated to political subdivisions (including the District) for which the County acts as the tax-levying or tax-collecting agency, but penalties and interest would be credited to the political subdivisions.

The District is not aware of any petitions for the discontinuance of the Teeter Plan in the County.

Largest Property Owners

Concentration of Property Ownership. Based on fiscal year 2019-20 locally assessed taxable valuations, the top twenty taxable property owners in the District represent approximately 11.02% of the total fiscal year 2019-20 taxable value.

The following table shows the 20 largest owners of taxable property in the District as determined by secured assessed valuation in fiscal year 2019-20.

LARGEST LOCAL SECURED TAXPAYERS Fiscal Year 2019-20

	Property Owner	Primary Land Use	2019-20 Assessed Valuation	% of Total ⁽¹⁾
1.	36 Glenwood LLC	Residential	\$ 28,087,500	1.12%
2.	Edward & Elizabeth McDermott Trust	Residential	20,302,373	0.81
3.	Eric Greenberg Trust	Residential	18,647,143	0.75
4.	Hildene VT LLC	Residential	17,418,000	0.70
5.	Jennifer Maxwell Trust	Residential	17,174,510	0.69
6.	Kilroy Community Property Trust	Residential	16,499,418	0.66
7.	Laurel Grove Trust 2011	Residential	15,200,460	0.61
8.	Steven J. Scarpa Trust	Residential	12,527,875	0.50
9.	Joan T. Dea	Residential	12,132,458	0.49
10.	9 Stiles LLC	Residential	12,087,900	0.48
11.	Paul Bacchi	Residential	12,015,648	0.48
12.	Fornes 2010 Management Trust	Residential	11,193,600	0.45
13.	Sondra Lanstein	Residential	10,743,324	0.43
14.	68 Bridge LLC	Residential	10,530,287	0.42
15.	James Everingham	Residential	10,327,500	0.41
16.	Kevin G. Douglas Trust	Residential	10,193,592	0.41
17.	Sabuy LLC	Residential	10,171,440	0.41
18.	Cypress Trust	Residential	10,158,600	0.41
19.	Lyons Family Trust	Residential	10,000,000	0.40
20.	Am Hakkak Restated Family Trust	Residential	9,983,769	0.40
	Total Top 20		<u>\$275,395,397</u>	<u>11.02</u>

Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

(1) 2019-20 local secured assessed valuation: \$2,499,258,091.

Direct and Overlapping Debt

Direct and Overlapping Debt. Set forth on the following page is a schedule of direct and overlapping debt prepared by California Municipal Statistics Inc. The table is included for general information purposes only. The District has not reviewed this table for completeness or accuracy and makes no representations in connection therewith.

The table generally includes long-term obligations sold in the public credit markets by the public agencies listed. Such long-term obligations generally are not payable from revenues of the District (except as indicated) nor are they necessarily obligations secured by land within the District. In many cases, long-

term obligations issued by a public agency are payable only from the general fund or other revenues of such public agency.

The first column in the table names each public agency which has outstanding debt as of October 1, 2019, and whose territory overlaps the District in whole or in part. The second column shows the percentage of each overlapping agency's assessed value located within the boundaries of the District. This percentage, multiplied by the total outstanding debt of each overlapping agency (which is not shown in the table) produces the amount shown in the third column, which is the apportionment of each overlapping agency's outstanding debt to taxable property in the District.

STATEMENT OF DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING BONDED DEBT

ROSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2019-20 Assessed Valuation: \$2,501,715,208

<u>DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING TAX AND ASSESSMENT DEBT:</u>	<u>% Applicable</u>	<u>Debt 10/1/19</u>
Marin Community College District	3.036%	13,598,396
Tamalpais Union High School District	5.103	4,933,325
Ross School District	100.000	17,454,191⁽¹⁾
Marin Healthcare District	3.640	13,324,038
Marin Emergency Radio Authority Parcel Tax Bonds	3.032	951,290
TOTAL DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING TAX AND ASSESSMENT DEBT		50,261,240
 <u>OVERLAPPING GENERAL FUND DEBT:</u>		
Marin County General Fund Obligations	3.032%	2,548,251
Marin County Pension Obligation Bonds	3.032	2,368,598
Marin County Transit District Authority General Fund Obligations	3.032	1,431
Marin Community College District General Fund Obligations	3.036	405,635
Marin Municipal Water District General Fund Obligations	3.862	1,483
Town of Ross General Fund Obligations	99.393	32,203
City of San Rafael General Fund Obligations and Pension Obligation Bonds	.249	135,410
Kentfield Fire Protection District General Fund Obligations	8.298	<u>127,690</u>
TOTAL GROSS OVERLAPPING GENERAL FUND DEBT		5,620,701
Less: City of San Rafael supported obligations		<u>(12,201)</u>
TOTAL NET OVERLAPPING GENERAL FUND DEBT		5,608,500
 GROSS COMBINED TOTAL DEBT		55,881,941⁽²⁾
NET COMBINED TOTAL DEBT		55,869,740

Ratios to 2019-20 Assessed Valuation:

Direct Debt (\$17,454,191)	0.70%
Total Direct and Overlapping Tax and Assessment Debt.....	2.01%
Combined Total Debt	2.23%

Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

(1) Excludes Bonds to be sold but includes the 2008 Bonds to be refunded.

(2) Excludes tax and revenue anticipation notes, enterprise revenue, mortgage revenue and non-bonded capital lease obligations.

Bonding Capacity

As an elementary school district, the District may issue bonds in an amount up to 1.25% of the assessed valuation of taxable property within its boundaries. Based on the fiscal year 2019-20 assessment roll, the District's gross bonding capacity is approximately \$31,271,440, and its net bonding capacity is \$13,877,249 (taking into account current outstanding debt but not taking into account the Bonds of this issue). Refunding bonds may be issued without regard to this limitation however, once issued, the outstanding principal of any refunding bonds is included when calculating the District's bonding capacity.

Cybersecurity Risks

The District and the County may each face various cyber security threats, including, but not limited to, hacking, viruses, malware, ransomware and other attacks on their computers and their networks. No assurance can be given that the District's or County's efforts to manage cyber threats and attacks will be successful in all cases, or that any such attack will not materially impact the operations or finances of the District or the County. The District is reliant on the County in connection with the administration of the Bonds, including without limitation the County tax collector for the levy and collection of *ad valorem* taxes, and the Paying Agent. No assurance can be given that the District, the County, and these other entities will not be adversely affected by cyber threats and attacks in a manner that may affect owners of the Bonds.

Bankruptcy Risks

In bankruptcy, the voluntary application of pledged special revenues to indebtedness secured by such revenues is not subject to the automatic stay. A recent decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in a case involving revenue bonds of the Puerto Rico Highways & Transportation Authority, however, concludes that an action by bondholders to compel the application of pledged special revenues is not exempt from the automatic stay. See "LEGAL MATTERS" below.

Risk of Changing Economic Conditions; Risk of Earthquake

Property values could be reduced by factors beyond the District's control, including an earthquake, or a depressed real estate market due to general economic conditions in the County, the region, and the State. The District, like much of California, is located in a seismically active region.

INVESTMENT OF DISTRICT FUNDS

In accordance with Section 41001 of the California Education Code, each California public school district maintains substantially all of its operating funds in the county treasury of the county in which it is located, and each county treasurer-tax collector serves as ex officio treasurer for those school districts located within the county. Each treasurer-tax collector has the authority to invest school district funds held in the county treasury. Generally, the treasurer-tax collector pools county funds with school district funds and funds from certain other public agencies and invests the cash. These pooled funds are carried at cost. Interest earnings are accounted for on either a cash or accrual basis and apportioned to pool participants on a regular basis. In addition, counties are required to establish their own investment policies which may impose limitations beyond those required by the Government Code. See "APPENDIX D—MARIN COUNTY INVESTMENT POOL."

LEGAL MATTERS

Possible Limitations on Remedies; Bankruptcy

General. Following is a discussion of certain considerations relating to potential bankruptcies of school districts in California. It is not an exhaustive discussion of the potential application of bankruptcy law to the District. State law contains a number of safeguards to protect the financial solvency of school districts. See “APPENDIX B—DISTRICT AND GENERAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL INFORMATION.” If the safeguards are not successful in preventing a school district from becoming insolvent, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (the “State Superintendent”), operating through an administrator appointed by the State Superintendent, may be authorized under State law to file a petition under Chapter 9 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) on behalf of a district for the adjustment of its debts, assuming that such district meets certain other requirements contained in the Bankruptcy Code necessary for filing such a petition. School districts under current State law are not themselves authorized to file a bankruptcy proceeding, and they are not subject to involuntary bankruptcy.

Bankruptcy courts are courts of equity and as such have broad discretionary powers. If the District were to become the debtor in a proceeding under Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code, the parties to the proceedings may be prohibited from taking any action to collect any amount from the District (including *ad valorem* tax revenues) or to enforce any obligation of the District, without the bankruptcy court’s permission. In such a proceeding, as part of its plan of adjustment in bankruptcy, the District may be able to alter the priority, interest rate, principal amount, payment terms, collateral, maturity dates, payment sources, covenants (including tax-related covenants), and other terms or provisions of the Bonds and other transaction documents related to the Bonds, if the bankruptcy court were to determine that the alterations were fair and equitable. In addition, in such a proceeding, as part of such a plan, the District may be able to eliminate the obligation of the County to raise taxes if necessary, to pay the Bonds. There also may be other possible effects of a bankruptcy of the District that could result in delays or reductions in payments on the Bonds. Moreover, regardless of any specific adverse determinations in any District bankruptcy proceeding, a District bankruptcy proceeding could have an adverse effect on the liquidity and market price of the Bonds.

As stated above, if a school district were to go into bankruptcy, the bankruptcy petition would be filed under Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code. Chapter 9 provides that it does not limit or impair the power of a state to control, by legislation or otherwise, a municipality of or in such state in the exercise of the political or governmental powers of such municipality, including expenditures for such exercise. For purposes of the language of Chapter 9, a school district is a municipality. State law provides that the *ad valorem* taxes levied to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds shall be used for the payment of principal and interest of the District’s general obligation bonds and for no other purpose. If this restriction on the expenditure of such *ad valorem* taxes is respected in a bankruptcy case, then the *ad valorem* tax revenue could not be used by the District for any purpose other than to make payments on the Bonds. It is possible, however, that a bankruptcy court could conclude that the restriction should not be respected.

Statutory Lien. Pursuant to Senate Bill 222 (2015) (“SB 222”) that became effective on January 1, 2016, all general obligation bonds issued by local agencies in California, including the Bonds, are secured by a statutory lien on all revenues received pursuant to the levy and collection of the tax. SB 222 provides

that the lien will automatically arise, without the need for any action or authorization by the local agency or its governing board and will be valid and binding from the time the bonds are executed and delivered. Although a statutory lien would not be automatically terminated by the filing of a Chapter 9 bankruptcy petition by the District, the automatic stay provisions of the Bankruptcy Code would apply and payments that become due and owing on the Bonds during the pendency of the Chapter 9 proceeding could be delayed unless the Bonds are determined to be secured by a pledge of “special revenues” within the meaning of the Bankruptcy Code and the pledged *ad valorem* taxes are applied to pay the Bonds in a manner consistent with the Bankruptcy Code.

Special Revenues. If the *ad valorem* tax revenues that are pledged to the payment of the Bonds (see “THE BONDS – Security”) are determined to be “special revenues” within the meaning of the Bankruptcy Code, then the application in a manner consistent with the Bankruptcy Code of the pledged *ad valorem* revenues that are collected after the date of the bankruptcy filing should not be subject to the automatic stay. “Special revenues” are defined to include, among others, taxes specifically levied to finance one or more projects or systems of the debtor, but excluding receipts from general property, sales, or income taxes levied to finance the general purposes of the debtor. The District has specifically pledged the *ad valorem* taxes for payment of the Bonds. Additionally, the *ad valorem* taxes levied for payment of the Bonds are permitted under the State Constitution only where either (i) the applicable bond proposition is approved by 55% of the voters and such proposition contains a specific list of school facilities projects, or (ii) if the applicable bond proposition is approved by two-thirds of voters and such bonds must be issued for the acquisition or improvement of real property. Because State law prohibits the use of the tax proceeds for any purpose other than payment of the bonds and the bond proceeds can only be used to fund the acquisition or improvement of real property and other capital expenditures included in the proposition, such tax revenues appear to fit the definition of special revenues. However, there is no binding judicial precedent dealing with the treatment in bankruptcy proceedings of *ad valorem* tax revenues collected for the payments of bonds in California, so no assurance can be given that a bankruptcy court would not hold otherwise.

In addition, even if the *ad valorem* tax revenues are determined to be “special revenues,” the Bankruptcy Code provides that special revenues can be applied to necessary operating expenses of the project or system, before they are applied to other obligations. This rule applies regardless of the provisions of the transaction documents. Thus, a bankruptcy court could determine that the District is entitled to use the *ad valorem* tax revenues to pay necessary operating expenses of the District and its schools, before the remaining revenues are paid to the owners of the Bonds.

Possession of Tax Revenues; Remedies. If the County or the District goes into bankruptcy and has possession of tax revenues (whether collected before or after commencement of the bankruptcy), and if the County or the District, as applicable, does not voluntarily pay such tax revenues to the owners of the Bonds, it is not clear what procedures the owners of the Bonds would take or how effective they would be in obtaining possession of such tax revenues.

Opinion of Bond Counsel Qualified by Reference to Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Other Laws Relating to or Affecting Creditor’s Rights. The proposed form of opinion of Bond Counsel, attached hereto as Appendix E, is qualified by reference to bankruptcy, insolvency and other laws relating to or affecting creditor’s rights.

Legal Opinion

The proceedings in connection with the issuance of the Bonds are subject to the approval as to their legality of Quint & Thimmig LLP, Larkspur, California, bond counsel for the District. Certain legal matters will also be passed upon for the District by Quint & Thimmig LLP, Larkspur, California, as disclosure counsel and for the Underwriter by Kutak Rock LLP, Denver, Colorado. The fees and expenses of bond counsel, disclosure counsel and counsel to the Underwriter are contingent upon the issuance and delivery of the Bonds.

TAX MATTERS

Federal tax law contains a number of requirements and restrictions which apply to the Bonds, including investment restrictions, periodic payments of arbitrage profits to the United States, requirements regarding the proper use of bond proceeds and the facilities financed therewith, and certain other matters. The District has covenanted to comply with all requirements that must be satisfied in order for the interest on the Bonds to be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with certain of such covenants could cause interest on the Bonds to become includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds.

Subject to the District's compliance with the above referenced covenants, under present law, in the opinion of Quint & Thimmig LLP, Larkspur, California, Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds is excludable from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and is not included as an item of tax preference in computing the federal alternative minimum tax for individuals.

Subject to the District's compliance with certain covenants, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, the Bonds are "qualified tax exempt obligations" under the small issuer exception provided under Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), which affords banks and certain other financial institutions more favorable treatment of their deduction for interest expense than would otherwise be allowed under section 265(b)(2) of the Code.

In rendering its opinions, Bond Counsel will rely upon certifications of the District with respect to certain material facts within the District's knowledge. Bond Counsel's opinion represents its legal judgment based upon its review of the law and the facts that it deems relevant to render such opinion and is not a guarantee of a result.

Ownership of the Bonds may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers, including, without limitation, corporations subject to the branch profits tax, financial institutions, certain insurance companies, certain S corporations, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred (or continued) indebtedness to purchase or carry tax exempt obligations. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to applicability of any such collateral consequences.

The issue price (the "Issue Price") for the Bonds is the price at which a substantial amount of the Bonds is first sold to the public. The Issue Price of the Bonds may be different from the price set forth, or the price corresponding to the yield set forth, on the inside cover page hereof.

Owners of Bonds who dispose of Bonds prior to the stated maturity (whether by sale, redemption or otherwise), purchase Bonds in the initial public offering, but at a price different from the Issue Price or purchase Bonds subsequent to the initial public offering should consult their own tax advisors.

If a Bond is purchased at any time for a price that is less than the Bond's stated redemption price at maturity, the purchaser will be treated as having purchased a Bond with market discount subject to the market discount rules of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") (unless a statutory *de minimis* rule applies). Accrued market discount is treated as taxable ordinary income and is recognized when a Bond is disposed of (to the extent such accrued discount does not exceed gain realized) or, at the purchaser's election, as it accrues. The applicability of the market discount rules may adversely affect the liquidity or secondary market price of such Bond. Purchasers should consult their own tax advisors regarding the potential implications of market discount with respect to the Bonds.

An investor may purchase a Bond at a price in excess of its stated principal amount. Such excess is characterized for federal income tax purposes as "bond premium" and must be amortized by an investor on a constant yield basis over the remaining term of the Bond in a manner that takes into account potential call dates and call prices. An investor cannot deduct amortized bond premium relating to a tax-exempt bond. The amortized bond premium is treated as a reduction in the tax-exempt interest received. As bond premium is amortized, it reduces the investor's basis in the Bonds. Investors who purchase a Bond at a premium should consult their own tax advisors regarding the amortization of bond premium and its effect on the Bond's basis for purposes of computing gain or loss in connection with the sale, exchange, redemption or early retirement of the Bonds.

There are or may be pending in the Congress of the United States legislative proposals, including some that carry retroactive effective dates, that, if enacted, could alter or amend the federal tax matters referred to above or affect the market value of the Bonds. It cannot be predicted whether or in what form any such proposal might be enacted or whether, if enacted, it would apply to bonds issued prior to enactment. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding any pending or proposed federal tax legislation. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any pending or proposed federal tax legislation.

The Internal Revenue Service (the "Service") has an ongoing program of auditing tax exempt obligations to determine whether, in the view of the Service, interest on such tax-exempt obligations is includible in the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes. It cannot be predicted whether or not the Service will commence an audit of the Bonds. If an audit is commenced, under current procedures the Service may treat the District as a taxpayer and the Bond owners may have no right to participate in such procedure. The commencement of an audit could adversely affect the market value and liquidity of the Bonds until the audit is concluded, regardless of the ultimate outcome.

Payments of interest on, and proceeds of the sale, redemption or maturity of, tax exempt obligations, including the Bonds, are in certain cases required to be reported to the Service. Additionally, backup withholding may apply to any such payments to any Bond owner who fails to provide an accurate Form W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification, or a substantially identical form, or to any Bond owner who is notified by the Service of a failure to report any interest or dividends required to be shown on federal income tax returns. The reporting and backup withholding requirements do not affect the excludability of such interest from gross income for federal tax purposes.

In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds is exempt from California personal income taxes.

Ownership of the Bonds may result in other state and local tax consequences to certain taxpayers. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any such collateral consequences arising with respect to the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their tax advisors regarding the applicability of any such state and local taxes.

The complete text of the final opinion that Bond Counsel expects to deliver upon the issuance of the Bonds is set forth in APPENDIX E—FORM OF OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

The District has covenanted for the benefit of holders and Beneficial Owners of the Bonds to provide certain financial information and operating data relating to the District (the “Annual Report”) by not later than April 15 after the end of the District’s fiscal year (the current end of the District’s fiscal year is on June 30), commencing with the report for the 2018-19 fiscal year which would be due on April 15, 2020, and to provide notices of the occurrence of certain events listed in the District’s Continuing Disclosure Certificate, the form of which is in APPENDIX F—FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE. The Annual Report and notices of listed events will be filed by the District with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the “MSRB”), by posting on the MSRB’s Electronic Municipal Market Access or “EMMA” system (website: www.emma.msrb.org). These continuing disclosure covenants have been made in order to assist the Underwriter in complying with S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) (the “Rule”). In 2015, the District did not link the CUSIP numbers of the Election of 2006, Series 2006 capital appreciation Bonds to the 2014 audit and annual report. The District linked the missed CUSIP numbers in October, 2019. Otherwise, the District has made all required annual filings under the Rule for the last five years.

LEGALITY FOR INVESTMENT IN CALIFORNIA

Under provisions of the California Financial Code, the Bonds are legal investments for commercial banks in California to the extent that the Bonds, in the informed opinion of the bank, are prudent for the investment of funds of depositors, and under provisions of the California Government Code, are eligible for security for deposits of public moneys in California.

ABSENCE OF MATERIAL LITIGATION

No litigation is pending or threatened concerning the validity of the Bonds, and a certificate to that effect will be furnished by the District to the Underwriter at the time of the original delivery of the Bonds. The District is not aware of any litigation pending or threatened questioning the political existence of the District or contesting the County’s authority to levy the *ad valorem* taxes for payment of the Bonds or contesting the District’s ability to issue and retire the Bonds.

RATING

S&P Global Ratings, a Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC business, ("S&P") has assigned the rating of "AAA" to the Bonds. Such rating reflects only the views of S&P and an explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained from S&P. There is no assurance that such rating will continue for any given period of time or that such rating will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by S&P, if in the judgment of S&P, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

The District has covenanted in the Continuing Disclosure Certificate to file on the EMMA website notices of any rating changes on the Bonds. See APPENDIX F—FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE. Notwithstanding such covenant, information relating to rating changes on the Bonds may be publicly available from S&P prior to such information being provided to the District and prior to the date the District is obligated to file a notice of a rating change on EMMA. Purchasers of the Bonds are directed to S&P, its website and official media outlet for the most current rating changes with respect to the Bonds after the initial issuance of the Bonds.

UNDERWRITING

The Bonds were purchased by Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated (the "Underwriter"). The Underwriter has agreed to purchase the Bonds at a purchase price of \$_____ (being equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds (\$_____), plus an original issue premium of \$_____, less an Underwriter's discount of \$_____). The purchase agreement relating to the Bonds provides that the Underwriter will purchase all of the Bonds if any are purchased, the obligation to make such purchase being subject to certain terms and conditions set forth in said agreement, the approval of certain legal matters by counsel and certain other conditions. The Underwriter may offer and sell the Bonds to certain dealers and others at prices lower than the offering prices stated on the inside cover page hereof. The offering prices may be changed from time to time by the Underwriter.

While the Underwriter does not believe that there is a potential or actual conflict of interest, the Underwriter notes that a member of the District Board is an employee of the Underwriter's Private Client Group. That District Board member has recused himself from any decision-making concerning the Underwriter's work for the District and will continue to do so.

VERIFICATION OF MATHEMATICAL ACCURACY

The Verification Agent will deliver a report of the mathematical accuracy of certain computations, contained in schedules provided to them on behalf of the District, relating to the sufficiency of the anticipated amount of proceeds of the Bonds and other funds available to pay the redemption price of the 2008 Bonds on December 2, 2019.

The report of the Verification Agent will include the statement that the scope of their engagement is limited to verifying mathematical accuracy, of the computations contained in such schedules provided to them, and that they have no obligation to update their report because of events occurring, or data or information coming to their attention, subsequent to the date of their report.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Quotations from and summaries and explanations of the Bonds, the Resolution, the Escrow Agreement, the Continuing Disclosure Certificate of the District and the constitutional provisions, statutes and other documents referenced herein, do not purport to be complete, and reference is made to said documents, constitutional provisions and statutes for full and complete statements of their provisions.

All data contained herein has been taken or constructed from District records. Appropriate District officials, acting in their official capacities, have reviewed this Official Statement and have determined that, as of the date hereof, the information contained herein is, to the best of their 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 in order to make the statements made herein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. This Official Statement has been approved by the District Board.

EXECUTION

Execution and delivery of this Official Statement have been duly authorized by the District.

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT

By _____
Dr. Michael McDowell, Ed.D.
Superintendent

APPENDIX A

GENERAL, ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION RELATING TO THE TOWN OF ROSS AND MARIN COUNTY

While the economics of the Town and County and surrounding region influence the economics within the District, only property within the District is subject to an unlimited ad valorem tax levy to pay debt service on the Bonds.

Although reasonable efforts have been made to include up-to-date information in this Appendix A, some of the information is not current due to delays in reporting of information by various sources. It should not be assumed that the trends indicated by the following data would continue beyond the specific periods reflected herein.

The Town

The Town of Ross (the “Town”) is a general law city which was incorporated in 1908. The Town is located in Marin County, California, United States which sits just north of San Francisco. The Town is located 1.5 miles (2.4 km) west-southwest of San Rafael (the County seat) at an elevation of 36 feet (11 m). According to the United States Census Bureau, the town has a total area of 1.6 square miles (4.1 km²), all of it land. The town is bordered by Kentfield and Greenbrae to the east, Larkspur to the south and San Anselmo to the north.

While primarily residential, the Town includes Ross Common, the Ross School and a small commercial area.

The Town operates under a Council-Manager form of government and provides the following services as authorized as a general law Town: police, streets, public improvements, public works, building, planning and zoning, recreation, and general administrative services. The Town provides fire protection services through a joint powers authority.

The County

The County, located in the San Francisco-Oakland metro area, is one of 58 counties in California. One of the nine Bay Area counties, the County is linked to San Francisco by the Golden Gate Bridge and to the East Bay by the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. The County is bordered on the north and northeast by Sonoma County and on the west by the Pacific Ocean. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the County has a total area of 828 square miles (2,140 km²), of which 520 square miles (1,300 km²) is land and 308 square miles (800 km²) (37.2%) is water. The County is the fourth-smallest county in California by land area.

Most of the County’s population resides its the eastern side, with a string of communities running along San Francisco Bay, from Sausalito to Tiburon to Corte Madera to San Rafael. The interior of the County contains large areas of agricultural and open space. West Marin, through which State Route 1 runs alongside the California coast, contains many small unincorporated communities whose economies depend on agriculture and tourism. West Marin has beaches which are popular destinations for surfers and tourists year-round. Notable features of the County include the Sausalito shoreline, Richardson Bay, the Tiburon Peninsula, Ring Mountain, and Triangle Marsh at Corte Madera.

Population

The table below summarizes population of the Town, the County, and the State of California for the last five years.

TOWN OF ROSS, MARIN COUNTY, and CALIFORNIA Population

<u>Year</u>	<u>Town of Ross</u>	<u>Marin County</u>	<u>State of California</u>
2015	2,526	262,509	38,952,462
2016	2,540	263,144	39,214,803
2017	2,535	262,927	39,504,609
2018	2,528	262,803	39,740,508
2019	2,526	262,879	39,927,315

Source: California Department of Finance, E-4 Population Estimate for Cities, Counties, and the State, 2011-19, with 2010 Census Benchmark.

Employment

The following table summarizes historical employment and unemployment for the County, the State of California and the United States:

MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, and UNITED STATES Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment (Annual Averages)

Year	Area	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate ⁽¹⁾
2014	Marin County	139,900	133,900	6,000	4.3%
	California	18,811,400	17,397,100	1,414,300	7.5
	United States	155,922,000	146,305,000	9,617,000	6.2
2015	Marin County	141,100	136,100	5,000	3.5
	California	18,981,800	17,798,600	1,183,200	6.2
	United States	157,130,000	148,834,000	8,296,000	5.3
2016	Marin County	141,100	136,500	4,600	3.2
	California	19,102,700	18,065,000	1,037,700	5.4
	United States	159,187,000	151,436,000	7,751,000	4.9
2017	Marin County	141,300	137,300	4,000	2.9
	California	19,312,000	18,393,100	918,900	4.8
	United States	160,320,000	153,337,000	6,982,000	4.4
2018 ⁽²⁾	Marin County	141,100	137,700	3,400	2.4
	California	19,398,200	18,582,800	815,400	4.2
	United States	162,075,000	155,761,000	6,314,000	3.9

Source: California Employment Development Department, Monthly Labor Force Data for Counties, Annual Average 2010-2018, and US Department of Labor.

- (1) The unemployment rate is computed from unrounded data; therefore, it may differ from rates computed from rounded figures available in this table.
- (2) Latest available full-year data.

Major Employers

The following table lists the top 10 employers within the County as of June 30, 2018.

MARIN COUNTY Top 10 Employers as of June 30, 2018

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Employees</u>
County of Marin	2,305
Kaiser Permanente Medical Center	2,092
BioMarin	1,700
Marin General Hospital	1,602
San Quentin State Prison	1,600
Novato Unified School District	850
Glassdoor	750
San Rafael City Schools	700
Marin County Office of Education	600
Dominican University	319

Source: Marin County fiscal year 2017-18 CAFR.

Construction Activity

The following table reflects the five-year history of building permit valuation for the Town and the County:

TOWN OF ROSS Building Permits and Valuation (Dollars in Thousands)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<u>Permit Valuation:</u>					
New Single-family	—	—	—	\$ 3,249	\$ 6,171
New Multi-family	—	—	—	—	—
Res. Alterations/Additions	—	—	\$2,430	4,947	4,640
Total Residential	—	—	\$2,430	\$ 8,196	\$10,811
Total Nonresidential	—	—	90	2,153	4,064
Total All Building	—	—	\$2,520	\$10,349	\$14,876
<u>New Dwelling Units:</u>					
Single Family	—	—	—	1	3
Multiple Family	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	1	3

MARIN COUNTY Building Permits and Valuation (Dollars in Thousands)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<u>Permit Valuation:</u>					
New Single-family	\$ 71,460	\$ 75,834	\$ 62,804	\$ 86,748	\$ 94,556
New Multi-family	14,069	2,426	7,869	-	23,600
Res. Alterations/Additions	203,375	203,754	194,742	194,772	180,662
Total Residential	\$288,904	\$282,015	\$265,416	\$281,520	\$298,818
Total Nonresidential	186,281	550,397	125,041	126,066	156,050
Total All Building	\$475,186	\$832,412	\$390,458	\$407,586	\$454,868
<u>New Dwelling Units:</u>					
Single Family	112	121	89	104	133
Multiple Family	76	20	17	-	102
Total	188	141	106	104	235

Source: Construction Industry Research Board: "Building Permit Summary."

Note: Columns may not sum to totals due to independent rounding.

Median Household Income

The following table summarizes the median household effective buying income for the Town, the County, the State of California and the nation for the past five years.

ROSS, MARIN COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES Median Household Effective Buying Income

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Ross	\$116,006	\$141,741	\$153,571	\$161,574	\$160,169
Marin County	80,192	80,608	85,923	88,348	94,399
California	53,589	55,681	59,646	62,637	65,870
United States	46,738	48,043	50,735	52,841	55,303

Source: Nielsen, Inc.

APPENDIX B

DISTRICT AND GENERAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The information in this appendix concerning the operations of the District, the District's finances, and State funding of education, is provided as supplementary information only, and it should not be inferred from the inclusion of this information in this Official Statement that the principal of and interest on the Bonds is payable from the general fund of the District or from State revenues. The Bonds are payable solely from the proceeds of an ad valorem tax approved by the voters of the District pursuant to all applicable laws and State Constitutional requirements, and required to be levied by the County on property within the District in an amount sufficient for the timely payment of principal and interest on the Bonds. See "SECURITY AND SOURCE OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS" in the Official Statement.

Allocation of State Funding to School Districts; Restructuring of the K-12 Funding System

Most California school districts receive a significant portion of their funding from State appropriations. As a result, changes in State revenues may affect appropriations made by the Legislature to school districts. Commencing with the fiscal year 2013-14, the State budget restructured the manner in which the State allocates funding for K-12 education. In fiscal year 2013-14, State legislation replaced the majority of revenue limit and categorical funding formulas with a new set of funding formulas. The new formula for school funding is known as the "Local Control Funding Formula" (the "Local Control Funding Formula" or "LCFF"). The State budget provided funding in fiscal year 2013-14 to begin implementing the new formulas. Under the prior funding system, school districts received different per-pupil funding rates based on historical factors and varying participation in categorical programs. The new system provides a base rate per student multiplied by the school district's average daily attendance ("ADA") for each of several grade levels. The base rates are augmented by several funding supplements such as for (1) students needing additional services, defined as English learners, students from lower income families, and foster youth; and (2) school districts with high concentrations of English learners and lower income families. The new funding system requires school districts to develop local control and accountability plans describing how the school district intends to educate its students and achieve annual education goals to be achieved in state-mandated areas of priority.

Under the prior system, California Education Code Section 42238 and following, each school district was determined to have a target funding level: a "base revenue limit" per student multiplied by the school district's ADA. The base revenue limit was calculated from the school district's prior-year funding level, as adjusted for a number of factors, such as inflation, special or increased instructional needs and costs, employee retirement costs, especially low enrollment, increased pupil transportation costs, etc. Generally, the amount of State funding allocated to each school district was the amount needed to reach that district's base revenue limit after taking into account certain other revenues, in particular, locally generated property taxes. This was referred to as State "equalization aid." To the extent local tax revenues increased due to growth in local property assessed valuation, the additional revenue was offset by a decline in the State's contribution. A school district whose local property tax revenues exceed its base revenue limit is entitled to receive no State equalization aid, and receives only its special categorical aid, which is deemed to include the "basic aid" of \$120 per student per year guaranteed by Article IX, Section 6 of the Constitution. Such districts were known as "basic aid districts," which are now referred to as "community funded districts." School districts that received some equalization aid were commonly referred to as "revenue limit districts," which are now referred to as "LCFF districts." The District is a community funded district.

The Local Control Funding Formula is also based on ADA. ADA can fluctuate due to factors such as population growth or decline, competition from private, parochial, and public charter schools, inter-district transfers in or out, and other causes. Losses in ADA will cause a school district to lose operating revenues, without necessarily permitting the school district to make adjustments in fixed operating costs.

Average Daily Attendance

In the past, annual State apportionments of basic and equalization aid to school districts were computed based on a revenue limit per unit of ADA. Prior to fiscal year 1998-99, daily attendance numbers included students who were absent from school for an excused absence, such as illness. Effective in fiscal year 1998-99, only actual attendance is counted in the calculation of ADA. This change was essentially fiscally neutral for school districts which maintain the same excused absence rate. The rate per student was recalculated to provide the same total funding to school districts in the base year as would have been received under the old system. After fiscal year 1998-99, school districts which improved their actual attendance rate received additional funding.

As indicated above, commencing with the fiscal year 2013-14, the State budget restructured the manner in which the State allocates funding for K-12 education using the Local Control Funding Formula. Under the prior funding system, school districts received different per-pupil funding rates based on historical factors and varying participation in categorical programs. The following table shows the District's enrollment, ADA and LCFF Revenues for the most recent fiscal years.

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE, LCFF AND ENROLLMENT Fiscal Years 2014-15 to 2019-20

Fiscal Year	Average Daily Attendance ⁽¹⁾	LCFF Revenues ⁽²⁾	Enrollment ⁽³⁾
2014-15	357	\$3,979,384	367
2015-16	372	4,238,436	384
2016-17	368	4,438,164	383
2017-18	369	4,686,919	387
2018-19 ⁽⁴⁾	380	5,036,414	394
2019-20 ⁽⁵⁾	365	5,166,444	384

Source: Ross School District

- (1) Reflects ADA as of the second principal reporting period (P-2 ADA), ending on or before the last attendance month prior to April 15 of each school year.
- (2) Deficit revenue limit funding, when provided for in State budgetary legislation, reduced the revenue limit allocations received by school districts by applying a deficit factor to the base revenue limit for the given fiscal year, and resulted from an insufficiency of appropriation funds in the State budget to provide for State aid owed to school districts. The State's practice of deficit revenue limit funding was most recently reinstated beginning in fiscal year 2008-09 and discontinued following the implementation of the LCFF.
- (3) Enrollment as of October report submitted to the California Basic Educational Data System ("CBEDS") in each school year.
- (4) FY2018-19 data is from the District's 2018-19 Unaudited Actuals, adopted September 11, 2019.
- (5) FY2019-20 projections provided by the District.

Effect of Changes in ADA. Changes in local property tax income and student enrollment (or ADA) affect community funded districts and revenue limit districts, now known as "LCFF districts," differently. In a LCFF district, increasing enrollment increases the amount allocated under LCFF and

thus generally increases a district's entitlement to State aid, while increases in property taxes do nothing to increase district revenues, but only offset the State aid funding requirement. Operating costs typically increase disproportionately slower than enrollment growth until the point where additional teachers and classroom facilities are needed. Declining enrollment has the reverse effect on LCFF districts, generally resulting in a loss of State aid, while operating costs typically decrease slowly until the district decides to lay off teachers, close schools, or initiate other cost-saving measures.

In community funded districts, such as the District, the opposite is generally true: increasing enrollment does increase the amount allocated under LCFF, but since all LCFF income (and more) is already generated by local property taxes, there is typically no increase in State income. New students impose increased operating costs, but typically at a slower pace than enrollment growth, and the effect on the financial condition of a community funded district would depend on whether property tax growth keeps pace with enrollment growth. Declining enrollment typically does not reduce property tax income, and has a negligible impact on State aid, but eventually reduces operating costs, and thus can be financially beneficial to a community funded district.

For LCFF districts any loss of local property taxes is made up by an increase in State aid. For community funded districts, the loss of tax revenues is not reimbursed by the State.

Enrollment can fluctuate due to factors such as population growth, competition from private, parochial, and public charter schools, inter-district transfers in and out, and other causes. Losses in enrollment will cause a school district to lose operating revenues, without necessarily permitting the district to make adjustments in fixed operating costs.

The District cannot make any predictions regarding how the current economic environment or changes thereto will affect the State's ability to meet the revenue and spending assumptions in the State's adopted budget, and the effect of these changes on school finance. ''

Community Funded District

The District's share of local *ad valorem* property taxes exceeds the State's education funding obligation. As a result, the District is a "Community Funded" district. The District has never fallen out of Community Funded status. In its fiscal year 2019-20 budget, the District has estimated that its share of local property taxes will be approximately \$5,004,989, which exceeds the District's funding entitlement under LCFF by \$1,796,570. In other words, the District is funded at 156% of its LCFF funding entitlement by local property taxes. Absent legislative or court action, which impacts the determination of or existence of Community Funded status, the District anticipates receiving local property tax revenue in excess of its LCFF entitlement for the foreseeable future.

District Budget and County Review

Budgeting Procedures. State law requires school districts to maintain a balanced budget in each fiscal year. The State Department of Education imposes a uniform budgeting and accounting format for school districts.

Under current law, a school district governing board must adopt and file with the county superintendent of schools a tentative budget by July 1 in each fiscal year. The District is under the jurisdiction of the County Superintendent of Schools.

The county superintendent must review and approve, conditionally approve or disapprove the budget no later than September 15. The county superintendent is required to 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 with the established standards. In the event that the county superintendent conditionally approves or disapproves the school district's budget, the county superintendent will submit to the governing board of the school district no later than September 15 of such year written recommendations regarding revisions of the budget and the reasons for the recommendations, including, but not limited to, the amounts of any budget adjustments needed before the county superintendent can approve that budget.

The governing board of the school district, together with the county superintendent, must review and respond to the recommendations of the county superintendent on or before October 8 at a regular meeting of the governing board of the school district. The county superintendent will examine and approve or disapprove of the revised budget by November 8 of such year. If the county superintendent disapproves a revised budget, the county superintendent will call for the formation of a budget review committee. By December 31 of each year, every school district must have an adopted budget, or the State Superintendent may impose a budget and will report such school district to the State Legislature and the Department of Finance.

Subsequent to approval, the county superintendent will monitor each school district under its jurisdiction throughout the fiscal year pursuant to its adopted budget to determine on an ongoing basis if the school district can meet its current or subsequent year financial obligations.

If at any time during the fiscal year the county superintendent determines that a school district may be unable to meet its financial obligations for the current or two subsequent fiscal years or if a school district has a qualified or negative certification (as describe below), the county superintendent will notify the governing board of the school district and the State Superintendent of that determination and report to the State Superintendent the financial condition of the school district. The county superintendent will also report proposed remedial actions and take at least one of the following and all actions that are necessary to ensure that the school district meets its financial obligations: (a) assign a fiscal expert, (b) conduct a study of the financial and budgetary conditions of the school district that includes, but is not limited to, a review of internal controls, (c) direct the school district to submit a financial projection of all fund and cash balances of the school district as of June 30 of the current year and subsequent fiscal years, (d) require the school district to encumber all contracts and other obligations, to prepare appropriate cashflow analyses and monthly or quarterly budget revisions, and to appropriately record all receivables and payables, (e) direct the school district to submit a proposal for addressing the fiscal conditions that resulted in the determination that the school district may not be able to meet its financial obligations, (f) withhold compensation of the members of the governing board of the school district and the school district superintendent for failure to provide requested financial information, and (g) assign the County Office of Education and Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team to review and provide recommendations related to teacher hiring practices, teacher retention rate, percentage of provision of highly qualified teachers, and the extent of teacher misassignment in the school district.

If, after taking various remedial actions, the county superintendent determines that a school district cannot meet its current or the subsequent year's obligations, the county superintendent will notify the school district's governing board, the State Superintendent and the president of the State board (or the president's designee) of the determination and take at least one of the following actions, and all

actions that are necessary to ensure that the school district meets its financial obligations: (a) develop and impose, after also consulting with the State Superintendent and the school district's governing board, revisions to the budget that will enable the school district to meet its financial obligations in the current fiscal year, (b) stay or rescind any action inconsistent with the ability of the school district to meet its obligations for the current or subsequent fiscal year, (c) assist in developing, in consultation with the school district's governing board, a financial plan that will enable the school district to meet its future obligations, (d) assist in developing, in consultation with the school district's governing board, a budget for the subsequent fiscal year, and (e) as necessary, appoint a fiscal advisor to perform the aforementioned duties. The county superintendent will also make a report to the State Superintendent and the president of the State board or the president's designee about the financial condition of the school district and the remedial actions proposed by the county superintendent. However, the county superintendent may not abrogate any provision of a collective bargaining agreement that was entered into prior to the date upon which the county superintendent assumed authority.

Interim Reporting. A State law adopted in 1991 (known as "A.B. 1200") imposed additional financial reporting requirements on school districts, and established guidelines for emergency State aid apportionments. Under the provisions of A.B. 1200 and the Education Code (Section 42100 et seq.), each school district is required to file two interim certifications with the county superintendent (on December 15, for the period ended October 31, and by mid-March for the period ended January 31) 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 fiscal year. The county superintendent reviews the certification and issues either a positive, negative or qualified certification. A positive certification is assigned to any school district that, based on then current projections, will meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal year and the subsequent two fiscal years. A negative certification is assigned to any school district that, based on then current projections, will be unable to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year or the subsequent fiscal year. A qualified certification is assigned to any school district that, based on then current projections, will not meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal year or the two subsequent fiscal years. A certification may be revised to a negative or qualified certification by the county superintendent, as appropriate. A school district that receives a qualified or negative certification for its second interim report must provide to the county superintendent, the State Controller and the Superintendent no later than June 1, financial statement projections of the school district's fund and cash balances through June 30 for the period ending April 30.

Any school district that receives a qualified or negative certification in any fiscal year may not issue, in that fiscal year or in the next succeeding fiscal year, certificates of participation, tax and revenue anticipation notes, revenue bonds or any other debt instruments that do not require the approval of the voters of the school district, unless the county superintendent determines that the school district's repayment of indebtedness is probable. The District has received positive certifications on its interim financial reports for fiscal year 2018-19.

Emergency Appropriation from the State. For school districts under fiscal distress, the county superintendent is authorized to take a number of actions to ensure that the school district meets its financial obligations, including budget revisions. However, the county superintendent is not authorized to approve any diversion of revenue from *ad valorem* property taxes levied to pay debt service on district general obligation bonds. A school district that becomes insolvent may, upon the approval of a fiscal plan by the county superintendent, request an emergency appropriation from the State, in which case the county superintendent, the State Superintendent and the president of the State board or the president's designee will appoint a trustee to serve the school district until it has adequate fiscal systems and controls

in place. The acceptance by a school district of an emergency apportionment exceeding 200% of the reserve recommended for that school district constitutes an agreement that the county superintendent will assume control of the school district in order to ensure the school district's return to fiscal solvency.

In the event the State elects to provide an emergency apportionment to a school district, such apportionment will constitute an advance payment of apportionments owed to the school district from the State School Fund and the Education Protection Account. The emergency apportionment may be accomplished in two ways. First, a school district may participate in a two-part financing in which the school district receives an interim loan from the State general fund, with the agreement that the school district will subsequently enter into a lease financing with the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank for purposes of financing the emergency apportionment, including repaying such amounts advanced to the State general fund. State law provides that so long as bonds from such lease financing are outstanding, the recipient school district (via its administrator) cannot file for bankruptcy. As an alternative, a school district may receive an emergency apportionment from the State general fund that must be repaid in 20 years. Each year, the State Superintendent will withhold from the apportionments to be made to the school district from the State School Fund and the Education Protection Account an amount equal to the emergency apportionment repayment that becomes due that year. The determination as to whether the emergency apportionment will take the form of a lease financing or an emergency apportionment from the State general fund will be based upon the availability of funds within the State general fund.

Accounting Practices

The accounting practices of the District conform to generally accepted accounting principles in accordance with policies and procedures of the California School Accounting Manual. This manual, according to section 41010 of the California Education Code, is to be followed by all California school districts.

The District's expenditures are accrued at the end of the fiscal year to reflect the receipt of goods and services in that year. Revenues generally are recorded on a cash basis, except for items that are susceptible to accrual (measurable and/or available to finance operations). Current taxes are considered susceptible to accrual. Delinquent taxes not received after the fiscal year end are not recorded as revenue until received. Revenues from specific state and federally funded projects are recognized when qualified expenditures have been incurred. State block grant apportionments are accrued to the extent that they are measurable and predictable. The State Department of Education sends the District updated information from time to time explaining the acceptable accounting treatment of revenue and expenditure categories.

The District's accounting is organized on the basis of fund groups, with each group consisting of a separate set of self-balancing accounts containing assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues and expenditures. The major fund classification is the general fund which accounts for all financial resources not requiring a special type of fund. The District's fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30.

Financial Statements

The District's general fund finances the basic operating activities of the District. General fund revenues are derived from such sources as State school fund apportionments, taxes, use of money and property, and aid from other governmental agencies. Audited financial statements for the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, and prior fiscal years are on file with the District and available for public

inspection at the office of the Superintendent of the District, 9 Lagunitas Road, Ross, California 94957, telephone number (415) 257-2705. Copies of such financial statements will be mailed to prospective investors and their representatives upon request directed to the District at such address. For further information, see also APPENDIX C—AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018.

The following table shows the District's audited revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the past three fiscal years, unaudited actuals for fiscal year 2018-19 and budgeted projections for fiscal year 2019-20.

GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
Fiscal Years 2015-16 to 2019-20

	Fiscal Year Ended,				
	2015-16 Audited	2016-17 Audited	2017-18 Audited	2018-19 Unaudited Actuals	2019-20 Budget
REVENUES					
LCFF Sources	\$4,238,436	\$4,438,164	\$4,686,919	\$5,036,414	\$5,166,444
Federal Sources	82,979	85,942	73,247	77,817	59,699
Other State Sources	555,042	441,016	623,269	751,036	404,036
Other Local Sources	2,534,438	2,684,334	2,631,963	2,740,896	2,790,835
Total Revenues	7,410,895	7,649,456	8,015,398	8,606,163	8,421,014
EXPENDITURES					
Certificated Salaries	3,319,315	3,259,849	3,498,752	3,537,055	3,824,779
Classified Salaries	890,636	926,269	1,060,522	1,027,380	1,085,071
Employee Benefits	1,401,854	1,531,741	1,643,840	2,042,788	1,978,374
Books and Supplies	332,459	300,477	469,720	381,600	292,753
Contract Services	993,460	983,092	1,062,638	1,410,252	1,104,749
Capital Outlay	8,019	—	—	—	—
Other Outgo	54,655	30,116	38,910	24,552	29,753
Debt Service – Principal	22,770	24,058	—	—	—
Debt Service - Interest	2,650	1,362	—	—	—
Total Expenditures	7,025,818	7,056,964	7,774,382	8,423,629	8,315,479
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	385,077	592,492	241,016	182,534	105,535
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Operating transfers in	—	—	—	—	—
Operating transfers out ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	(153,112)	(100,000)
Other sources	—	—	—	—	—
Total financing sources (uses)	—	—	—	(153,112)	(100,000)
Net change in fund balances	385,077	592,492	241,016	29,422	5,535
Fund Balance, July 1 ⁽²⁾	2,411,962	2,797,039	3,389,531	3,062,562	3,091,984
Fund Balance, June 30 ⁽²⁾	2,797,039	3,389,531	3,630,547	3,091,984	3,097,519

Sources: Ross School District 2015-16 through 2017-18 audited financial statements, unaudited actuals and 2019-20 Budget, adopted June 12, 2019.

(1) Represents transfers to Fund 20 (Special Reserve for Postemployment Benefits).

(2) Fund Balances for fiscal years 2018-19 and 2019-20 do not contain the following fund otherwise included in the audited totals for the 2015-16 through 2017-18 fiscal years: Fund 20 (Special Reserve for Postemployment Benefits).

Summary of District Revenues and Expenditures

The District's audited financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2018, are reproduced in Appendix C. The final (unaudited) statement of receipts and expenditures for each fiscal year ending June 30 is required by State law to be approved by the District Board by September 15, and the audit report must be filed with the County Superintendent of Schools and State officials by December 15 of each year.

The District is required by State law and regulation to maintain various reserves, including a "reserve for economic uncertainty" equal to no less than 4% of general fund expenditures and other financing uses. For fiscal year 2019-20, the District has budgeted \$2,883,450 for its reserve for economic uncertainty. Substantially all funds of the District are required by law to be deposited with and invested by the Director of Finance on behalf of the District, pursuant to law and the investment policy of the County. See "COUNTY POOLED INVESTMENT FUND" in the front portion of this Official Statement.

Local Control Funding Formula. The State Constitution requires that from all State revenues there will be funds set aside to be allocated by the State for support of the public school system and public institutions of higher education. As discussed below, school districts in the State receive a significant portion of their funding from these State allocations. The general operating income of school districts in California is comprised of two major components: (i) a State portion funded from the State's general fund, and (ii) a local portion derived from the school district's share of the 1% local *ad valorem* tax authorized by the State Constitution. School districts may also be eligible for special categorical and grant funding from State and federal government programs.

As part of the State Budget for fiscal year 2013-14 (the "2013-14 State Budget"), State Assembly Bill 97 (Stats. 2013, Chapter 47) ("AB 97") was enacted to establish a new system for funding State school districts, charter schools and county offices of education by the implementation of the Local Control Funding Formula or LCFF. This formula replaced the 40-year revenue limit funding system for determining State apportionments and the majority of categorical programs. Subsequently, AB 97 was amended and clarified by Senate Bill 91 (Stats. 2013 Chapter 49). The LCFF consists primarily of base, supplemental and concentration funding formulas that focus resources based on a school district's student demographic. Each school district and charter school receives a base grant per its ADA used to support the basic costs of instruction and operations. The implementation of the LCFF began in fiscal year 2013-14 and was fully implemented during fiscal year 2018-19.

The LCFF includes the following components:

- An average base grant for each local education agency per unit of ADA as detailed in the CALIFORNIA SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS GRADE SPAN FUNDING AT FULL LCFF IMPLEMENTATION LOCAL CONTROL TARGET FUNDING FORMULA 2019-20 summary table herein.
- A 20% supplemental grant for students classified as English learners ("EL"), those eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal ("FRPM") and foster youth, to reflect increased costs associated with educating those students. These supplemental grants are only attributed to each eligible student once, and the total student population eligible for the additional funding is known as an "unduplicated count."

- An additional concentration grant equal to 50% of a local education agency's base grant, based on the number of unduplicated EL, FRPM and foster youth served by the local agency that comprise more than 55% of the school district's or charter school's total enrollment.

The following table shows a breakdown of the District's ADA by grade span, total enrollment, and the percentage of EL/LI student enrollment, for fiscal years 2013-14 through 2018-19.

ADA, ENROLLMENT AND EL/LI ENROLLMENT PERCENTAGE
Fiscal Years 2013-14 through 2019-20

Fiscal Year	Average Daily Attendance				Total District ADA ⁽¹⁾	Total District Enrollment ⁽²⁾	Number of EL/LI Enrollment ⁽³⁾
	K-3	4-6	7-8	9-12			
2013-14	179.62	109.24	75.77	—	364.63	379	5
2014-15	163.62	132.99	60.27	—	356.88	367	2
2015-16	171.15	135.62	64.98	—	371.75	384	4
2016-17	163.79	129.78	74.71	—	368.28	383	2
2017-18	150.22	133.54	85.03	—	368.79	387	5
2018-19	163.12	135.70	81.13	—	379.95	394	8
2019-20 ⁽⁴⁾	140.00	145.00	80.00	—	365.00	384	4

Source: Ross School District

(1) Reflects P-2 ADA.

(2) Reflects CBEDS enrollment.

(3) For purposes of calculating Supplemental and Concentration Grants, a school district's fiscal year 2013-14 percentage of unduplicated EL/LI students was expressed solely as a percentage of its total fiscal year 2013-14 total enrollment. For fiscal year 2014-15, the percentage of unduplicated EL/LI enrollment was based on the two-year average of EL/LI enrollment in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15. Beginning in fiscal year 2015-16, a school district's percentage of unduplicated EL/LI students is based on a rolling average of such district's EL/LI enrollment for the then-current fiscal year and the two immediately preceding fiscal years.

(4) FY2019-20 projections provided by the District.

Of the more than \$25 billion in funding to be invested through the LCFF through full implementation of the LCFF, the vast majority of new funding is provided for base grants. Specifically, of every dollar invested through the LCFF, 84 cents will go to base grants, 10 cents will go to supplemental grants, and 6 cents will go to concentration grants. Under the 2013-14 State Budget, the target average base grant was \$7,643, which was an increase of \$2,375 from the prior year's average revenue limit. Base grants are adjusted for cost-of-living increases by applying the implicit price deflator for government goods and services. As the LCFF has been fully implemented, the provision of COLAs will be subject to appropriation for such adjustment in the annual State budget on an ongoing basis. 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. For certain school districts that would have received greater funding levels under the prior revenue limit system, the LCFF provides for a permanent economic recovery target ("ERT") add-on, equal to the difference between the revenue limit allocations such districts would have received under the prior system in fiscal year 2020-21, and the target LCFF allocations owed to such districts in the same year. To derive the projected funding levels, the LCFF assumes the discontinuance of deficit revenue limit funding and restoration of categorical funding to pre-recession levels. The sum of a school district's adjusted base, supplemental and concentration grants will be multiplied by such district's Second Principal Apportionment (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 categorical block grant add-ons, will yield a school 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 the individual school district's share

of applicable local property taxes allocations. Most school districts receive a significant portion of their funding from such State apportionments. As a result, decreases in State revenues in a particular year may significantly affect appropriations made by the State Legislature to school districts.

The legislation includes a “hold harmless” provision which provides that a school district or charter school will maintain total revenue limit and categorical funding at its fiscal year 2012-13 level, unadjusted for changes in ADA, or cost of living adjustments.

A summary of the target LCFF funding amounts for California school districts and charter schools based on grade levels and targeted students classified as English learners, those eligible to receive a free or reduced price meal, foster youth, or any combination of these factors (“unduplicated” count) is shown below:

**CALIFORNIA SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS
GRADE SPAN FUNDING AT FULL LCFF IMPLEMENTATION
LOCAL CONTROL TARGET FUNDING FORMULA 2019-20**

Grade Levels	2019-20 Base Grants per ADA	2019-20 COLA (3.26%)	Grade Span Adjustments	2019-20 Grant/Adjusted Base Grant per ADA
K-3	\$ 7,459	\$ 243	\$ 801	\$ 8,503
4-6	7,571	247	n/a	7,818
7-8	7,796	254	n/a	8,050
9-12	9,034	295	243	9,572

Source: California Department of Education

Since July 1, 2015, school districts have been required to develop a three-year Local Control and Accountability Plan (each, a “LCAP”). County Superintendents of Schools and the State Superintendent review and provide support to school districts and county offices of education under their jurisdictions. In addition, the 2013-14 State budget created the California Collaborative for Education Excellence (the “Collaborative”) to advise and assist school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools in achieving the goals identified in their plans. The State Superintendent may direct the Collaborative to provide additional assistance to any district, county office, or charter school. For those entities that continue to struggle in meeting their goals, and when the Collaborative indicates that additional intervention is needed, the State Superintendent has authority to make changes to school district or county office’s local plan. For charter schools, the charter authorizer will be required to consider revocation of a charter if the Collaborative finds that the inadequate performance is so persistent and acute as to warrant revocation. The State will continue to measure student achievement through statewide assessments, maintain a dashboard system for schools and subgroups of students, determine the contents of the school accountability report card, and establish policies to implement the federal accountability system.

Federal Sources. The federal government provides funding for several District programs, including the Every Student Succeeds Act, special education programs, programs under the Educational Consolidation and Improvement Act, and specialized programs such as Education for Economic Security, and the free and reduced lunch program.

Other State Sources. In addition to LCFF revenues, the District receives substantial other State revenues. As described above, the LCFF replaced most of the State categorical program funding that existed prior to fiscal year 2013-14. Categorical funding for certain programs was excluded from the LCFF, and school districts continue to receive restricted State revenues to fund these programs. These other State revenues are primarily restricted revenue funding items such as the Special Education Master Plan, Economic Impact Aid, and Tier 3 Funding.

Other State revenues include the California State Lottery (the “Lottery”), which was established by a constitutional amendment approved in the November 1984 general election. Lottery revenues must be used for the education of students and cannot be used for non-instructional purposes such as real property acquisition, facility construction, or the financing of research.

Other Local Sources. In addition to property taxes, the District receives additional local revenues from items such as leases and rentals, interest earnings, transportation fees, interagency services, and other local sources.

Parcel Tax. A District Special Parcel Tax Increase, Measure E, was approved by the registered voters of the District on November 4, 2014, by a 76% affirmative vote (the “Parcel Tax”). Measure E authorized the District to continue levying a parcel tax for an additional eight years at a rate increased by \$184 per year per parcel. The previous school parcel tax was approved in 2006 and was imposed at a rate of \$771.11. The increase authorized by Measure E brought the total parcel tax rate up to \$955.11 per parcel. Measure E also authorized a 3% per year increase to the tax rate. Exemptions from the parcel tax are available for individuals who have attained the age of 65. The Parcel Tax is set to expire in 2023 if not renewed. In fiscal year 2018-19 Parcel Tax revenues contributed \$861,003 to the District’s general fund and Parcel Tax revenues to the District’s general fund has been budgeted in the amount of \$882,500 for fiscal year 2019-20.

The Ross School Foundation. The Ross School Foundation (the “Foundation”) is a non-profit organization established in 1992 to raise funds to fill the gap between what the District receives from local, state and federal sources and actual District expenditures. The Foundation funds approximately 20% of Ross School’s annual budget each year. The vast majority of donations to the Foundation come from current student’s families, but the Foundation also receive donations from community members, alumni, grandparents and local businesses. The Foundation asks the parents of every student in the District to donate to the Foundation. The Foundation has, over the past five years, typically achieved 100% parent participation. In fiscal year 2018-19 the Foundation contributed \$1,333,006 to the District’s general fund and a Foundation contribution to the District’s general fund has been budgeted in the amount of \$1,403,316 for fiscal year 2019-20.

Effect of State Budget on Revenues

Most public school districts in California are dependent on revenues from the State for a large portion of their operating budgets, because the primary source of funding for school districts is LCFF funding, which is derived from a combination of State funds and local property taxes as previously described herein (see “—Education Funding Generally” above). School districts which are Community Funded however, like the District, are an exception to this, and derive most of their revenues from local property taxes.

The availability of State funds for public education is a function of constitutional provisions affecting school district revenues and expenditures (see “CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRICT REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS”), the condition of the State economy (which affects total revenue available to the State general fund), and the annual State budget process. The District cannot predict how education funding may be changed in the future, or the state of the economy which in turn can impact the amounts of funds available from the State for education funding generally. See “STATE FUNDING OF EDUCATION; RECENT STATE BUDGETS.”

District Expenditures

The largest part of each school district’s general fund budget is used to pay salaries and benefits of certificated (credentialed teaching) and classified (non-instructional) employees. Changes in salary and benefit expenditures from year to year are generally based on changes in staffing levels, negotiated salary increases, and the overall cost of employee benefits.

Labor Relations. Currently the District employs 34.25 full-time equivalent (FTE) certificated employees, 12.70 FTE classified employees, and 6.42 management and confidential employees. There is one formal bargaining units operating in the District which is described in the table below.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

Labor Organization	Members	Contract Expiration
Ross School District Teachers Association	33.25	6/30/2021

Source: Ross School District

District Retirement Programs

The information set forth below regarding the STRS and PERS programs, other than the information provided by the District regarding its annual contributions thereto, 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 either the District or the Underwriter.

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 recently 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**

Effective Date	STRS Members Hired Prior to January 1, 2013	STRS Members Hired After January 1, 2013
July 1, 2014	8.150%	8.150%
July 1, 2015	9.200%	8.560%
July 1, 2016	10.250%	9.205%
July 1, 2017	10.250%	9.205%
July 1, 2018	10.250%	10.250%

Source: AB 1469.

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**

Effective Date	K-14 School District
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%

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.

The District's contribution to STRS for the six most recent fiscal years was as follows:

Fiscal Year	District STRS Contribution
2014-15	\$ 265,358
2015-16	334,859
2016-17	391,929
2017-18	461,489
2018-19 ⁽¹⁾	827,911 ⁽²⁾
2019-20 ⁽¹⁾	917,672 ⁽²⁾

Source: Ross School District

(1) As projected in the District's fiscal year 2019-20 Budget, adopted June 12, 2019.

(2) Amounts for fiscal years 2018-19 and 2019-20 include the State's On-Behalf payment not otherwise included in the totals for prior years.

The State also contributes to STRS, currently in an amount equal to 7.328% of teacher payroll for fiscal year 2018-19. 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 2019-20 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. 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 COLA's, 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, 2014, included 1,580 public agencies and 1,513 K-14 school districts. 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 District is currently required to contribute to PERS at an actuarially determined rate, which is 11.847% of eligible salary expenditures for fiscal year 2015-16, 13.888% in fiscal year 2016-17, 15.531% in fiscal year 2017-18 and

18.062% for fiscal year 2018-19. Participants enrolled in PERS prior to January 1, 2013 contribute 7% of their respective salaries, while participants enrolled after January 1, 2013 contribute at an actuarially determined rate, which is 6% of their respective salaries for fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17, 6.50% in fiscal year 2017-18 and 7.00% in fiscal year 2018-19. See “—California Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act of 2013” herein.

The District’s contribution to PERS for the six most recent fiscal years was as follows:

	District PERS
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Contribution</u>
2014-15	\$102,141
2015-16	105,232
2016-17	133,604
2017-18	142,937
2018-19 ⁽¹⁾	177,785
2019-20 ⁽¹⁾	222,312

Source: Ross School District

(1) As projected in the District’s 2019-20 Budget, adopted June 12, 2019

For further information about the District’s contributions to STRS and PERS, see APPENDIX C—AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018—Note 12.

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; (ii) PERS: 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.

FUNDED STATUS
STRS (Defined Benefit Program) and PERS
(Dollar Amounts in Millions)⁽¹⁾
Fiscal Years 2010-11 through 2017-18

STRS					
Fiscal Year	Accrued Liability	Value of Trust Assets (MVA) ⁽²⁾	Unfunded Liability (MVA) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	Value of Trust Assets (AVA) ⁽⁴⁾	Unfunded Liability (MVA) ⁽⁴⁾
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

PERS					
Fiscal Year	Accrued Liability	Value of Trust Assets (MVA) ⁽²⁾	Unfunded Liability (MVA) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	Value of Trust Assets (AVA) ⁽⁴⁾	Unfunded Liability (MVA) ⁽⁴⁾
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	— ⁽⁵⁾	— ⁽⁵⁾
2014-15	73,325	56,814	16,511	— ⁽⁵⁾	— ⁽⁵⁾
2015-16	77,544	55,785	21,759	— ⁽⁵⁾	— ⁽⁵⁾
2016-17	84,416	60,865	23,551	— ⁽⁵⁾	— ⁽⁵⁾
2017-18	92,071	64,846	27,225	— ⁽⁵⁾	— ⁽⁵⁾

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

(1) Amounts may not add due to rounding.

(2) Reflects market value of assets.

(3) Excludes assets allocated to the SBPA reserve.

(4) Reflects actuarial value of assets.

(5) Effective for the June 30, 2014 actuarial valuation, PERS no longer uses an actuarial value of assets.

The STRS Board has sole authority to determine the actuarial assumptions and methods used for the valuation of the STRS Defined Benefit Program. On February 1, 2017, the STRS Board adopted a new set of actuarial assumptions reflecting increasing life expectancies and current economic trends. These actuarial assumptions include, but are not limited to: (i) adopting a generational morality methodology to reflect past improvements in life expectancies, (ii) decreasing the investment rate of return from 8.25% for the June 30, 2016 STRS Actuarial Valuation to 7.00% for the June 30, 2017 STRS Actuarial Valuation, and (iii) decreasing the projected wage growth to 3.50% and the projected inflation rate to 2.75%. According to the STRS Actuarial Valuation, as of June 30, 2017, the future revenues from contributions and appropriations for the STRS Defined Benefit Program are projected to be sufficient to finance its obligations with a projected ending funded ratio in the 2045-46 fiscal year of 99.6%. This finding reflects the scheduled contribution increases specified in AB 1469 and is based on the valuation assumptions and the valuation policy adopted by the STRS Board.

According to the 2018 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.

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 the next three years in accordance with the following schedule: 7.375% in fiscal year 2017-18, 7.25% in fiscal year 2018-19 and 7.00% in fiscal year 2019-20. The new discount rate will go 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. The three-year reduction of the discount rate to 7.0% is expected to result in average employer rate increases of approximately 1-3% of normal cost as a percent of payroll for most miscellaneous retirement plans and a 2-5% increase for most safety plans.

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 will first be 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 assumption rate from 2.75% 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 mortality, 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 16, 2019, the PERS Board established the employer contribution rates for 2019-20 and released certain information from the Schools Pool Actuarial Valuation as of June 30, 2018, ahead of its summer of 2019 release date. Based on the changes in the discount rate, inflation rate, payroll growth rate and demographic assumptions, 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 projected contribution rate for 2020-21 is projected to be 23.6%, with annual increases thereafter, resulting in a projected 26.5% employer contribution rate for fiscal year 2025-26.

The District can make no representations regarding the future program liabilities of STRS, or whether the District will be required to make additional contributions to STRS in the future above those amounts required under AB 1469. The District can also provide no assurances that the District's 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 (the “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. Because the accounting standards do not require changes in funding policies, the full extent of the effect of the new standards on the District is not known at this time. 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.

The District’s proportionate shares of the net pension liabilities, pension expense, deferred outflow of resources and deferred inflow of resources for STRS and PERS, as of June 30, 2018, are as shown in the following table.

Pension Plan	Net Pension Liability	Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions	Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions	Pension Expenses
STRS	\$5,028,056	\$ 857,610	\$347,806	\$ 751,734
PERS	1,459,540	411,509	163,753	127,859
Total	<u>\$6,487,596</u>	<u>\$1,269,119</u>	<u>\$511,559</u>	<u>\$879,593</u>

Source: Ross School District.

For additional information, see APPENDIX C—AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018—Note 9.

Other Post-Employment Benefits

Post-Employment Health Care Plan and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) Obligation. The Postemployment Benefits Plan (the “Plan”) is a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan administered by the District. The Plan provides medical, dental, vision and life insurance benefits to eligible retirees and their spouses. Membership of the Plan consists of 27 retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits and 53 active Plan members.

Contribution Information. The contribution requirements of plan members and the District are established and may be amended by the District and applicable groups. The required contribution is based on projected pay-as-you-go financing requirements. For fiscal year 2017-18, the District contributed \$82,491 to the Plan, all of which was used for current premiums.

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation. The District’s annual OPEB cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement No. 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities (UAAL) (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years. The following table shows the components of the District’s annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and changes in the District’s net OPEB obligation to the Plan:

OPEB OBLIGATIONS Fiscal Year 2017-18

Annual required contribution	\$ 88,328
Interest on net OPEB obligation	72,094
Adjustment to annual required contribution	-
Annual OPEB cost (expense)	<u>160,422</u>
Contributions made	<u>(82,491)</u>
Increase in net OPEB obligation	77,931
Net OPEB obligation, beginning of the year	1,895,503
Net OPEB obligation, end of the year	<u><u>\$1,973,434</u></u>

Source: Ross School District 2017-18 Audited Financial Statements.

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, investment returns, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the Plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

See also APPENDIX C—AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018, Note 8.

Charter Schools

The State Legislature enacted the Charter Schools Act of 1992 (California Education Code Sections 47600-47616.5) to permit teachers, parents, students, and community members to establish schools that would be free from most state and district regulations. Revised in 1998, California's charter school law states that local boards are the primary charter approving agency and that county panels can appeal a denied charter. State education standards apply, and charter schools are required to use the same student assessment instruments. The charter school is exempt from state and local education rules and regulations, except as specified in the legislation.

School districts have certain fiscal oversight and other responsibilities with respect to both affiliated independent and district operated charter schools established within their boundaries. However, independent charter schools receive funding directly from the State, and such funding would not be reported in the District's audited financial statements. District operated charter schools receive their funding from the District, and would be reflected in the District's audited financial statements.

The District has no K-8 charters operating within its boundaries and does not have any indicators that one will be developed any time soon.

The District makes no representations regarding how many District students will transfer to charter schools, back to the District from charter schools, or will transfer between the District and other school districts due to the presence of charter schools in the future, and the District cannot predict the corresponding financial impacts of such transfers on the District.

Assembly Bill 1505 was recently enacted (the "AB 1505"), which aims to slow the growth of charter schools. AB 1505 will give school districts increased leverage to deny applications for new charter schools by providing school districts additional discretion when authorizing charter schools to consider the number and enrollment in proposed charter schools, academic outcomes and offerings and a statement of need for the school. The District cannot predict the impact such legislation will have on its operations and finances.

District Debt Structure

General Obligation Bonds. In June of 2006, the voters of the District authorized the issuance of \$15,000,000 of general obligation bonds (the "2006 Authorization"). In August of 2006, the District issued the its Ross Elementary School District (Marin County, California) General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2006, Series 2006 (the "2006 Bonds") in the principal amount of \$14,999,940.70 pursuant to the 2006 Authorization, which included current interest bonds and capital appreciation bonds. In June of 2014, the District issued its Ross Elementary School District (Marin County, California) 2014 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (the "2014 Refunding Bonds") in the principal amount of \$9,415,000 to refund the current interest portion of the 2006 Bonds. No additional bonds may be issued under the 2006 Authorization.

In June of 2008, the voters of the District authorized the issuance of \$6,750,000 of general obligation bonds (the "2008 Authorization"). In September of 2008, the District issued \$3,900,000 Ross Elementary School District (Marin County, California) General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2008, Series 2008 (the "Series 2008 Bonds"), in the principal amount of \$3,900,000. In May of 2010, the District issued its \$2,850,000 Ross Elementary School District (Marin County, California) General

Obligation Bonds, Election of 2008, Series 2010 (Qualified School Construction Bonds), pursuant to the 2008 Authorization (the “2010 Bonds”). No additional bonds may be issued under the 2008 Authorization. The Bonds of this issue will refund the Series 2008 Bonds.

The following table shows the annual debt service obligations for all outstanding general obligation bonds of the District:

Period Ending	2006 Election	2008 Election		2014 Refunding Bonds	Total
		Series 2008(1)	Series 2010		
8/1/20	\$ 695,000.00	\$ 225,700.00	\$ 199,828.88	\$ 377,552.50	\$ 1,498,081.38
8/1/21	765,000.00	237,550.00	217,859.31	381,052.50	1,601,461.81
8/1/22	820,000.00	253,725.00	233,391.67	379,452.50	1,686,569.17
8/1/23	910,000.00	274,000.00	246,509.75	377,852.50	1,808,362.25
8/1/24	975,000.00	288,150.00	267,244.63	381,052.50	1,911,447.13
8/1/25	1,050,000.00	306,550.00	285,376.75	379,140.00	2,021,066.75
8/1/26	—	323,850.00	205,057.85	1,386,590.00	1,915,497.85
8/1/27	—	345,050.00	195,383.33	1,457,790.00	1,998,223.33
8/1/28	—	369,470.00	—	1,539,390.00	1,908,860.00
8/1/29	—	392,280.00	—	1,630,790.00	2,023,070.00
8/1/30	—	413,480.00	—	1,721,240.00	2,134,720.00
8/1/31	—	442,400.00	—	1,697,640.00	2,140,040.00
8/1/32	—	479,160.00	—	—	479,160.00
8/1/33	—	508,280.00	—	—	508,280.00
TOTAL	\$5,215,000.00	\$4,859,645.00	1,850,652.17	\$11,709,542.50	\$23,634,839.67

Source: The Underwriter.

(1) To be refunded from the proceeds of the Bonds of this issue.

STATE FUNDING; RECENT STATE BUDGET

The State requires that from all State revenues there first shall be set apart the moneys to be applied for support of the public school system and public institutions of higher education. Public school districts in California are dependent on revenues from the State for a large portion of their operating budgets. California school districts receive an average of about 55% of their operating revenues from various State sources. The primary source of funding for school districts are revenues under the LCFF, which are a combination of State funds and local property taxes (see “DISTRICT FINANCIAL INFORMATION”). State funds typically make up the majority of a district’s LCFF allocation, although Community Funded school districts derive most of their revenues from local property taxes. School districts also receive some funding from the State for certain categorical programs. The availability of State funds for public education is a function of constitutional provisions affecting school district revenues and expenditures (see “CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRICT REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS”), the condition of the State economy (which affects total revenue available to the State general fund), and the annual State budget process. Decreases in State revenues may significantly affect appropriations made by the legislature to school districts.

2019-20 State Budget

On June 27, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom signed the State budget for fiscal year 2019-20 (the “2019-20 Budget”). The 2019-20 Budget addresses rising costs while maintaining fiscal discipline amidst

a slowing global economy. The 2019-20 Budget projects general fund revenues increasing by \$5.8 billion (up 4.2% over 2018-19 levels) to a total of \$143.8 billion, while expenditures are also projected to increase \$5.1 billion (up 3.6% over 2018-19 levels) to a total of \$147.8 billion. The State's rising revenues are almost entirely offset by a combination of the rising expenditures and continued contributions to the State's budget stabilization/rainy-day fund.

The largest areas of general fund expenditure increases over 2018-19 expenditures include health and human services, higher education, and legislative, judicial and executive programs. K-12 education expenditures (as detailed below), the single largest category of expenditures in the 2019-20 Budget, will increase by \$827 million over the prior year to a total of \$58.3 billion (up 1.2% over 2018-19 levels). Notable specific areas of expenditures from the 2019-20 Budget reflecting changes from prior years include:

Paying Down Retirement Liabilities. The 2019-20 Budget allocates \$14.3 billion in 2019-20, and an additional \$500 million over the forecast period, to build budgetary resiliency and pay down the State's unfunded liabilities. This includes \$4.5 billion to eliminate debts and reverse deferrals, \$5.5 billion to build reserves, and \$4.3 billion to pay down unfunded retirement liabilities. The supplemental payment to PERS of \$3 billion is scheduled to be made over the forecast period, with \$2.5 billion being made this year and \$500 million scheduled over the following three fiscal years.

Disaster Preparedness. The 2019-20 Budget includes critical investments needed to sustain and improve the State's emergency preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities. This includes \$240.3 million to augment the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's ("CAL FIRE's") firefighting capabilities by adding 13 additional year-round engines, replacing Vietnam War-era helicopters, deploying new air tankers, and investing in technology and data analytics that support CAL FIRE's initial fire suppression strategies. The 2019-20 Budget also provides a sizable investment in forest management to increase fire prevention and complete additional fuel reduction projects, including increased prescribed fire crews.

The 2019-20 Budget includes funding to backfill wildfire-related property tax losses and waives the local share of costs for debris removal. Funding for impacted schools is also backfilled. Additionally, the 2019-20 Budget establishes a stable funding structure to implement an enhanced Next Generation 9-1-1 system and includes funding to protect vulnerable populations and preserve public safety in response to power interruptions planned by utilities during the upcoming fire season.

Affordability and Opportunity. The 2019-20 Budget more than doubles the Earned Income Tax Credit ("EITC") by investing \$1 billion in a new expanded EITC. The expansion includes help for low-income families with young children by providing an additional \$1,000 annually to address the costs of raising young children.

The 2019-20 Budget reflects continued work to improve affordability and access to health care, including addressing the rising cost of prescription drugs and increasing health insurance subsidies so more middle-class Californians can afford health coverage through Covered California. The 2019-20 Budget also moves closer to universal coverage by expanding full-scope Medi-Cal coverage eligibility to the aged, blind, and disabled population from 123% to 138% of the federal poverty level, and to young adults ages 19 through 25 regardless of immigration status.

The 2019-20 Budget takes initial steps to expand full-day full-year preschool to all income-eligible four-year olds, makes major investments in childcare infrastructure and workforce training, and expands kindergarten facilities so more districts can offer full-day programs. The 2019-20 Budget also funds a master plan to develop a roadmap for providing universal preschool to all four-year olds, as well as a long-term plan to improve access to and the quality of subsidized childcare.

The 2019-20 Budget expands the State's Paid Family Leave program so newborns can be cared for by a parent or close relative for the first six months of the child's life. The 2019-20 Budget expands paid family leave for each parent from six to eight weeks. This expansion adds an additional month of paid leave for two-parent families, allowing up to a combined four months of leave after the birth or adoption of their child.

Higher Education. The 2019-20 Budget includes funding for two free years of community college tuition for first-time full-time students and provides significant increases for the California State University and the University of California to expand enrollment at the systems by nearly 15,000 students while preventing tuition increases this year. The 2019-20 Budget also increases the number of competitive Cal Grants by nearly 60% and provides a new Cal Grant Access Award for students with children to help meet basic family needs while increasing their likelihood of degree completion. The 2019-20 Budget includes total funding of \$36.9 billion (\$20.8 billion General Fund and local property tax and \$16.1 billion other funds) for all higher education entities in 2019-20.

2019-20 Budget Provisions Specific to K-12 Education. The State provides instruction and support services to roughly six million students in grades K-12 in more than 10,000 schools throughout the State. The State's public education system consists of 58 county offices of education, more than 1,000 local school districts, and more than 1,200 charter schools. The 2019-20 Budget includes total funding of \$103.4 billion (\$58.8 billion General Fund and \$44.6 billion other funds) for all K-12 education programs. The 2019-20 Budget also includes the following adjustments to K-12 related expenditures relative to prior years:

Proposition 98 Funding Levels. Proposition 98 per pupil spending will be \$11,993 in the 2019-20 fiscal year. Per pupil spending from all State, federal, and local sources will be \$17,423 in the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Local Control Funding Formula ("LCFF"). The 2019-20 Budget provides \$1.9 billion in new Proposition 98 funding for the LCFF, reflecting a 3.26-percent COLA. Since the enactment of LCFF, the State has allocated over \$23 billion in additional ongoing resources to local educational agencies through the formula.

STRS and PERS Employer Contribution Rates. The 2019-20 Budget includes a \$3.15 billion non-Proposition 98 General Fund payment on their behalf to STRS and the PERS Schools Pool. Of this amount, an estimated \$850 million will buy down the employer contribution rates in 2019-20 and 2020-21. With these payments, the STRS employer contribution rate will decrease from 18.13% to 17.1% in 2019-20 and from 19.1% to 18.4% in 2020-21. The payments will decrease the STRS Schools Pool employer contribution rate from 20.7% to 19.7% in 2019-20 and from 23.6% to 22.9% in 2020-21. The remaining \$2.3 billion will be paid toward the employers' long-

term unfunded liability for both systems. Overall, this payment is expected to save employers \$6.1 billion over the next three decades, with an estimated reduction in the out-year contribution rate to CalSTRS of 0.3 percentage points, and to the CalPERS Schools Pool of 0.1 to 0.3 percentage points.

Special Education. The 2019-20 Budget includes \$645.3 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund expenditures for special education. The 2019-20 Budget includes \$152.6 million to provide all Special Education Local Plan Areas with at least the Statewide target rate for base special education funding, approximately \$557 per unit of average daily attendance, under the existing special education funding formula. The 2019-20 Budget also includes \$492.7 million for special education allocated based on the number of children ages 3 to 5 years with exceptional needs that the school district is serving.

After School Programs. The 2019-20 Budget includes \$50 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund to provide an increase of approximately 8.3% to the per-pupil daily rate for After School Education and Safety Programs (increasing this rate from \$8.19 to \$8.87 per day).

Longitudinal Data System. The 2019-20 Budget provides \$10 million one-time non-Proposition 98 General Fund to plan for and develop a longitudinal data system. This system will connect information from early education providers, K-12 schools, higher education institutions, employers, other workforce entities, and health and human services agencies.

Retaining and Supporting Educators. The 2019-20 Budget includes \$89.8 million one-time non-Proposition 98 General Fund to provide up to 4,487 grants of \$20,000 for students enrolled in a professional teacher preparation program who commit to working in a high-need field at a priority school for at least four years. Funds will be provided to qualifying individuals in hard-to-hire subject matter areas (including bilingual education; special education; and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; among other areas) and school sites with the highest rates of non-credentialed or waiver teachers.

Additionally, the 2019-20 Budget includes \$43.8 million one-time non-Proposition 98 General Fund to provide training and resources for classroom educators, including teachers and paraprofessionals, to build capacity around key State priorities.

School Facilities Bond Funds. Proposition 51, approved by voters in November 2016, authorized a total of \$7 billion in State general obligation bonds for K-12 schools to be allocated through the School Facilities Program in place as of January 1, 2015. Approximately \$600 million in Proposition 51 bond funds have been expended in each of fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19. The 2019-20 Budget assumes \$1.5 billion Proposition 51 bond funds, an increase of \$906 million over the prior year, to support school construction projects. These funds will support new construction, modernization, retrofitting, career technical education, and charter school facility projects.

Full-Day Kindergarten. As discussed in the Early Childhood Chapter, the 2019-20 Budget includes \$300 million one-time non-Proposition 98 General Fund to construct new or retrofit existing facilities to support full-day kindergarten programs, which will increase participation in kindergarten by addressing barriers to access.

For additional information regarding the 2019-20 Budget, please see the Department of Finance website at ebudget.ca.gov. The District can take no responsibility for the continued accuracy of the above-referenced internet address as for the or for the accuracy, completeness, or timeliness of information posted therein, and such information is not incorporated herein by reference.

Future State Budgets

Changes in the revenues received by the State can affect the amount of funding, if any, to be received from the State by the District and other school districts in the State.

The District cannot predict the extent of the budgetary problems the State will encounter in this fiscal year or in any future fiscal years, and, it is not clear what measures would be taken by the State to balance its budget, as required by law. In addition, the District cannot predict the final outcome of current and future State budget negotiations, the impact that such budgets will have on its finances and operations or what actions will be taken in the future by the State Legislature and Governor to deal with changing State revenues and expenditures. Current and future State budgets will be affected by national and State economic conditions and other factors over which the District has no control.

Supplemental Information Concerning Litigation Against the State of California

In June 1998, a complaint was filed in Marin County Superior Court challenging the authority of the State Controller to make payments in the absence of a final, approved State Budget. The Superior Court judge issued a preliminary injunction preventing the State Controller from making payments including those made pursuant to continuing appropriations prior to the enactment of the State's annual budget. As permitted by the State Constitution, the Legislature immediately enacted and the Governor signed an emergency appropriations bill that allowed continued payment of various State obligations, including debt service, and the injunction was stayed by the California Court of Appeal, pending its decision.

On May 29, 2003, the California Court of Appeal for the Second District decided the case of *Steven White, et al. v. Gray Davis (as Governor of the State of California), et al.* The Court of Appeal concluded that, absent an emergency appropriation, the State Controller may authorize the payment of state funds during a budget impasse only when payment is either (i) authorized by a "continuing appropriation" enacted by the Legislature, (ii) authorized by a self-executing provision of the California Constitution, or (iii) mandated by federal law. The Court of Appeal specifically concluded that the provisions of Article XVI, Section 8 of the California Constitution – the provision establishing minimum funding of K-14 education enacted as part of Proposition 98 – did not constitute a self-executing authorization to disburse funds, stating that such provisions merely provide formulas for determining the minimum funding to be appropriated every budget year but do not appropriate funds. The State Controller has concluded that the provisions of the Education Code establishing K-12 and county office revenue limit funding do constitute continuing appropriations enacted by the Legislature and, therefore, the State Controller has indicated that State payments of such amounts would continue during a budget impasse. However, no similar continuing appropriation has been cited with respect to K-12 categorical programs and revenue limit funding for community college districts, and the State Controller has concluded that such payments are not authorized pursuant to a continuing appropriation enacted by the Legislature and, therefore, cannot be paid during a budget impasse. The California Supreme Court granted the State Controller's Petition for Review on a procedural issue unrelated to continuous appropriations and on the substantive question as to whether the State Controller is authorized to pay

State employees their full and regular salaries during a budget impasse. No other aspect of the Court of Appeal's decision was addressed by the State Supreme Court.

On May 1, 2003, with respect to the substantive question, the California Supreme Court concluded that the State 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. The Supreme Court also remanded the preliminary injunction issue to the Court of Appeal with instructions to set aside the preliminary injunction in its entirety.

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 District as being received from the State. To the extent the holding in such case would apply to State payments reflected in the District's budget, the requirement that there be either a final budget bill or an emergency appropriation may result in the delay of such payments to the District 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.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRICT REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS

The principal of and interest on the Bonds are payable from the proceeds of an ad valorem tax levied by the County for the payment thereof. (See "THE BONDS—Security.") Articles XIII A, XIII B, XIII C and XIII D of the California Constitution, Propositions 98, 111, 218 and 39, and certain other provisions of law discussed below, are included in this section to describe the potential effect of these Constitutional and statutory measures on the ability of the County to levy taxes and of the District to spend tax proceeds and it should not be inferred from the inclusion of such materials that these laws impose any limitation on the ability of the County to levy taxes for payment of the Bonds. The tax levied by the County for payment of the Bonds was approved by the District's voters in compliance with Article XIII A, Article XIII C, and all applicable laws.

Article XIII A of the California Constitution

Article XIII A of the State Constitution, adopted and known as Proposition 13, was approved by the voters in June 1978. Section 1(a) of Article XIII A limits the maximum *ad valorem* tax on real property to 1% of "full cash value," and provides that such tax shall be collected by the counties and apportioned according to State law. Section 1(b) of Article XIII A provides that the 1% limitation does not apply to *ad valorem* taxes levied to pay interest and redemption charges on (i) indebtedness approved by the voters prior to July 1, 1978, or (ii) bonded indebtedness for the acquisition or improvement of real property approved on or after July 1, 1978, by two-thirds of the votes cast on the proposition, or (iii) bonded

indebtedness incurred by a school district or community college 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% of the voters of the district, but only if certain accountability measures are included in the proposition.

Section 2 of Article XIII A defines “full cash value” to mean the county assessor’s valuation of real property as shown on the fiscal year 1975-76 tax bill, or, thereafter, the appraised value of real property when purchased, newly constructed, or a change in ownership has occurred. The full cash value may be adjusted annually to reflect inflation at a rate not to exceed 2% per year, or to reflect a reduction in the consumer price index or comparable data for the area under taxing jurisdiction, or may be reduced in the event of declining property value caused by substantial damage, destruction or other factors. The Revenue and Taxation Code permits county assessors who have reduced the assessed valuation of a property as a result of natural disasters, economic downturns or other factors, to subsequently “recapture” such value (up to the pre-decline value of the property) at an annual rate higher than 2%, depending on the assessor’s measure of the restored value of the damaged property. The State courts have upheld the constitutionality of this procedure. Legislation enacted by the State Legislature to implement Article XIII A provides that, notwithstanding any other law, local agencies may not levy any *ad valorem* property tax except the 1% base tax levied by each county and taxes to pay debt service on indebtedness approved by the voters as described above.

Since its adoption, Article XIII A has been amended a number of times. These amendments have created a number of exceptions to the requirement that property be reassessed when purchased, newly constructed or a change in ownership has occurred. These exceptions include certain transfers of real property between family members, certain purchases of replacement dwellings for persons over age 55 and by property owners whose original property has been destroyed in a declared disaster, and certain improvements to accommodate disabled persons and for seismic upgrades to property. These amendments have resulted in marginal reductions in the property tax revenues of the District.

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

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, local agencies 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 local agency 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.

Article XIII B of the California Constitution

Article XIII B of the State Constitution, 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 July 1, 1990, the appropriations limit of each entity of government will 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 certain 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 50% 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 will be transferred and allocated to the State School Fund pursuant to Section 8.5 of Article XVI of the State Constitution.

Unitary Property

AB 454 (Chapter 921, Statutes of 1986) provides that revenues derived from most utility property assessed by the SBE (“Unitary Property”), commencing with the 1988-89 fiscal year, will be allocated as follows: (1) each jurisdiction will receive up to 102% of its prior year State-assessed revenue; and (2) if county-wide revenues generated from Unitary Property are less than the previous year’s revenues or greater than 102% of the previous year’s revenues, each jurisdiction will share the burden of the shortfall or excess revenues by a specified formula. This provision applies to all Unitary Property except railroads, whose valuation will continue to be allocated to individual tax rate areas.

The provisions of AB 454 do not constitute an elimination of the assessment of any State-assessed properties nor a revision of the methods of assessing utilities by the SBE. Generally, AB 454 allows valuation growth or decline of Unitary Property to be shared by all jurisdictions in a county.

California Lottery

In the November 1984 general election, the voters of the State approved a Constitutional Amendment establishing a California State Lottery, the net revenues (revenues less expenses and prizes) of which shall be used to supplement other moneys allocated to public education. The legislation further requires that the funds shall be used for the education of pupils and students and cannot be used for the acquisition of real property, the construction of facilities or the financing of research.

Allocation of Lottery net revenues is based upon the average daily attendance of each school and community college district; however, the exact allocation formula may vary from year to year. The District estimates that it will receive approximately 2% of the District’s general fund revenues from Lottery aid in fiscal year 2019-20. At this time, the amount of additional revenues that may be generated by the Lottery in any given year cannot be predicted.

Proposition 46

On June 3, 1986, California voters approved Proposition 46, which added an additional exemption to the 1% tax limitation imposed by Article XIII A. Under this amendment to Article XIII A, local governments and school and community college districts may increase the property tax rate above 1% for the period necessary to retire new, general obligation bonds, if two-thirds of those voting in a local election approve the issuance of such bonds and the money raised through the sale of the bonds is used exclusively to purchase or improve real property.

Proposition 39

On November 7, 2000, California voters approved Proposition 39, called the “Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability Act” (the “Smaller Classes Act”) which amends Section 1 of Article XIII A, Section 18 of Article XVI of the California Constitution and Section 47614 of the California Education Code and allows an alternative means of seeking voter approval for bonded indebtedness by 55% of the vote, rather than the two-thirds majority required under Section 18 of Article XVI of the Constitution. The 55% voter requirement applies only if the bond measure submitted to the voters includes, among other items: (1) a restriction that the proceeds of the bonds may be used for “the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities,” (2) a list of projects to be funded and a certification that the school district board has evaluated “safety, class size reduction, and information technology needs in developing that list” and (3) that annual, independent performance and financial audits will be conducted regarding the expenditure and use of the bond proceeds.

Section 1(b)(3) of Article XIII A has been added to exempt the 1% *ad valorem* tax limitation that Section 1(a) of Article XIII A of the Constitution levies, to pay bonds approved by 55% of the voters, subject to the restrictions explained above.

The Legislature enacted AB 1908, Chapter 44, which became effective upon passage of Proposition 39 and amends various sections of the Education Code. Under amendments to Section 15268 and 15270 of the Education Code, the following limits on *ad valorem* taxes apply in any single election: (1) for an elementary and high school district, indebtedness shall not exceed \$30 per \$100,000 of taxable property, (2) for a unified school district, such as the District, indebtedness shall not exceed \$60 per \$100,000 of taxable property, and (3) for a community college district, indebtedness shall not exceed \$25 per \$100,000 of taxable property. These requirements are not part of Proposition 39 and can be changed with a majority vote of both houses of the Legislature and approval by the Governor. Finally, AB 1908 requires that a citizens’ oversight committee must be appointed who will review the use of the bond funds and inform the public about their proper usage.

Alternatively, charter schools are independent public schools formed by teachers, parents, and other individuals and/or groups. Charter schools function under contracts or “charters” with local school districts, county boards of education, or the State Board of Education. Charter schools operate with minimal supervision by the local school district. Charter schools receive revenues from the State and from the local school district for each student enrolled, and thus effectively reduce revenues available for students enrolled in local school district schools. School districts are required to accommodate charter school students originating in the school district in facilities comparable to those provided to regular school district students.

Proposition 39 requires that each local K-12 school district provide charter school facilities sufficient to accommodate the charter school’s students. A K-12 school district, however, would not be required to spend its general discretionary revenues to provide these facilities for charter schools. Instead, the district could choose to use these or other revenues — including State and local bonds. Such facilities must be reasonably equivalent to the district schools that such charter students would otherwise attend. The respective K-12 school district is permitted to charge the charter school for its facilities if district discretionary revenues are used to fund the facilities and a district may decline to provide facilities for a

charter school with a current or projected enrollment of fewer than 80 students who are residents in the District.

Article XIII C and XIII D of the California Constitution

On November 5, 1996, an initiative to amend the California Constitution known as the “Right to Vote on Taxes Act” (“Proposition 218”) was approved by a majority of California voters. Proposition 218 added Articles XIII C and XIII D to the State Constitution and requires majority voter approval for the imposition, extension or increase of general taxes and 2/3 voter approval for the imposition, extension or increase of special taxes by a local government, which is defined in Proposition 218 to include counties. Proposition 218 also provides that any general tax imposed, extended or increased without voter approval by any local government on or after January 1, 1995, and prior to November 6, 1996 shall continue to be imposed only if approved by a majority vote in an election held within two years following November 6, 1996. All local taxes and benefit assessments which may be imposed by public agencies will be defined as “general taxes” (defined as those used for general governmental purposes) or “special taxes” (defined as taxes for a specific purpose even if the revenues flow through the local government’s general fund) both of which would require a popular vote. New general taxes require a majority vote and new special taxes require a two-thirds vote. Proposition 218 also extends the initiative power to reducing or repealing local taxes, assessments, fees and charges, regardless of the date such taxes, assessments or fees or charges were imposed, and lowers the number of signatures necessary for the process. In addition, Proposition 218 limits the application of assessments, fees and charges and requires them to be submitted to property owners for approval or rejection, after notice and public hearing.

The District has no power to impose taxes except property taxes associated with a general obligation bond election, following approval by 55% or 2/3 of the District’s voters, depending upon the Article of the Constitution under which it is passed.

Proposition 218 also expressly extends the initiative power to give voters the power to reduce or repeal local taxes, assessments, fees and charges, regardless of the date such taxes, assessments, fees or charges were imposed, and reduces the number of signatures required for the initiative process. This extension of the initiative power to some extent constitutionalizes the February 6, 1995 State Supreme Court decision in *Rossi v. Brown*, which upheld an initiative that repealed a local tax and held that the State constitution does not preclude the repeal, including the prospective repeal, of a tax ordinance by an initiative, as contrasted with the State constitutional prohibition on referendum powers regarding statutes and ordinances which impose a tax. Generally, the initiative process enables California voters to enact legislation upon obtaining requisite voter approval at a general election. Proposition 218 extends the authority stated in *Rossi v. Brown* by expanding the initiative power to include reducing or repealing assessments, fees and charges, which had previously been considered administrative rather than legislative matters and therefore beyond the initiative power. This extension of the initiative power is not limited by the terms of Proposition 218 to fees imposed after November 6, 1996 and absent other legal authority could result in retroactive reduction in any existing taxes, assessments or fees and charges. Such legal authority could include the limitations imposed on the impairment of contracts under the contract clause of the United States Constitution.

Proposition 218 has no effect upon the District’s ability to pursue approval of a general obligation bond or a Mello-Roos Community Facilities District bond in the future, although certain procedures and burdens of proof may be altered slightly. The District is unable to predict the nature of any future

challenges to Proposition 218 or the extent to which, if any, Proposition 218 may be held to be unconstitutional.

Propositions 98 and 111

On November 8, 1988, 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 changes 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 community college 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, and (b) the amount actually appropriated to such districts from the 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.

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 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. In any event, the Governor and other fiscal observers expect the Accountability Act to place increasing pressure on the State’s budget over future years, potentially reducing resources available for other State programs, especially to the extent the Article XIII B spending limit would restrain the State’s ability to fund such other programs by raising taxes.

The Accountability Act also changes 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.

On June 5, 1990, the voters approved Proposition 111 (Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 1) called the “Traffic Congestion Relief and Spending Limit Act of 1990” (“Proposition 111”) which further modified Article XIII B and Sections 8 and 8.5 of Article XVI of the State Constitution with respect to appropriations limitations and school funding priority and allocation.

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 are 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 exceptions were added to the calculation of appropriations which are subject to the Article XIII B spending limit. First, there are excluded all appropriations for “qualified capital outlay projects” as defined by the Legislature. Second, there are excluded any increases in gasoline taxes above the 1990 level (then nine cents per gallon), 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. These latter provisions were necessary to make effective the transportation funding package approved by the Legislature and the Governor, which expected to raise over \$15 billion in additional taxes from 1990 through 2000 to fund transportation programs.

d. Recalculation of Appropriations Limit. The Article XIII B appropriations limit for each unit of government, including the State, is 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. There is a complex adjustment in 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) 40.9% of State general fund revenues (the “first test”) 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 “second test”). Under Proposition 111, schools will receive the greater of (1) the first test, (2) the second test, or (3) a third test, which will replace the second test 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 capital personal income. Under the third test, 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 third test is used in any year, the difference between the third test and the second test will become a “credit” to schools 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.

Many of the provisions of Proposition 1A have been superseded by Proposition 22 enacted in November 2010.

Proposition 22, The Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act, approved by the voters of the State on November 2, 2010, 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 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.

On December 30, 2011, the California Supreme Court issued its decision in the case of *California Redevelopment Association v. Matosantos*, finding California Assembly Bill x1 26 to be constitutional and California Assembly Bill x1 27 to be unconstitutional. As a result, all redevelopment agencies in California were dissolved on February 1, 2012, and the property tax revenue which previously flowed to the redevelopment agencies is now instead going to other local governments, including school districts. It is likely that the dissolution of redevelopment agencies has mooted the effects of Proposition 22.

Proposition 30 and Proposition 55

On November 6, 2012, voters of the State approved the Temporary Taxes to Fund Education, Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding, Initiative Constitutional Amendment (also known as "Proposition 30"), which temporarily increased the State Sales and Use Tax (which expired on January 1, 2017) and personal income tax rates on higher incomes. For personal income taxes imposed beginning in the taxable year commencing January 1, 2012 and through the taxable year ending December 31, 2018, Proposition 30 increases the marginal personal income tax rate by: (i) 1% for taxable income over \$250,000

but less than \$300,000 for single filers (over \$340,000 but less than \$408,000 for head-of-household filers and over \$500,000 but less than \$600,000 for joint filers), (ii) 2% for taxable income over \$300,000 but less than \$500,000 for single filers (over \$408,000 but less than \$680,000 for head-of-household filers and over \$600,000 but less than \$1,000,000 for joint filers), and (iii) 3% for taxable income over \$500,000 for single filers (over \$680,000 for head-of-household filers and over \$1,000,000 for joint filers).

The revenues generated from the personal income tax increases will be included in the calculation of the Proposition 98 minimum funding guarantee for school districts and community college districts. See “CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRICT REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS – Propositions 98 and 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 are allocated quarterly, with 89% of such funds provided to school districts and 11% provided to community college districts. The funds are 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 boards are prohibited from using any funds from the EPA for salaries or benefits of administrators or any other administrative costs.

The California Children’s Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016, also known as Proposition 55, a constitutional amendment initiative, was approved by California voters at the November 8, 2016 general election in California. Proposition 55 extends the increases to personal income tax rates for high-income taxpayers that were approved as part of Proposition 30 through 2030. Tax revenue received under Proposition 55 will be allocated 89% to K-12 schools and 11% to community colleges. The sales and use tax rate increase under Proposition 30 was not extended.

Proposition 2

Proposition 2, also known as The Rainy Day Budget Stabilization Fund Act (“Proposition 2”) was approved by California voters on November 8, 2016. Proposition 2 provides for changes to State budgeting practices, including revisions to certain conditions under which transfers are made into and from the State’s Budget Stabilization Account (the “Stabilization Account”) established by the California Balanced Budget Act of 2004 (also known as Proposition 58). Commencing in fiscal year 2015-16 and for each fiscal year thereafter, the State is required to make an annual transfer to the Stabilization Account in an amount equal to 1.5% of estimated State general fund revenues (the “Annual Stabilization Account Transfer”). For a fiscal year in which the estimated State general fund revenues allocable to capital gains taxes exceed 8% of the total estimated general fund tax revenues, supplemental transfers to the Stabilization Account (a “Supplemental Stabilization Account Transfer”) are also required. Such excess capital gains taxes, which are net of any portion thereof owed to K-14 school districts pursuant to Proposition 98, are required to be transferred to the Stabilization Account.

In addition, for each fiscal year, Proposition 2 increases the maximum size of the Stabilization Account to 10% of estimated State general fund revenues. Such excess amounts are to be expended on State infrastructure, including deferred maintenance, in any fiscal year in which a required transfer to the

Stabilization Account would result in an amount in excess of the 10% threshold. For the period from fiscal year 2015-16 through fiscal year 2029-30, Proposition 2 requires that half of any such transfer to the Stabilization Account (annual or supplemental), shall be appropriated to reduce certain State liabilities, including repaying State interfund borrowing, reimbursing local governments for State mandated services, making certain payments owed to K-14 school districts, and reducing or prefunding accrued liabilities associated with State-level pension and retirement benefits. After fiscal year 2029-30, the Governor and the Legislature are given discretion to apply up to half of any required transfer to the Stabilization Account to the reduction of such State liabilities and any amount not so applied shall be transferred to the Stabilization Account or applied to infrastructure, as set forth above.

Accordingly, the conditions under which the Governor and the Legislature may draw upon or reduce transfers to the Stabilization Account are impacted by Proposition 2. Unilateral discretion to suspend transfers to the Stabilization Account are not retained by the Governor. Neither does the Legislature retain discretion to transfer funds from the Stabilization Account for any reason, as was previously provided by law. Instead, 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 expenditure, 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, and any such declaration must be followed by a legislative bill providing for a reduction or transfer. Draws on the Stabilization Account are limited to the amount necessary to address the budget emergency, and no draw in any fiscal year may exceed 50% of the funds on deposit in the Stabilization Account, unless a budget emergency was declared in the preceding fiscal year.

Proposition 2 also provides for the creation of a Public School System Stabilization Account (the “Public School System Stabilization Account”) into which transfers will be made in any fiscal year in which a Supplemental Stabilization Account Transfer is required, requiring that such transfer will be equal to the portion of capital gains taxes above the 8% threshold that would otherwise be paid to K-14 school districts as part of the minimum funding guarantee. Transfers to the Public School System Stabilization Account are only to be made if certain additional conditions are met, including that: (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 Public School System Stabilization Account 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 Public School System Stabilization Account 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 Public School System Stabilization Account transfer might be made is higher than the immediately preceding fiscal year, as adjusted for ADA growth and cost of living.

Under Proposition 2, the size of the Public School System Stabilization Account is capped at 10% of the estimated minimum guarantee in any fiscal year, and any excess funds must be paid to K-14 school districts. Any reductions to a required transfer to, or draws upon, the Public School System Stabilization Account, are subject to the budget emergency requirements as described above. However, 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, Proposition 2 also mandates draws on the Public School System Stabilization Account.

Proposition 26

On November 2, 2010, voters in the State approved Proposition 26. Proposition 26 amends Article XIII C of the State Constitution to expand the definition of “tax” to include “any levy, charge, or exaction of any kind imposed by a local government” except the following: (1) a charge imposed for a specific benefit conferred or privilege granted directly to the payor that is not provided to those not charged, and which does not exceed the reasonable costs to the local government of conferring the benefit or granting the privilege; (2) a charge imposed for a specific government service or product provided directly to the payor that is not provided to those not charged, and which does not exceed the reasonable costs to the local government of providing the service or product; (3) a charge imposed for the reasonable regulatory costs to a local government for issuing licenses and permits, performing investigations, inspections, and audits, enforcing agricultural marketing orders, and the administrative enforcement and adjudication thereof; (4) a charge imposed for entrance to or use of local government property, or the purchase, rental, or lease of local government property; (5) A fine, penalty, or other monetary charge imposed by the judicial branch of government or a local government, as a result of a violation of law; (6) a charge imposed as a condition of property development; and (7) assessments and property-related fees imposed in accordance with the provisions of Article XIII D. Proposition 26 provides that the local government bears the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that a levy, charge, or other exaction is not a tax, that the amount is no more than necessary to cover the reasonable costs of the governmental activity, and that the manner in which those costs are allocated to a payor bear a fair or reasonable relationship to the payor’s burdens on, or benefits received from, the governmental activity.

California Senate Bill 222

Senate Bill 222 (“SB 222”) was signed by the California Governor on July 13, 2015 and became effective on January 1, 2016. SB 222 amended Section 15251 of the California Education Code and added Section 52515 to the California Government Code to provide that voter approved general obligation bonds which are secured by *ad valorem* tax collections such as the Bonds are secured by a statutory lien on all revenues received pursuant to the levy and collection of the property tax imposed to service those bonds. Said lien shall attach automatically and is valid and binding from the time the bonds are executed and delivered. The lien is enforceable against the issuer, its successors, transferees, and creditors, and all others asserting rights therein, irrespective of whether those parties have notice of the lien and without the need for any further act. The effect of SB 222 is the treatment of general obligation bonds as secured debt in bankruptcy due to the existence of a statutory lien.

Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016

The Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 (also known as Proposition 51) is a voter initiative that was approved by voters on November 8, 2016. Proposition 51 authorizes the sale and issuance of \$9 billion in general obligation bonds by the State for the new construction and modernization of K-14 facilities. The District makes no guarantee that it will either pursue or qualify for Proposition 51 state facilities funding.

K-12 School Facilities. Proposition 51 includes \$3 billion for the new construction of K-12 facilities and an additional \$3 billion for the modernization of existing K-12 facilities. K-12 school districts will be required to pay for 50% of the new construction costs and 40% of the modernization costs with local revenues. If a school district lacks sufficient local funding, it may apply for additional state grant funding, up to 100% of the project costs. In addition, a total of \$1 billion will be available for the modernization and

new construction of charter school (\$500 million) and technical education (\$500 million) facilities. Generally, 50% of modernization and new construction project costs for charter school and technical education facilities must come from local revenues. However, schools that cannot cover their local share for these two types of projects may apply for State loans. State loans must be repaid over a maximum of 30 years for charter school facilities and 15 years for career technical education facilities. For career technical education facilities, State grants are capped at \$3 million for a new facility and \$1.5 million for a modernized facility. Charter schools must be deemed financially sound before project approval.

Community College Facilities. Proposition 51 includes \$2 billion for community college district facility projects, including buying land, constructing new buildings, modernizing existing buildings, and purchasing equipment. In order to receive funding, community college districts must submit project proposals to the Chancellor of the community college system, who then decides which projects to submit to the Legislature and Governor based on a scoring system that factors in the amount of local funds contributed to the project. The Governor and Legislature will select among eligible projects as part of the annual state budget process.

Future Initiatives

Article XIII A, Article XIII B, Article XIII C and Article XIII D of the State Constitution and Propositions 2, 22, 26, 30, 39, 46, 55 and 98 were each adopted as measure that qualified for the State ballot pursuant to the State's initiative process. From time to time other initiative measures could be adopted further affecting District revenues or the District's ability to expend revenues. The nature and impact of these measures cannot be anticipated by the District.

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APPENDIX C

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

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**ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF MARIN
ROSS, CALIFORNIA**

AUDIT REPORT

JUNE 30, 2018

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT

JUNE 30, 2018

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FINANCIAL SECTION

STEPHEN ROATCH ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION
Certified Public Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governing Board
Ross School District
Ross, California

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ross School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Basis for Adverse Opinion on Discretely Presented Component Unit

The financial statements referred to above do not include financial data for the District's legally separate component unit. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require financial data for the component unit to be reported with the financial data of the District's primary government unless the District also issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for its component unit. The District has not issued such reporting entity financial statements. Because of this departure from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the assets, liabilities, net assets, revenues, and expenses of the discretely presented component unit are not reported.

Adverse Opinion

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on Discretely Presented Component Unit" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the discretely presented component unit of the District, as of June 30, 2018, or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Ross School District, as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As described in Note 1B to the financial statements, during fiscal year 2017-18, the District adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standard Board Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 14, the budgetary comparison information on page 57, schedule of changes in total OPEB liability and related ratios on page 58, schedules of the proportionate share of the net pension liabilities on pages 59 and 60, and schedules of contributions on pages 61 and 62 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Matters (Concluded)

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Ross School District's basic financial statements. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

The Schedule of Financial Trends and Analysis has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 7, 2018 on our consideration of Ross School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Ross School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Ross School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Stephen Roatch Accountancy Corporation

STEPHEN ROATCH ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION
Certified Public Accountants

December 7, 2018

**ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018
(PREPARED BY DISTRICT MANAGEMENT)**

This section of Ross School District's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2018. Please read it in conjunction with the Independent Auditor's Report presented on pages 1 through 3, and the District's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, presented on pages 16 and 17, provide information about the activities of the District as a whole and present a longer-term view of the District's finances. The fund financial statements for governmental activities, presented on pages 18 through 21, provide information about how District services were financed in the short-term, and how much remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the District's most significant funds. The remaining statement provides financial information about activities for which the District acts solely as an agent for the benefit of those outside the District.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- During fiscal year 2017-18, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standard Board Statement No. 75 (GASB 75), which changed the financial reporting for other post employment benefits (OPEB). The new standard requires the District to report the total OPEB liability on the Statement of Net Position.
- The District's overall financial status improved during the course of the year, as total net position increased 3.2%.
- On the Statement of Activities, total current year revenues exceeded total current year expenses by \$212,375.
- Capital assets, net of depreciation, decreased \$722,015, due to the current year addition of \$2,500 of capital improvements and the current year recognition of \$724,515 depreciation expense.
- Total long-term liabilities increased \$301,011, due primarily to increases in the District's net pension liabilities related to its participation in the CalSTRS and CalPERS pension plans.
- The District's P-2 average daily attendance (ADA) increased slightly from 368 ADA in fiscal year 2016-17 up to 369 ADA in fiscal year 2017-18.
- The District's General Fund produced an operating surplus of \$241,016 during fiscal year 2017-18 and reported a \$101,034 decrease in its available reserves.
- The District maintains sufficient reserves for a district its size. It meets the state required minimum reserve for economic uncertainty of 4% of General Fund expenditures, transfers out, and other uses (total outgo). During fiscal year 2017-18, General Fund expenditures and other financing uses totaled \$7,774,382. At June 30, 2018, the District had available reserves of \$2,621,174 in the General Fund, which represents a reserve of 33.7%.

**ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

(PREPARED BY DISTRICT MANAGEMENT)

THE FINANCIAL REPORT

The full annual financial report consists of three separate parts, including the basic financial statements, supplementary information, and management's discussion and analysis. The three sections together provide a comprehensive overview of the District. The basic financial statements are comprised of two kinds of statements that present financial information from different perspectives, government-wide and funds.

- Government-wide financial statements, which comprise the first two statements, provide both short-term and long-term information about the District's overall financial position.
- Individual parts of the District, which are reported as fund financial statements comprise the remaining statements.
 - ❖ Basic services funding is described in the governmental funds statements. These statements include short-term financing and identify the balance remaining for future spending.
 - ❖ Short and long-term financial information about the activities of the District that operate like businesses are provided in the proprietary fund statement.
 - ❖ Financial relationships, for which the District acts as an agent for the benefit of others to whom the resources belong, are presented in the fiduciary funds statement.

Notes to the financials, which are included in the financial statements, provide more detailed data and explain some of the information in the statements. The required supplementary information provides further explanations and provides additional support for the financial statements. A comparison of the District's budget for the year is included.

Reporting the District as a Whole

The District as a whole is reported in the government-wide statements and uses accounting methods similar to those used by companies in the private sector. All of the District's assets and liabilities are included in the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Activities reports all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The District's financial health (net position) can be measured by the difference between the District's assets and liabilities.

- Increases or decreases in the net position of the District over time are indicators of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- Additional non-financial factors such as the condition of school buildings and other facilities, and changes in the property tax base of the District need to be considered in assessing the overall health of the District.

**ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018
(PREPARED BY DISTRICT MANAGEMENT)**

THE FINANCIAL REPORT (CONCLUDED)

Reporting the District as a Whole (Concluded)

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, we divide the District into two kinds of activities:

Governmental Activities:

The basic services provided by the District, such as regular education, special education, and administration are included here, and are primarily financed by property taxes and state formula aid. Non-basic services are also included here but are financed by a combination of local revenues and state and federal programs.

Business-type Activities:

The District does not provide any services that should be included in this category.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

The District's fund-based financial statements provide detailed information about the District's most significant funds. Some funds are required to be established by State law and bond covenants. However, the District establishes many other funds as needed to control and manage money for specific purposes.

Governmental Funds:

The major governmental funds of Ross School District are the General Fund, Bond Interest and Redemption Fund, and QSCB Debt Service Fund. Governmental fund reporting focuses on how money flows into and out of the funds and the balances that remain at the end of the year. A modified accrual basis of accounting measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's operations and services. Governmental fund information helps to determine the level of financial resources available in the near future to finance the District's programs.

Proprietary Funds:

Services for which the District charges a fee are generally reported in proprietary funds on a full accrual basis. These include both Enterprise funds and Internal Service funds. Enterprise funds are considered business-type activities and are also reported under a full accrual method. This is the same basis as business-type activities; therefore, no reconciling entries are required. Internal service funds are reported with the Governmental Funds. The District has no funds of this type.

Fiduciary Funds:

The District is the fiduciary for its student activity funds. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate fiduciary statement. We exclude these activities from the District's other financial statements because the District cannot use these assets to finance their operations. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes.

**ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

(PREPARED BY DISTRICT MANAGEMENT)

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

The District's total net position increased from \$6,677,357 at June 30, 2017, up to \$6,889,732 at June 30, 2018, an increase of 3.2%.

<u>Comparative Statement of Net Position</u>		
	Governmental Activities	
	2017	2018
<u>Assets</u>		
Deposits and Investments	\$ 5,416,566	\$ 6,100,428
Receivables	131,692	156,768
Capital Assets, net	30,607,004	29,884,989
Total Assets	36,155,262	36,142,185
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>		
Pension Deferrals	1,269,119	2,065,928
Deferred Amount on Refunding	260,411	242,019
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,529,530	2,307,947
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current	1,112,229	1,178,823
Long-Term *	29,383,647	29,664,811
Total Liabilities *	30,495,876	30,843,634
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>		
Pension Deferrals	511,559	716,766
<u>Net Position</u>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	11,348,699	11,147,378
Restricted (Deficit)	(322,039)	38,947
Unrestricted (Deficit) *	(4,349,303)	(4,296,593)
Total Net Position *	\$ 6,677,357	\$ 6,889,732
<i>Table includes financial data of the combined governmental funds</i>		
<i>* Prior year balances have been adjusted to reflect the restatement discussed in Note 18</i>		

The Restricted deficit balances, presented above, are due primarily to the fact that the obligation for accumulated accreted interest on the District's outstanding capital appreciation bonds currently exceeds the amount available in the Bond Interest and Redemption Fund.

The Unrestricted deficit balances, presented above, are due primarily to the fact that the District is now required to record a liability in the financial statements to reflect the District's proportionate share of the net pension liabilities related to its participation in the CalSTRS and CalPERS pension plans.

**ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018
(PREPARED BY DISTRICT MANAGEMENT)**

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE (CONTINUED)

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

The District's total current year revenues exceeded total current year expenses by \$212,375.

<u>Comparative Statement of Changes in Net Position</u>		
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
<u>Program Revenues</u>		
Operating Grants & Contributions	\$ 846,435	\$ 922,928
<u>General Revenues</u>		
Taxes Levied	6,478,231	6,856,552
Federal & State Aid	403,445	383,606
Interest & Investment Earnings	18,089	44,486
Miscellaneous	1,391,552	1,425,593
Total Revenues	<u>9,137,752</u>	<u>9,633,165</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Instruction	4,878,362	5,217,157
Instruction-Related Services	1,096,860	1,234,532
Pupil Services	377,867	363,676
General Administration	1,104,149	1,250,340
Plant Services	536,541	581,332
Ancillary Services	14,628	11,338
Enterprise Activities	22,709	0
Interest on Long-Term Debt	740,982	723,505
Other Outgo	30,116	38,910
Total Expenses	<u>8,802,214</u>	<u>9,420,790</u>
Changes in Net Position	<u>\$ 335,538</u>	<u>\$ 212,375</u>
<i>Table includes financial data of the combined governmental funds</i>		

**ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018
(PREPARED BY DISTRICT MANAGEMENT)**

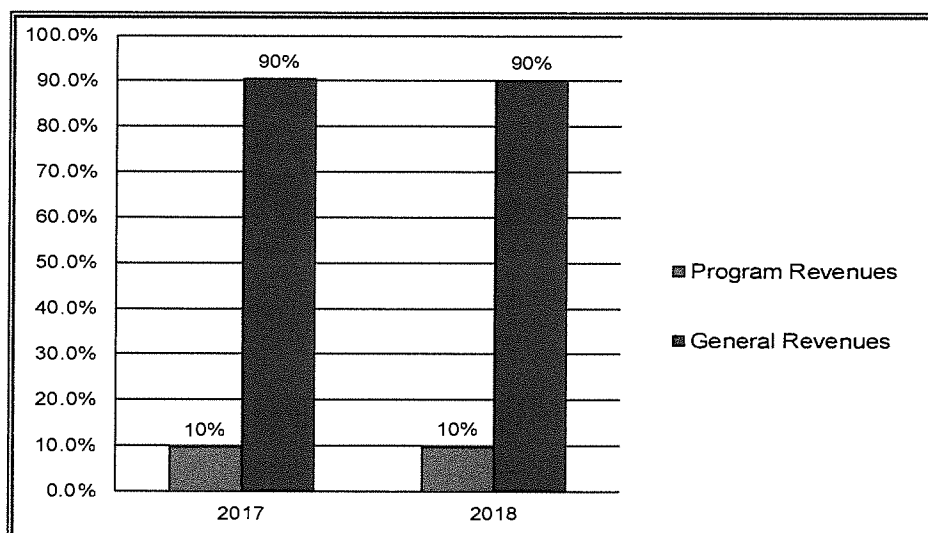
FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE (CONTINUED)

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

<u>Comparative Schedule of Costs of Services</u>				
	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>		<u>Net Cost of Services</u>	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Instruction	\$ 4,878,362	\$ 5,217,157	\$ 4,280,517	\$ 4,704,208
Instruction-Related Services	1,096,860	1,234,532	929,041	1,093,824
Pupil Services	377,867	363,676	335,014	324,091
General Administration	1,104,149	1,250,340	1,084,743	1,232,505
Plant Services	536,541	581,332	536,541	380,654
Ancillary Services	14,628	11,338	10,465	9,623
Enterprise Activities	22,709	0	16,582	0
Interest on Long-Term Debt	740,982	723,505	740,982	723,505
Other Outgo	30,116	38,910	21,894	29,452
Totals	\$ 8,802,214	\$ 9,420,790	\$ 7,955,779	\$ 8,497,862

Table includes financial data of the combined governmental funds

The table above presents the cost of major District activities. The table also shows each activity's net cost (total cost less fees generated by the activities and intergovernmental aid provided for specific programs). The \$8,497,862 net cost represents the financial burden that was placed on the District's general revenues for providing the services listed.



Program revenues financed 10% of the total cost of providing the services listed above, while the remaining 90% was financed by the general revenues of the District.

**ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

(PREPARED BY DISTRICT MANAGEMENT)

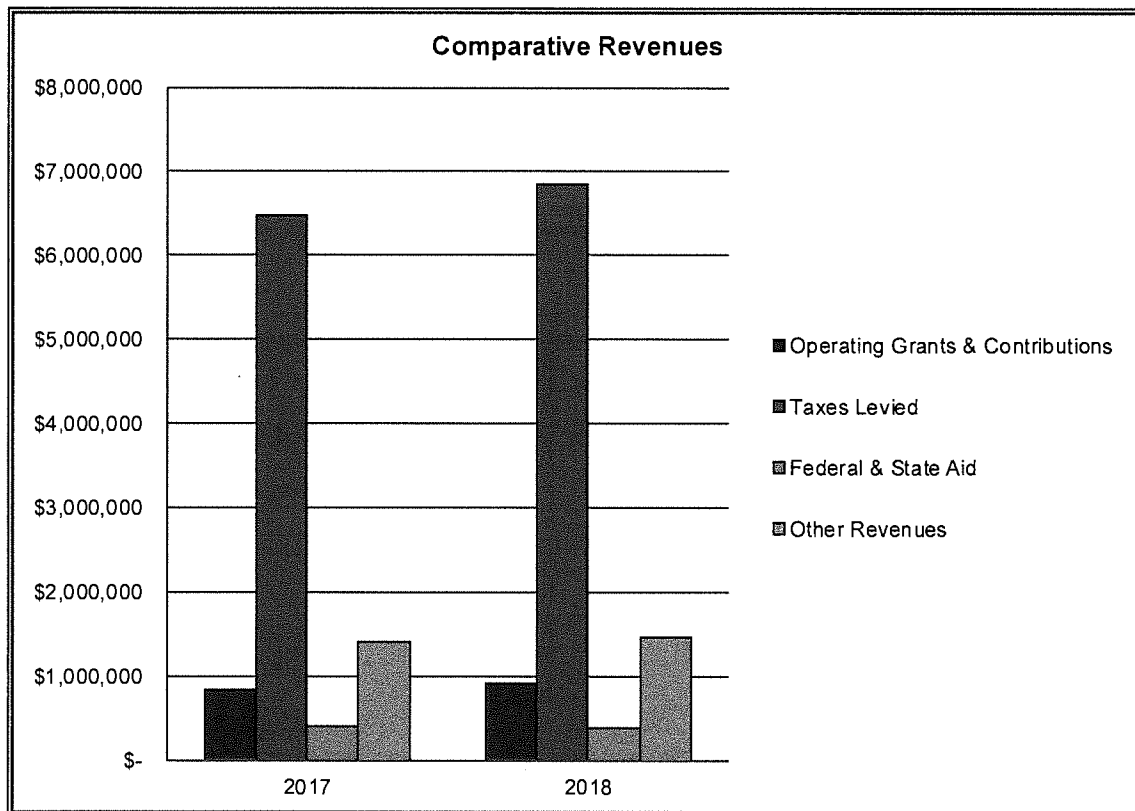
FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE (CONTINUED)

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Summary of Revenues For Governmental Functions

	<u>FYE 2017 Amount</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>	<u>FYE 2018 Amount</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
<u>Program Revenues</u>				
Operating Grants & Contributions	\$ 846,435	9.26%	\$ 922,928	9.58%
<u>General Revenues</u>				
Taxes Levied	6,478,231	70.90%	6,856,552	71.18%
Federal & State Aid	403,445	4.42%	383,606	3.98%
Other Revenues	<u>1,409,641</u>	<u>15.43%</u>	<u>1,470,079</u>	<u>15.26%</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 9,137,752</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 9,633,165</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Table includes financial data of the combined governmental funds



**ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018
(PREPARED BY DISTRICT MANAGEMENT)**

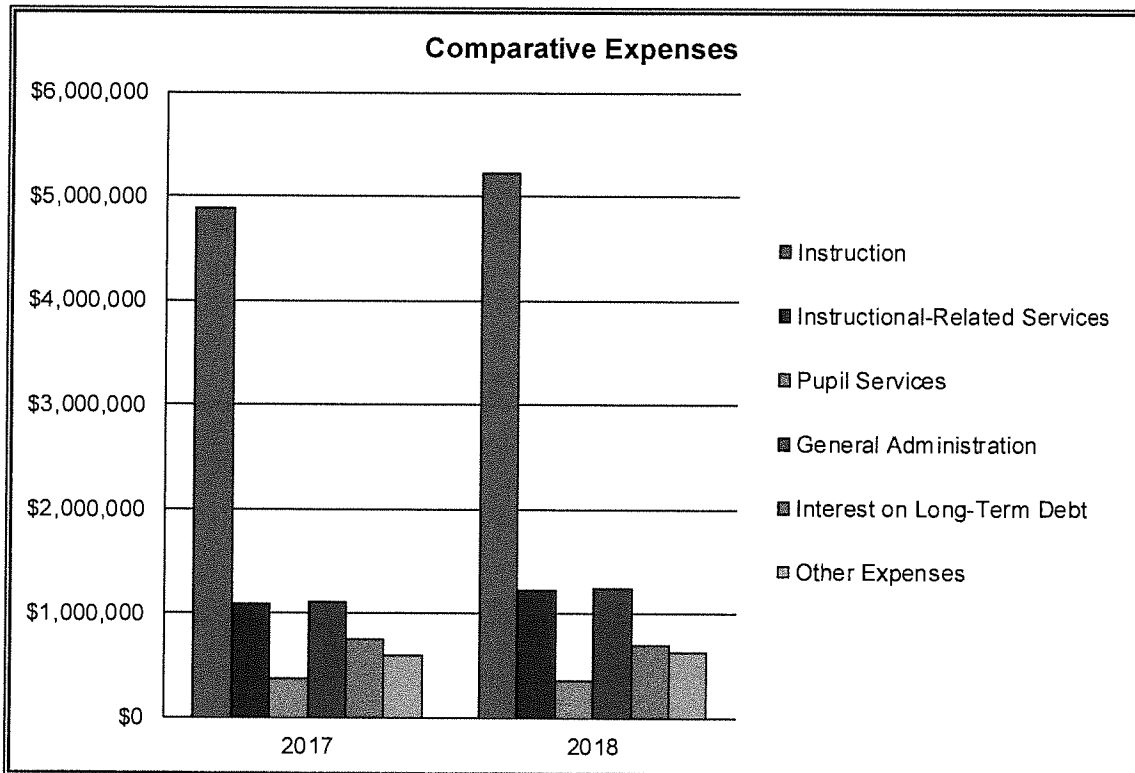
FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE (CONTINUED)

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Schedule of Expenses For Governmental Functions

	FYE 2017 Amount	Percent of Total	FYE 2018 Amount	Percent of Total
Expenses				
Instruction	\$ 4,878,362	55.42%	\$ 5,217,157	55.38%
Instruction-Related Services	1,096,860	12.46%	1,234,532	13.10%
Pupil Services	377,867	4.29%	363,676	3.86%
General Administration	1,104,149	12.54%	1,250,340	13.27%
Interest on Long-Term Debt	740,982	8.42%	723,505	7.68%
Other Expenses	603,994	6.86%	631,580	6.70%
Total Expenses	\$ 8,802,214	100.00%	\$ 9,420,790	100.00%

Table includes financial data of the combined governmental funds



**ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

(PREPARED BY DISTRICT MANAGEMENT)

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE (CONTINUED)

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

<u>Comparative Schedule of Capital Assets</u>		
	Governmental Activities	
	2017	2018
Land	\$ 206,174	\$ 206,174
Sites and Improvements	81,301	81,301
Buildings and Improvements	38,181,841	38,181,841
Furniture and Equipment	345,691	345,691
Work-in-Progress	0	2,500
Subtotals	38,815,007	38,817,507
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(8,208,003)	(8,932,518)
Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 30,607,004</u>	<u>\$ 29,884,989</u>

Capital assets, net of depreciation, decreased \$722,015, due to the current year addition of \$2,500 of capital improvements and the current year recognition of \$724,515 depreciation expense.

<u>Comparative Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities</u>		
	Governmental Activities	
	2017	2018
Compensated Absences	\$ 13,250	\$ 18,415
Qualified School Construction Bonds	2,850,000	2,850,000
General Obligation Bonds	18,257,919	17,812,917
Bond Premium	624,573	580,596
Total OPEB Liability	1,895,503	1,973,434
Net Pension Liability - CalSTRS	5,028,056	5,454,936
Net Pension Liability - CalPERS	1,459,540	1,739,554
Totals	<u>\$ 30,128,841</u>	<u>\$ 30,429,852</u>

* Prior year balances have been adjusted to reflect the restatement discussed in Note 18

Total long-term liabilities increased \$301,011, due primarily to increases in the District's net pension liabilities related to its participation in the CalSTRS and CalPERS pension plans.

**ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

(PREPARED BY DISTRICT MANAGEMENT)

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE (CONCLUDED)

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES (CONCLUDED)

The qualified school construction bonds and general obligation bonds are financed by local taxpayers and represent 69.8% of the District's total long-term liabilities. The District has satisfied all of its debt service requirements for its bonded debt and continues to maintain an excellent credit rating on its current debt issues.

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the financial presentation and contain more detailed information as to interest, principal, retirement amounts, and future debt retirement dates.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF DISTRICT'S FUNDS

<u>Comparative Schedule of Fund Balances</u>			
	Fund Balances June 30, 2017	Fund Balances June 30, 2018	Increase (Decrease)
General	\$ 3,389,531	\$ 3,630,547	\$ 241,016
Bond Interest & Redemption	990,145	1,000,106	9,961
QSCB Debt Service	782,241	1,033,210	250,969
Deferred Maintenance	209,425	351,425	142,000
Capital Facilities	4,210	19,820	15,610
Totals	<u>\$ 5,375,552</u>	<u>\$ 6,035,108</u>	<u>\$ 659,556</u>

During fiscal year 2017-18, the fund balance of the General Fund increased \$241,016 and the combined fund balances of all other governmental funds increased \$418,540.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The District's budget is prepared in accordance with California law and is based on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The original budget, approved at the end of June, is based on May Revise figures and updated 45 days after the State approves its final budget. Over the course of the year, the District revised the annual operating budget on numerous occasions. The significant budget adjustments fell into the following categories:

- ◆ Budget revisions to the adopted budget required after approval of the State budget.
- ◆ Budget revisions to update revenues to actual enrollment information and to update expenditures for staffing adjustments related to actual enrollments.
- ◆ Adjustments at First and Second Interim.
- ◆ Other budget revisions are routine in nature, including adjustments to categorical revenues and expenditures based on final awards, and adjustments between expenditure categories for school and department budgets.

**ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018
(PREPARED BY DISTRICT MANAGEMENT)**

ECONOMIC FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE

The District has settled negotiations for certificated, classified, confidential and principals for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. The settlement will consist of 3% increases to the salary schedules each year and a one-time off-schedule bonus of \$5,000 per full-time/pro-rated for less than full-time. The appropriate AB1200 public disclosure documents have been board approved and submitted to the County Office. The one-time bonuses will be paid from one-time monies received from the state in 2016-17 and 2017-18 and held in reserve for this purpose. The on-going 3% and 3% will be covered from the General Fund on-going revenues, coming mainly from the District's property tax revenues. The District, as part of its public disclosure, provided multi-year projections going out 8-years, far past the state required 3 years. The District was able to demonstrate no deficit spending in any of the multi-year projections.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, parents, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions regarding this report or need additional financial information, contact the Chief Business Official at Ross School District at (415) 457-2705.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2018

	Governmental Activities
<u>Assets</u>	
Deposits and Investments (Note 2)	\$ 6,100,428
Receivables (Note 3)	156,768
Capital Assets, Not Depreciated (Note 5)	208,674
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	29,676,315
Total Assets	36,142,185
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	
Pension Deferrals (Note 9)	2,065,928
Bond Refunding	242,019
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	2,307,947
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Accounts Payable and Other Current Liabilities	222,088
Accrued Interest Payable	191,694
Long-Term Liabilities:	
<i>Portion Due or Payable Within One Year:</i>	
Compensated Absences	18,415
General Obligation Bonds	
Current Interest	115,000
Capital Appreciation	587,650
Bond Premium	43,976
<i>Portion Due or Payable After One Year:</i>	
Qualified School Construction Bonds (Note 6)	2,850,000
General Obligation Bonds (Note 7)	
Current Interest	12,355,000
Capital Appreciation	4,755,267
Bond Premium	536,620
Total OPEB Liability (Note 8)	1,973,434
Net Pension Liabilities (Note 9)	7,194,490
Total Liabilities	30,843,634
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	
Pension Deferrals (Note 9)	716,766
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	716,766
<u>Net Position</u>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	11,147,378
Restricted:	
For Capital Projects	19,820
For Debt Service (Deficit)	(422,261)
For Educational Programs	440,138
For Other Purposes	1,250
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(4,296,593)
Total Net Position	\$ 6,889,732

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE STATEMENTS

**ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

Functions	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
<u>Governmental Activities</u>					
Instruction	\$ 5,217,157		\$ 512,949		\$ (4,704,208)
Instruction-Related Services:					
Supervision of Instruction	188,444		51,319		(137,125)
Instructional Library and Technology	617,505		69,334		(548,171)
School Site Administration	428,583		20,055		(408,528)
Pupil Services:					
Home-to-School Transportation	55,994				(55,994)
Food Services	6,688		2,160		(4,528)
Other Pupil Services	300,994		37,425		(263,569)
General Administration:					
Data Processing Services	15,925				(15,925)
Other General Administration	1,234,415		17,835		(1,216,580)
Plant Services	581,332		200,678		(380,654)
Ancillary Services	11,338		1,715		(9,623)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	723,505				(723,505)
Other Outgo	38,910		9,458		(29,452)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 9,420,790</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 922,928</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>(8,497,862)</u>
<u>General Revenues</u>					
Taxes Levied for General Purposes					4,567,704
Taxes Levied for Debt Service					1,446,845
Taxes Levied for Specific Purposes					842,003
Federal and State Aid - Unrestricted					383,606
Interest and Investment Earnings					44,486
Miscellaneous					1,425,593
Total General Revenues					<u>8,710,237</u>
Change in Net Position					212,375
Net Position - July 1, 2017					<u>6,677,357</u>
(As Restated - Note 18)					
Net Position - June 30, 2018					\$ 6,889,732

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE STATEMENTS

**ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2018**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Bond Interest and Redemption</u>	<u>QSCB Debt Service</u>	<u>Non-Major Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<u>Assets</u>					
Deposits and Investments (Note 2)	\$ 3,684,903	\$ 1,000,106	\$ 1,033,210	\$ 382,209	\$ 6,100,428
Receivables (Note 3)	156,768				156,768
Total Assets	<u>\$ 3,841,671</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,106</u>	<u>\$ 1,033,210</u>	<u>\$ 382,209</u>	<u>\$ 6,257,196</u>
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>					
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	\$ 211,124			\$ 10,964	\$ 222,088
Total Liabilities	<u>211,124</u>			<u>10,964</u>	<u>222,088</u>
Fund Balances: (Note 12)					
Nonspendable	1,250				1,250
Restricted	440,138	\$ 1,000,106	\$ 1,033,210	19,820	2,493,274
Committed				351,425	351,425
Assigned	567,985				567,985
Unassigned	2,621,174				2,621,174
Total Fund Balances	<u>3,630,547</u>	<u>1,000,106</u>	<u>1,033,210</u>	<u>371,245</u>	<u>6,035,108</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 3,841,671</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,106</u>	<u>\$ 1,033,210</u>	<u>\$ 382,209</u>	<u>\$ 6,257,196</u>

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE STATEMENTS

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2018

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$	6,035,108
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different due to the following:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds. The amount that capital assets exceeded accumulated depreciation was:

Capital Assets	\$	38,817,507	
Accumulated Depreciation		(8,932,518)	
			29,884,989

In governmental funds, any gain or loss that results from debt refunding activities is recognized in the current year. In government-wide statements, the gain or loss is deferred and amortized as interest over the life of the new or refunded debt, whichever period is shorter. The deferred amount from debt refunding, reported as a deferred outflow of resources, was:

Deferred Amount on Refunding	242,019
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Deferred outflows and inflows of resources relating to pensions: In governmental funds, deferred outflows and inflows of resources relating to pensions are not reported because they are applicable to future periods. In the statement of net position, deferred outflows and inflows of resources relating to pensions are reported. Net deferred outflows and inflows are:

1,349,162

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in governmental funds. Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of:

Compensated Absences	\$	18,415	
Qualified School Construction Bonds		2,850,000	
General Obligation Bonds:			
Current Interest		12,470,000	
Capital Application		5,342,917	
Bond Premium		580,596	
Total OPEB Liability		1,973,434	
Net Pension Liability - CalSTRS		5,454,936	
Net Pension Liability - CalPERS		1,739,554	
Total			(30,429,852)

In governmental funds, the unmatured interest on long-term debt is not recognized until the period in which it matures and is paid. In the government-wide statement of activities, it is recognized in the period that it is incurred. The additional liability for unmatured interest owed at the end of the period was:

(191,694)

Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$	6,889,732
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ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	<u>General</u>	<u>Bond Interest and Redemption</u>	<u>QSCB Debt Service</u>	<u>Non-Major Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<u>Revenues</u>					
LCFF Sources:					
State Apportionment / Transfers	\$ 119,215			\$ 140,000	\$ 259,215
Local Taxes	4,567,704				4,567,704
Total LCFF Sources	4,686,919			140,000	4,826,919
Federal Revenue	73,247				73,247
State Revenue	623,269	\$ 2,673			625,942
Local Revenue	2,631,963	1,448,502	\$ 6,482	20,110	4,107,057
Total Revenues	8,015,398	1,451,175	6,482	160,110	9,633,165
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Current:					
Instruction	4,686,288				4,686,288
Supervision of Instruction	170,159				170,159
Instructional Library and Technology	561,066				561,066
School Site Administration	384,789				384,789
Home-To-School Transportation	55,994				55,994
Food Services	6,688				6,688
Other Pupil Services	270,584				270,584
Data Processing Services	14,591				14,591
Other General Administration	1,043,133				1,043,133
Plant Services	530,921				530,921
Facilities Acquisition and Construction				2,500	2,500
Ancillary Services	11,259				11,259
Other Outgo	38,910				38,910
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement		690,000			690,000
Interest and Issuance Costs		469,677	37,050		506,727
Total Expenditures	7,774,382	1,159,677	37,050	2,500	8,973,609
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	241,016	291,498	(30,568)	157,610	659,556
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>					
Operating Transfers In			281,537		281,537
Operating Transfers Out		(281,537)			(281,537)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	(281,537)	281,537	0	0
Net Change in Fund Balances	241,016	9,961	250,969	157,610	659,556
Fund Balances - July 1, 2017	3,389,531	990,145	782,241	213,635	5,375,552
Fund Balances - June 30, 2018	\$ 3,630,547	\$ 1,000,106	\$ 1,033,210	\$ 371,245	\$ 6,035,108

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE STATEMENTS

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 659,556
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different due to the following:

Capital outlays to purchase or build capital assets are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, for governmental activities those costs are shown in the statement allocated over their estimated useful lives as annual depreciation expenses in the statement of activities. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation expense during the fiscal year.

Capital Outlays	\$ 2,500	
Depreciation Expense	<u>(724,514)</u>	(722,014)

In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses-compensated absences (vacations) are measured by the amounts earned during the fiscal year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amounts actually paid). This year, the amounts earned exceeded amounts used by:

(5,165)

Amortization of gain or loss from debt refunding: In governmental funds, any gain or loss resulting from debt refunding activities is recognized in the current year. In the government-wide statements, the gain or loss is deferred and amortized as interest over the life of the new or refunded debt, whichever period is shorter. Current year amortization of deferred amounts from debt refunding was:

(18,393)

Debt service: In governmental funds, repayments of long-term debt are reported as expenditures. In the government-wide statements, repayments of long-term debt are reported as reductions of liabilities. Expenditures for repayment of the principal portion of long-term debt were:

General Obligation Bonds:		
Current Interest	\$ 170,000	
Capital Appreciation	520,000	
Bond Premium	<u>43,977</u>	733,977

Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recorded as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due. Accrued interest on long-term liabilities decreased by:

2,635

Accreted interest on capital appreciation bonds is not recognized as an expenditure in the governmental fund financial statements until paid. In the statement of activities, however, accreted interest is recognized as an expense as the capital appreciation bonds accrete in value. The amount of accreted interest recognized in the current year was:

(244,998)

OPEB and pensions: In government funds, OPEB and pension costs are recognized when employer contributions are made. In the statement of activities, OPEB and pension costs are recognized on the accrual basis. The difference between accrual-basis OPEB and pension costs and actual employer contributions was:

(193,223)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 212,375</u>
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ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2018

	Agency Funds	Total Fiduciary Funds
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Deposits and Investments (Note 2)	\$ 5,797	\$ 5,797
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Assets	5,797	5,797
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Due to Student Groups	5,797	5,797
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Liabilities	5,797	5,797
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>Net Position</u>		
Restricted	0	0
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Net Position	\$ 0	\$ 0
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE STATEMENTS

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The Ross School District (the "District") is a public educational agency operating under the applicable laws and regulations of the State of California. It is governed by a five-member Governing Board elected by registered voters of the District, which comprises an area in Marin County. The District was established in 1867 and serves students in kindergarten through grade eight.

The District accounts for its financial transactions in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Department of Education's *California School Accounting Manual*. The accounting policies of the District conform to generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to ensure the financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the District consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For Ross School District, this includes general operations and student related activities of the District.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the District in that the District approves their budget, the issuance of their debt or the levying of their taxes. In addition, component units are other legally separate organizations for which the District is not financially accountable but the nature and significance of the organization's relationship with the District is such that exclusion would cause the District's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The Foundation was established as a legally separate non-profit entity to support Ross School District. In addition, funds contributed by the Foundation to the District are significant to the District's financial statements. Accordingly, the District has determined that the Ross School Foundation (the Foundation) meets the criteria to be reported as a component unit. However, since districts are not required to submit reporting entity financial statements and since the Foundation is not required to obtain audited financial statements, the financial statements of the District include only the financial data of the primary government, which consists of all funds that comprise the District's legal entity, and all funds for which it has a fiduciary responsibility.

B. Implementation of New Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2015, the Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) issued GASB Statement No. 75 (GASB 75), *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, with required implementation for the District during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. The primary objective of this statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for postemployment benefits other than pensions (other postemployment benefits or OPEB). This Statement results from a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing standards of accounting and financial reporting for all postemployment benefits (pensions and OPEB) with regard to providing decision-useful information, supporting assessments of accountability and interperiod equity, and creating additional transparency.

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

B. Implementation of New Accounting Pronouncements (Concluded)

This Statement replaces the requirements of GASB 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, as amended. The effect on beginning net position that resulted from the implementation of GASB 75 is presented in Note 18.

C. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the District and its component units. The effects of interfund activity, within the governmental activities column, has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. This is the same approach used in the preparation of the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements but differs from the manner in which governmental fund financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements, therefore, include reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for the governmental funds.

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. The District does not allocate indirect expenses to functions in the statement of activities.

Program revenues include charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by a program, as well as grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the District, with certain exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District.

Fund Financial Statements:

Fund financial statements report detailed information about the District. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major governmental fund is presented in a separate column, and all non-major funds are aggregated into one column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Basis of Presentation (Concluded)

Fund Financial Statements (Concluded):

The accounting and financial treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Fiduciary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus.

D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds use the accrual basis of accounting.

Revenues - Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions:

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded under the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. Under the modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. "Available" means the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the District, "available" means collectible within 45, 60, 90 days after year-end, depending on the revenue source. However, to achieve comparability of reporting among California Districts and so as not to distort normal revenue patterns, with specific respect to reimbursement grants and corrections to state apportionments, the California Department of Education has defined available as collectible within one year.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, and entitlements. Under the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants and entitlements is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specific purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. Under the modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. Basis of Accounting (Concluded)

Unearned revenue:

Unearned revenue arises when assets are received before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Grants and entitlements received before eligibility requirements are met are recorded as unearned revenue. On governmental fund financial statements, receivables associated with non-exchange transactions that will not be collected within the availability period have also been recorded as unearned revenue.

Expenses/Expenditures:

On an accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time a liability is incurred. On the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, as under the accrual basis of accounting. However, under the modified accrual basis of accounting, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in the governmental funds.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

E. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity or retained earnings, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate.

District resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The District maintains the following fund types:

General Fund - The general fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds - Special revenue funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. Other resources also may be reported in the fund if those resources are restricted, committed, or assigned to the specified purpose of the fund.

Debt Service Funds - Debt service funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

E. Fund Accounting (Concluded)

The District's accounts are organized into major, non-major, and fiduciary funds as follows:

Major Governmental Funds:

General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. For financial reporting purposes, the financial activities and balances of the Special Reserve Fund for Postemployment Benefits has been combined with the General Fund.

Bond Interest and Redemption Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for the repayment of District bonds, interest, and related costs.

QSCB Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources set aside for future retirement of the outstanding qualified school construction bonds.

Non-major Governmental Funds:

Deferred Maintenance Fund is used for the purpose of major repair or replacement of District property.

Capital Facilities Fund is used to account for resources received from developer fee impact fees assessed under provision of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Fiduciary Funds:

Agency Funds are used to account for assets of others for which the District acts as an agent. The District maintains one agency fund for the student body activities. The student body funds are used to account for the raising and expending of money to promote the general welfare, and educational experience of the student body, and a graduation fund, which is used to account for parent donations for the student body graduation party.

F. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for all governmental funds. By state law, the District's Governing Board must adopt a final budget no later than July 1. A public hearing must be conducted to receive comments prior to adoption. The District's Governing Board satisfied these requirements.

These budgets are revised by the District's Governing Board and Superintendent during the year to give consideration to unanticipated income and expenditures. The original and final revised budgets are presented for the General Fund as required supplementary information on page 57.

Formal budgetary integration was employed as a management control device during the year for all budgeted funds. The District employs budget control by minor object and by individual appropriation accounts. Expenditures cannot legally exceed appropriations by major object account.

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

G. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

H. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is used in all budgeted funds to reserve portions of applicable appropriations for which commitments have been made. Encumbrances are recorded for purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments when they are written. Encumbrances are liquidated when the commitments are paid. All encumbrances are liquidated at June 30.

I. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Equity

1. Deposits and Investments

The District is authorized to maintain cash in banks and revolving funds that are insured to \$250,000 by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

The District is considered to be an involuntary participant in an external investment pool as the District is required to deposit all receipts and collections of monies with their County Treasurer (Education Code Section 41001).

The County is authorized to deposit cash and invest excess funds by California *Government Code* Section 53648 et seq. The funds maintained by the County are either secured by the FDIC or are collateralized.

The District is authorized under California Government Code to make direct investments in local agency bonds, notes, or warrants within the State; U.S. Treasury instruments; registered State warrants or treasury notes; securities of the U.S. Government, or its agencies; bankers acceptances; commercial paper; certificates of deposit placed with commercial banks and/or savings and loan companies; repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements; medium term corporate notes; shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies; certificates of participation; obligations with first priority security; and collateralized mortgage obligations.

Investments with original maturities greater than one year are stated at fair value. Fair value is estimated based on quoted market prices at year-end. All investments not required to be reported at fair value are stated at cost or amortized cost.

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

I. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Equity (Continued)

2. Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$5,000 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend the asset's lives are not capitalized, but are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all capital assets is computed using a straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Years</u>
Sites and Improvements	20
Buildings and Improvements	20-50
Furniture and Equipment	5-10

3. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the District will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the District will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until that time.

4. Unearned revenue

Cash received for federal and state special projects and programs is recognized as revenue to the extent that qualified expenditures have been incurred. Unearned revenue is recorded to the extent that cash received on specific projects and programs exceeds qualified expenditures. The District had no unearned revenues as of June 30, 2018.

5. Compensated Absences

All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. Accumulated sick leave benefits are not recognized as liabilities of the District. The District's policy is to record sick leave as an operating expense in the period taken, since such benefits do not vest, nor is payment probable; however, unused sick leave is added to the creditable service period for calculation of retirement benefits when the employee retires.

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

I. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Equity (Continued)

6. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the total OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the District. For this purpose, the District recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

7. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) and California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), and additions to/deductions from the CalSTRS' and CalPERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by CalSTRS and CalPERS.

For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

8. Long-term Liabilities

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. Bond premiums are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds. Bonds payable are reported net of applicable bond premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds recognize bond premiums and discounts as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of the debt issued, premiums, or discounts is reported as other financing sources or uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as expenditures.

9. Fund Balances

Governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The allowable classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

Nonspendable Fund Balance consists of funds that cannot be spent due to their form (e.g. inventories and prepaids) or funds that legally or contractually must be maintained intact.

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

I. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Equity (Continued)

9. Fund Balances (Concluded)

Restricted Fund Balance consists of funds that are mandated for a specific purpose by external parties, constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed Fund Balance consists of funds that are set aside for a specific purpose by the district's highest level of decision-making authority (governing board). Formal action must be taken prior to the end of the fiscal year. The same formal action must be taken to remove or change the limitations placed on the funds.

Assigned Fund Balance consists of funds that are set aside with the intent to be used for a specific purpose by the district's highest level of decision-making authority or a body or official that has been given the authority to assign funds. In accordance with board policy, the Chief Business Official has been given this authority.

Unassigned Fund Balance consists of excess funds that have not been classified in the previous four categories. All funds in this category are considered spendable resources. This category also provides the resources necessary to meet unexpected expenditures and revenue shortfalls. In accordance with board policy, the District intends to work towards maintaining a Reserve for Economic Uncertainties of at least 40% of the General Fund's annual total expenditures and other financing uses.

The District considers restricted fund balances to have been spent first when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available. Similarly, when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted classifications of fund balance could be used, the District considers committed amounts to be reduced first, followed by assigned amounts and then unassigned amounts.

10. Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)/Property Tax

The LCFF creates funding targets based on student characteristics and provides greater flexibility to use these funds to improve student outcomes. For school districts, the LCFF funding targets consist of grade span-specific base grants plus supplemental and concentration grants that are calculated based on student demographic factors. District funding under the LCFF is generally provided by a mix of State aid and local property taxes.

The County of Marin is responsible for assessing, collecting and apportioning property taxes to the District. Taxes are levied for each fiscal year on taxable real and personal property in the county. The levy is based on the assessed values as of the preceding January 1, which is also the lien date. Property taxes on the secured roll are due on November 1 and February 1, and taxes become delinquent after December 10 and April 10, respectively. Property taxes on the unsecured roll are due on the lien date (January 1), and become delinquent if unpaid by August 31.

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONCLUDED)

I. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Equity (Concluded)

10. Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)/Property Tax (Concluded)

Secured property taxes are recorded as revenue when apportioned, in the fiscal year of the levy. The county apportions secured property tax revenue in accordance with the alternative method of distribution prescribed by Section 4705 of the California *Revenue and Taxation Code*. This alternate method provides for crediting each applicable fund with its total secured taxes upon completion of the secured tax roll, approximately October 1 of each year.

The County Auditor reports the amount of the District's allocated property tax revenue to the California Department of Education. Property taxes are recorded as local LCFF sources by the District. The California Department of Education reduces the District's LCFF entitlement by the District's local property tax revenue. Any balance remaining is paid from the State General Fund and is known as LCFF State Aid.

Since the amount of property taxes received by the District exceeds the amount of the LCFF transition entitlement, the District is considered to be a "basic aid" school district and is permitted to keep all of its property tax revenue. In addition, as guaranteed by the California Constitution, the State must apportion \$120 per pupil to the District. However, the categorical aid that the District receives counts toward this requirement.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Summary of Deposits and Investments

Deposits and investments as of June 30, 2018, consist of the following:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Fiduciary Activities</u>
Cash on Hand and in Banks		\$ 5,797
Cash in Revolving Fund	\$ 1,250	
County Pool Investments	5,065,968	
Investments	1,033,210	
Totals	<u>\$ 6,100,428</u>	<u>\$ 5,797</u>

Cash on Hand and in Banks

Cash on hand and in banks consists of all cash held by the District and all cash maintained in commercial bank accounts owned by the District, exclusive of amounts held in revolving funds.

Cash in Revolving Fund

Cash in revolving fund consists of all cash maintained in commercial bank accounts that are used as revolving funds.

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

County Pool Investments

County pool investments consist of District cash held by the Marin County Treasury that is invested in the county investment pool. The fair value of the District's investment in the pool is reported in the financial statements at amounts that are based upon the District's pro-rata share of the fair value provided by the County Treasurer for the entire portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio). The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by the County Treasurer, which is recorded on the amortized cost basis.

Investments

Investments consist of governmental securities held at Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, as trustee for the District, and are reserved for future retirement of the outstanding qualified school construction bonds. The investment is recorded in the financial statements at fair value.

General Authorization

Limitations as they relate to interest rate risk, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk are indicated in the schedule below:

Authorized Investment Type	Maximum Remaining Maturity	Maximum Percentage of Portfolio	Maximum Investment in One Issuer
Local Agency Bonds, Notes, Warrants	5 years	None	None
Registered State Bonds, Notes, Warrants	5 years	None	None
U.S. Treasury Obligations	5 years	None	None
U.S. Agency Securities	5 years	None	None
Banker's Acceptance	180 days	40%	30%
Commercial Paper	270 days	25%	10%
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	5 years	30%	None
Repurchase Agreements	1 year	None	None
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	92 days	20% of base	None
Medium-Term Notes	5 years	30%	None
Mutual Funds	N/A	20%	10%
Money Market Mutual Funds	N/A	20%	10%
Mortgage Pass-Through Securities	5 years	20%	None
County Pooled Investment Funds	N/A	None	None
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	N/A	None	None
Joint Powers Authority Pools	N/A	None	None

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The District manages its exposure to interest rate risk by investing in the Marin County Investment Pool.

Weighted Average Maturity

The District monitors the interest rate risk inherent in its portfolio by measuring the weighted average maturity of its portfolio. Information about the weighted average maturity of the District's portfolio is presented in the following schedule:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Weighted Average Days to Maturity</u>
County Pool Investments	\$ 5,065,968	\$ 5,071,541	211

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Investments in the County Treasury are not required to be rated.

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Rating at June 30, 2018</u>
County Pool Investments	\$ 5,065,968	\$ 5,071,541	Unrated

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

This is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk for deposits. However, the Government Code requires that a financial institution secure deposits made by state or local governmental units by pledging securities in an undivided collateral pool held by a depository regulated under state law (unless so waived by the governmental unit). The market value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must equal at least 110 percent of the total amount deposited by the public agencies. California law also allows financial institutions to secure public deposits by pledging first trust deed mortgage notes having a value of 150 percent of the secured public deposits and letters of credit issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco having a value of 105 percent of the secured deposits. As of June 30, 2018, the District's bank balance was not exposed to custodial credit risk.

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONCLUDED)

Fair Value Measurements

The District categorizes the fair value measurements of its investments based on the hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value hierarchy, which has three levels, is based on the valuation inputs used to measure an asset's fair value. The following provides a summary of the hierarchy used to measure fair value:

Level 1 - Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the District has the ability to access at the measurement date. Level 1 assets may include debt and equity securities that are traded in an active exchange market and that are highly liquid and are actively traded in over-the-counter markets.

Level 2 - Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable, such as interest rates and curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, implied volatilities, and credit spreads. For financial reporting purposes, if an asset has a specific term, a Level 2 input is required to be observable for substantially the full term of the asset.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs should be developed using the best information available under the circumstances, which might include the District's own data. The District should adjust that data if reasonable available information indicates that other market participants would use different data or certain circumstances specific to the District are not available to other market participants.

Uncategorized - Investments in the Marin County Treasury Investment Pool are not measured using the input levels above because the District's transactions are based on a stable net asset value per share. All contributions and redemptions are transacted at \$1.00 net asset value per share.

The District's fair value measurements are as follows at June 30, 2018:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Uncategorized</u>
County Pool Investments	<u>\$ 5,071,541</u>	<u>\$ 5,071,541</u>

All assets have been valued using a market approach, with quoted market prices.

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NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2018 consist of the following:

	General Fund
Federal Government	\$ 17,316
State Government	20,021
Local Governments	82,427
Miscellaneous	37,004
Total	<u>\$ 156,768</u>

NOTE 4 - INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers consist of operating transfers from funds receiving revenue to funds through which the resources are to be expended. Interfund transfers for fiscal year 2017-18 were as follows:

Transfer of \$281,537 from Bond Interest & Redemption Fund to QSCB Debt Service Fund to provide funds to make debt service payments on the qualified school construction bond.

NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2018, is shown below:

	Balances July 1, 2017	Additions	Deletions	Balances June 30, 2018
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 206,174			\$ 206,174
Construction-in-Progress		\$ 2,500		2,500
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	206,174	2,500	\$ 0	208,674
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Sites and Improvements	81,301			81,301
Buildings and Improvements	38,181,841			38,181,841
Furniture and Equipment	345,691			345,691
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	38,608,833	0	0	38,608,833
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Sites and Improvements	81,301			81,301
Buildings and Improvements	7,809,739	719,720		8,529,459
Furniture and Equipment	316,963	4,795		321,758
Total Accumulated Depreciation	8,208,003	724,515	0	8,932,518
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	30,400,830	(724,515)	0	29,676,315
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 30,607,004</u>	<u>\$ (722,015)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 29,884,989</u>

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NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION (CONCLUDED)

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

Instruction	\$ 442,386
Instruction-Related Services	103,438
Pupil Services	25,220
General Administration	104,763
Plant Services	<u>48,708</u>
Total	<u>\$ 724,515</u>

NOTE 6 - QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS

On May 17, 2010, the District issued \$2,850,000 of Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs), pursuant to an authorization granted by voters of the District on June 3, 2008. The QSCBs are payable from ad valorem taxes imposed upon all property subject to taxation by the District. The QSCBs are tax credit bonds pursuant to Sections 54A and 54F of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, a tax credit equal to 5.47% per annum will be provided to the owner of the QSCBs in lieu of traditional interest payments. In addition, a 1.3% per annum supplemental interest payment will be paid to the owner of the QSCBs quarterly.

In accordance with the QSCB purchase agreement, the District is required to make annual sinking fund deposits, which began in May 2010 and will end in March 2027. The amount of the required deposits will be computed on an annual basis to ensure that the required deposit, plus the sinking fund investment earnings, will be sufficient to satisfy the annual sinking fund balance requirements that are specified in the purchase agreement. The financial activity of the sinking fund is reflected in the QSCB Debt Service Fund in these financial statements.

The future debt service requirements and tax credits of the QSCBs, as of June 30, 2018, exclusive of the annual sinking fund deposits, are as follows:

Year Ended June 30	Principal	Interest	Totals	Tax Credit
2019	\$ 0	\$ 37,050	\$ 37,050	\$ 155,895
2020	0	37,050	37,050	155,895
2021	0	37,050	37,050	155,895
2022	0	37,050	37,050	155,895
2023	0	37,050	37,050	155,895
2024-2028	<u>2,850,000</u>	<u>148,200</u>	<u>2,998,200</u>	<u>623,580</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 2,850,000</u>	<u>\$ 333,450</u>	<u>\$ 3,183,450</u>	<u>\$ 1,403,055</u>

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NOTE 7 - GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

On May 21, 2014, the District issued 2014 General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the amount of \$9,415,000, with interest rates ranging from 2% to 4%. The bonds were issued to defease a portion of the outstanding 2006 General Obligation Bonds that were scheduled to mature on August 1, 2026 through August 1, 2031. Principal and interest payments due on the 2014 Refunding Bonds will be paid semiannually on August 1, and February 1 of each year until fully defeased on August 1, 2031.

The outstanding general obligation debt of the District as of June 30, 2018 is as follows:

A. Current Interest Bonds

<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Interest Rate %</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Amount of Original Issue</u>	<u>Outstanding July 1, 2017</u>	<u>Issued Current Year</u>	<u>Redeemed Current Year</u>	<u>Outstanding June 30, 2018</u>
8/1/08	4.00-5.00	8/1/33	\$ 3,900,000	\$ 3,540,000		\$ 100,000	\$ 3,440,000
8/1/14	2.00-4.00	8/1/31	<u>9,415,000</u>	<u>9,100,000</u>		<u>70,000</u>	<u>9,030,000</u>
Totals			<u>\$ 13,315,000</u>	<u>\$ 12,640,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 170,000</u>	<u>\$ 12,470,000</u>

The outstanding obligation for current interest bonds at June 30, 2018 is as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2019	\$ 115,000	\$ 463,978	\$ 578,978
2020	130,000	460,240	590,240
2021	145,000	475,928	620,928
2022	165,000	450,890	615,890
2023	185,000	445,015	630,015
2024-2028	3,440,000	2,011,029	5,451,029
2029-2033	7,805,000	740,560	8,545,560
2034-2038	<u>485,000</u>	<u>11,639</u>	<u>496,639</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 12,470,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,059,279</u>	<u>\$ 17,529,279</u>

B. Capital Appreciation Bonds

<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Interest Rate %</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Amount of Original Issue</u>	<u>Outstanding July 1, 2017</u>	<u>Accreted Interest Current Year</u>	<u>Redeemed Current Year</u>	<u>Outstanding June 30, 2018</u>
8/1/06	4.27-4.88	8/1/25	\$ 3,999,941	\$ 5,617,919	\$ 244,998	\$ 520,000	\$ 5,342,917

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NOTE 7 - GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (CONCLUDED)

B. Capital Appreciation Bonds (Concluded)

The outstanding obligation for the capital appreciation bonds at June 30, 2018, is as follows:

<u>Year Ended</u> <u>June 30</u>	<u>Amount of</u> <u>Original Issue</u> <u>(Principal)</u>	<u>Accreted</u> <u>Interest</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2019	\$ 349,593	\$ 238,057	\$ 587,650
2020	350,250	244,953	595,203
2021	367,544	264,091	631,635
2022	381,047	281,198	662,245
2023	386,917	289,278	676,195
2024-2028	1,243,683	946,306	2,189,989
Totals	\$ 3,079,034	\$ 2,263,883	\$ 5,342,917

The annual requirement to amortize the capital appreciation bonds at June 30, 2018, is as follows:

<u>Year Ended</u> <u>June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2019	\$ 349,593	\$ 240,407	\$ 590,000
2020	350,250	274,750	625,000
2021	367,544	327,456	695,000
2022	381,047	383,953	765,000
2023	386,917	433,083	820,000
2024-2028	1,243,683	1,691,317	2,935,000
Totals	\$ 3,079,034	\$ 3,350,966	\$ 6,430,000

NOTE 8 - OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

Plan Description / Benefits Provided

Ross School District's Other Post Employment Benefits Plan (Plan), is a single employer defined benefit healthcare plan administered by the District. No separate financial statements were issued for the plan. The District provides medical, dental, vision, and life insurance coverage to certificated and classified employees who elect to retire after the age of 55 with at least 10 years of service in the District and are eligible for pension benefits from either the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) or California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). The District and retirees share in the cost of benefits as follows:

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NOTE 8 - OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (CONTINUED)

Plan Description / Benefits Provided (Concluded)

Retirees hired prior to April 1, 1986, (Tier 1) receive 100% District paid health and welfare benefits for life up to the active employee benefit level. Retirees hired on or after April 1, 1986 but on or before June 30, 1999, (Tier 2) receive 100% District paid benefits up to the active benefit level up to age 65, and a 50% benefit reduction at age 65 for the retiree's remaining life. Retirees hired after July 1, 1999, (Tier 3) receive 100% District paid benefits up to the active benefit level until age 65.

Retirees who do not qualify under the previous plan provisions are entitled to statutory minimum contributions subject to the "unequal contribution method."

The retiree is responsible for self-paying 100% of premiums in excess of the District contribution for his/her coverage and is responsible for self-paying 100% of all premiums for uncovered spouses or dependents of any age.

All contracts with District employees will be renegotiated at various times in the future and, thus, costs and benefits are subject to change. Benefits and contribution requirements (both employee and employer) for the OPEB Plan are established by various labor agreements.

Employees covered by benefit terms

The number of employees covered by the benefit terms of the Plan as of June 30, 2018 are as follows:

Inactive employees currently receiving benefit payments	27
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	0
Active employees	<u>53</u>
Total number of participants	<u><u>80</u></u>

Total OPEB Liability

The District's total OPEB liability of \$1,973,434 was measured as of June 30, 2018 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total OPEB liability was determined using a financial reporting actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018, which used the following actuarial methods and assumptions:

Measurement Date	June 30, 2018
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Inflation	2.75%
Salary Increases	2.75%
Discount Rate *	3.80%
Healthcare cost trend rates	4.0% per year based on assumption that average increase over time cannot continue to outstrip general inflation by wide margin

* The discount rate is based on the Bond Buyer 20 Bond Index.

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NOTE 8 - OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions (Concluded)

Mortality rates for certificated employees were based on the 2009 CalSTRS Mortality table created by CalSTRS. Mortality rates for classified employees were based on the 2014 CalPERS Active Mortality for Miscellaneous Employees table created by CalPERS.

Retirement rates for certificated employees were based on the 2009 CalSTRS Retirement Rates table created by CalSTRS. Retirement rates for classified employees were based on the 2009 CalPERS Retirement Rates for School Employees table for employees hired before January 1, 2013 and the 2009 CalPERS Retirement Rates for Miscellaneous Employees 2% @ 60 table adjusted to minimum retirement age of 52 for employees hired after December 31, 2012.

Turnover rates for certificated employees were based on the 2009 CalSTRS Termination Rates table created by CalSTRS. Turnover rates for classified employees were based on the 2009 CalPERS Termination Rates for School Employees table created by CalPERS.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

	Total OPEB Liability
Balances at June 30, 2017	\$ 1,895,503
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	88,328
Interest on total OPEB liability	72,094
Benefit payments	(82,491)
Net changes	77,931
Balances at June 30, 2018	\$ 1,973,434

There were no reportable changes in benefit terms or assumptions during the current year.

Sensitivity of the District's Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following table presents the District's total OPEB liability as of the measurement date, calculated using the current discount rate of 3.80%, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (2.80%) or one percentage point higher (4.80%) than the current rate:

	Discount Rate 1% Decrease 2.80%	Discount Rate Current Rate 3.80%	Discount Rate 1% Increase 4.80%
District's Total OPEB Liability	\$ 2,234,523	\$ 1,973,434	\$ 1,759,877

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NOTE 8 - OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (CONCLUDED)

Sensitivity of the District's Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

The following table presents the District's total OPEB liability as of the measurement date, calculated using the current healthcare cost trend rate of 4.00%, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a healthcare cost trend rate that is one percentage point lower (3.00%) or one percentage point higher (5.00%) than the current rate:

	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate 1% Decrease 3.00%	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate Current Rate 4.00%	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate 1% Increase 5.00%
District's Total OPEB Liability	\$ 1,764,896	\$ 1,973,434	\$ 2,218,684

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

For the year ended June 30, 2018, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$160,422. At June 30, 2018, there were no deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB.

NOTE 9 - RETIREMENT PLANS

Qualified employees are covered under retirement plans maintained by agencies of the State of California. Certificated employees are eligible to participate under the multiple-employer, cost-sharing defined benefit plan administered by the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) and classified employees are eligible to participate under the multiple-employer, cost-sharing defined benefit plan administered by the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS).

The District reported net pension liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and pension expense in the accompanying government-wide financial statements, as follows:

Pension Plan	Net Pension Liabilities	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Pension Expense
CalSTRS	\$ 5,454,936	\$ 1,546,173	\$ 620,986	\$ 735,419
CalPERS	1,739,554	519,755	98,780	142,937
Totals	<u>\$ 7,194,490</u>	<u>\$ 2,065,928</u>	<u>\$ 719,766</u>	<u>\$ 878,356</u>

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NOTE 9 - RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

A. California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS)

Plan Description

The California State Teachers Retirement System (CalSTRS) provides pension benefits, including disability and survivor benefits, to California full-time and part-time public-school teachers and certain other employees of the public-school system. The Teachers' Retirement Law (California Education Code Section 22000 et seq.), as enacted and amended by the California Legislature, established the plan and CalSTRS as the administrator. The terms of the plan may be amended through legislation. CalSTRS issues publicly available reports that include a full description of the pension plan that can be found on the CalSTRS website.

Benefits Provided

The State Teachers' Retirement Plan (STRP) is a multiple-employer, cost-sharing defined benefit plan. The STRP holds assets for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to members and beneficiaries of these programs and to defray reasonable expenses for administering the STRP. Although CalSTRS is the administrator of the STRP, the State of California is the sponsor of the STRP and obligor of the trust. In addition, the State is both an employer and nonemployer contributing entity to the STRP.

The STRP Defined Benefit Program has two benefit formulas:

- CalSTRS 2% at 60: Members first hired on or before December 31, 2012, to perform services that could be creditable to CalSTRS.
- CalSTRS 2% at 62: Members first hired on or after January 1, 2013, to perform services that could be creditable to CalSTRS.

The Defined Benefit Program provides retirement benefits based on members' final compensation, age and years of service credit. In addition, the retirement program provides benefits to members upon disability and to their survivors or beneficiaries upon the death of eligible members. There are several differences between the two benefit formulas and some of the differences are noted below.

CalSTRS 2% at 60

CalSTRS 2% at 60 members are eligible for normal retirement at age 60, with a minimum of five years of credited service. The normal retirement benefit is equal to 2.0% of final compensation multiplied by the number of years of credited service. Early retirement options are available at age 55 with five years of credited service or as early as age 50 with 30 years of credited service. The age factor for retirements after age 60 increases with each quarter year of age to a maximum of 2.4% at age 63 or older. Members who have 30 years or more of credited service receive an additional increase of up to 0.2% to the age factor, up to the 2.4% maximum.

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NOTE 9 - RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

A. California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) (Continued)

CalSTRS 2% at 60 (Concluded)

CalSTRS calculates retirement benefits based on one-year final compensation for members with 25 or more years of credited service, or for classroom teachers with fewer than 25 years of credited service if the employer entered into, extended, renewed, or amended an agreement prior to January 1, 2014, to elect to pay the additional benefit cost for all of its classroom teachers. One-year final compensation means a member's highest average annual compensation earnable for 12 consecutive months based on the creditable compensation that a member could earn in a school year while employed on a full-time basis. For most members with fewer than 25 years of credited service, final compensation is the highest average annual compensation earnable for any 36 consecutive months based on the creditable compensation that a member could earn in a school year while employed on a full-time basis.

CalSTRS 2% at 62

CalSTRS 2% at 62 members are eligible for normal retirement at age 62, with a minimum of five years of credited service. The normal retirement benefit is equal to 2.0% of final compensation multiplied by the number of years of credited service. An early retirement option is available at age 55. The age factor for retirement after age 62 increases with each quarter year of age to 2.4% at age 65 or older.

All CalSTRS 2% at 62 members have their final compensation based on their highest average annual compensation earnable for 36 consecutive months based on the creditable compensation that a member could earn in a school year while employed on a full-time basis.

Contributions

Required member, employer and state contribution rates are set by the California Legislature and Governor and are detailed in the Teachers' Retirement Law. A summary of statutory contribution rates and other sources of contributions to the Defined Benefit Program are as follows:

Members: Pursuant to Chapter 47, Statutes of 2014 (AB 1469), CalSTRS member contribution rates were as follows: Under CalSTRS 2% at 60, the member contribution rate was 10.25% of applicable member earnings for fiscal year 2017-18. Under CalSTRS 2% at 62, the member contribution rate was 9.205% of applicable member earnings for fiscal year 2017-18.

Employers: Pursuant to Chapter 47, Statutes of 2014 (AB 1469), the employer contribution rate was 14.43% of applicable member earnings for fiscal year 2017-18. The District contributed \$461,489 to the plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

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NOTE 9 - RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

A. California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) (Continued)

Contributions (Concluded)

State: The contribution was 2.017% of the members' creditable earnings from the fiscal year ending in the prior calendar year. Also, as a result of AB 1469, the additional state appropriation required to fully fund the benefits in effect as of 1990 by 2046 is specified in Education Code Section 22955.1(b). The additional state contribution for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 was 4.811%. Including a 2.50% contribution for SBMA funding, the total state appropriation to the defined benefit program was 9.328% for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2018, the District reported a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability that reflected a reduction for State pension support provided to the District. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related State support, and the total portion of the net pension liability associated with the District was as follows:

District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 5,454,936
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District	<u>3,227,094</u>
Total net pension liability attributed to District	<u><u>\$ 8,682,030</u></u>

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating employers and the State. The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as of June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016 was as follows:

Proportion - June 30, 2017	0.0059%
Proportion - June 30, 2016	<u>0.0062%</u>
Change - Increase (Decrease)	<u><u>-0.0003%</u></u>

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, the District recognized pension expense of \$735,419, which includes \$262,433 of support provided by the State. At June 30, 2018, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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NOTE 9 - RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

A. California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) (Continued)

District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Concluded)

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	\$ 461,489	
Differences between expected and actual experience	20,172	\$ 102,941
Changes of assumptions	1,010,568	
Changes in employer's proportion and differences between the employer's contributions and the employer's proportionate share of contributions	53,944	394,377
Net differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments		123,668
Totals	<u>\$ 1,546,173</u>	<u>\$ 620,986</u>

The deferred outflows of resources related to District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30	
2019	\$ (33,102)
2020	198,312
2021	111,195
2022	(38,737)
2023	89,162
2024	136,868

Differences between expected and actual experience, changes of assumptions, and changes in employer's proportion and differences between the employer's contributions and the employer's proportionate share of contributions are amortized over a closed period equal to the average remaining service life of plan members, which is 7 years as of June 30, 2017. Deferred outflows and inflows related to differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments are netted and amortized over a closed 5-year period.

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NOTE 9 - RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

A. California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) (Continued)

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The total pension liability for the STRP was determined by applying update procedures to a financial reporting actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016 and rolling forward the total pension liability to June 30, 2017. In determining the total pension liability, the financial reporting actuarial valuation used the following methods and assumptions ^{1,2}:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2016
Experience Study	July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return ³	7.10%
Consumer Price Inflation	2.75%
Wage Growth	3.50%
Post-retirement Benefit Increases	2.00% simple for DB (Annually) Maintain 85% purchasing power level for DB

¹ For the purpose of determining the total pension liability, the assumptions used in the June 30, 2016, financial reporting actuarial valuation, were applied to all periods prior to July 1, 2017. The assumptions applied to those periods on and after July 1, 2017 are reflected in the table above.

² The assumptions for investment rate of return, inflation, and wage growth used in the June 30, 2016, financial reporting actuarial valuation were 7.60%, 3.00% and 3.75%, respectively.

³ Net of investment expenses, but gross of administrative expenses.

CalSTRS uses a generational mortality assumption, which involves the use of a base mortality table and projection scales to reflect expected annual reductions in mortality rates at each age, resulting in increases of life expectancies each year into the future. The base mortality tables are CalSTRS custom tables derived to best fit the patterns of mortality among its members. The projection scale was set equal to 110% of the ultimate improvement factor from the Mortality Improvement Scale (MP-2016) table, issued by the Society of Actuaries. The CalSTRS July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2015 Experience Analysis, adopted by the board in February 2017, is available on the CalSTRS website for more information regarding the mortality assumptions.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. The best-estimate ranges were developed using capital market assumptions from CalSTRS general investment consultant (Pension Consulting Alliance - PCA) as an input to the process. The actuarial investment rate of return assumption was adopted by the board in February 2017 in conjunction with the most recent experience study. For each future valuation, CalSTRS consulting actuary (Milliman) reviews the return assumption for reasonableness based on the most current capital market assumptions. Best estimates of 20-year geometrically-linked real rates of return and the assumed asset allocation for each major asset class for the year ended June 30, 2017, are summarized in the following table:

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NOTE 9 - RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

A. California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) (Continued)

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions (Concluded)

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Assumed Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return*</u>
Global Equity	47%	6.30%
Fixed Income	12%	0.30%
Real Estate	13%	5.20%
Private Equity	13%	9.30%
Absolute Return / Risk Mitigating Strategies	9%	2.90%
Inflation Sensitive	4%	3.80%
Cash / Liquidity	2%	-1.00%
Total	<u>100%</u>	

* 20-year geometric average

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.10%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and employers will be made at statutory contribution rates as previously described. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return (7.10%) and assuming that contributions and benefit payments occur midyear. Based on those assumptions, the STRP's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members. Therefore, the long-term assumed investment rate of return was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as of the measurement date, calculated using the current discount rate of 7.10%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.10%) or one percentage point higher (8.10%) than the current rate:

	<u>Discount Rate 1% Decrease 6.10%</u>	<u>Discount Rate Current Rate 7.10%</u>	<u>Discount Rate 1% Increase 8.10%</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 8,009,578	\$ 5,454,936	\$ 3,381,671

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NOTE 9 - RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

A. California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) (Concluded)

Pension Plan's Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CalSTRS financial report.

B. California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS)

Plan Description, Benefits Provided, and Employees Covered

The District contributes to the School Employer Pool under the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system defined benefit pension plan administered by the CalPERS. All employees who work at least half time or are appointed to a job that will last at least six months and one day are eligible for CalPERS. Benefits vest after five years. Employees are eligible to retire at or after age 50 having attained five years of credited service and are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. Employees hired after January 1, 2013 with five years of credit service must be at least age 52 to retire.

The Plan provides retirement, disability, and death benefits, and annual cost-of-living adjustments to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by State statutes, as legislatively amended, within the Public Employees' Retirement Law. CalPERS issues publicly available reports that include a full description of the pension plans regarding benefit provisions, assumptions and membership information that can be found on the CalPERS website.

Contributions

Section 20814(c) of the California Public Employees' Retirement Law requires that the employer contribution rates for all public employers be determined on an annual basis by the actuary and shall be effective on the July 1 following notice of a change in the rate. The total plan contributions are determined through CalPERS' annual actuarial valuation process. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. The District is required to contribute the difference between the actuarially determined rate and the contribution rate of employees. Active plan members who entered into the plan prior to January 1, 2013 are required to contribute 7.0% of their salary, and new members entering into the plan on or after January 1, 2013 are required to contribute the higher of 50% of the total normal cost rate for their defined benefit plan or 6.5% of their salary. The District's contractually required contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 was 15.531% of annual payroll. The District's contribution to CalPERS for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 was \$142,937.

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NOTE 9 - RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

B. California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) (Continued)

District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

As of June 30, 2018, the District reported a liability of \$1,739,554 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016 rolled forward to June 30, 2017 using standard update procedures. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as of June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016 was as follows:

Proportion - June 30, 2017	0.0073%
Proportion - June 30, 2016	<u>0.0074%</u>
Change - Increase (Decrease)	<u>-0.0001%</u>

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, the District recognized pension expense of \$246,732. At June 30, 2018, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	\$ 142,937	
Differences between expected and actual experience	66,050	
Changes of assumptions	254,088	\$ 23,866
Changes in employer's proportion and differences between the employer's contributions and the employer's proportionate share of contributions		71,914
Net differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	<u>56,680</u>	
Totals	<u>\$ 519,755</u>	<u>\$ 95,780</u>

The deferred outflows of resources related to District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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NOTE 9 - RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

B. California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) (Continued)

District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Concluded)

Year Ended June 30	
2019	\$ 41,374
2020	155,179
2021	117,438
2022	(32,953)

Differences between expected and actual experience, changes in assumptions, and changes in employer's proportion and differences in employer's contributions and employer's proportionate share of contributions are amortized over a closed period equal to the average remaining service life of plan members, which is 4 years as of June 30, 2017. Differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments are netted and amortized over a closed 5-year period.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2016 actuarial valuations were determined using the following actuarial methods and assumptions:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2016
Measurement Date	June 30, 2017
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Discount Rate	7.15%
Inflation	2.75%
Wage Growth	Varies
Investment Rate of Return	7.15%
Post Retirement Benefit Increase (1)	

(1) Contract COLA up to 2.00% until Purchasing Power Protection Allowance Floor on Purchasing Power applies, 2.75% thereafter

Mortality rate table used was developed based on CalPERS specific data. The table includes 20 years of projected on-going mortality improvements using Scale BB published by the Society of Actuaries.

All other actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period 1997 to 2011. Further details of the Experience Study can be found on the CalPERS website.

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NOTE 9 - RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

B. California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) (Continued)

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.15%. Projections of expected benefit payments and contributions at the statutorily required member and employer rates were performed to determine if the assets would run out. The test revealed the assets would not run out. Therefore, the long-term expected rates of return on pension plan investments were applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability for the Schools Pool. The results of the crossover testing for the Schools Pool are presented in a detailed report that can be obtained at CalPERS website.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class.

In determining the long-term expected rate of return, CalPERS took into account both short-term and long-term market return expectations as well as the expected pension fund cash flows. Such cash flows were developed assuming that both members and employers will make their required contributions on time and as scheduled in all future years. Using historical returns of all the funds' asset classes, expected compound (geometric) returns were calculated over the short-term (first 10 years) and the long-term (11 + years) using a building-block approach. Using the expected nominal returns for both short-term and long-term, the present value of benefits was calculated for each fund. The expected rate of return was set by calculating the rounded single equivalent expected return that arrived at the same present value of benefits for cash flows as the one calculated using both short-term and long-term returns. The expected rate of return was then set equal to the single equivalent rate calculated above and adjusted to account for assumed administrative expenses.

The table below reflects long-term expected real rates of return by asset class. The rates of return were calculated using the capital market assumptions applied to determine the discount rate. These geometric rates of return are net of administrative and investment expenses.

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Assumed Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Real Return Years 1 - 10(a)</u>	<u>Real Return Years 11+(b)</u>
Global Equity	47.0%	4.90%	5.38%
Fixed Income	19.0%	0.80%	2.27%
Inflation Assets	6.0%	0.60%	1.39%
Private Equity	12.0%	6.60%	6.63%
Real Estate	11.0%	2.80%	5.21%
Infrastructure and Forestland	3.0%	3.90%	5.36%
Liquidity	2.0%	-0.40%	-0.90%
Total	100%		

(a) An expected inflation of 2.5% used for this period

(b) An expected inflation of 3.0% used for this period

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NOTE 9 - RETIREMENT PLANS (CONCLUDED)

B. California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) (Concluded)

Discount Rate (Concluded)

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.15%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (6.15%) or 1 percentage point higher (8.15%) than the current rate:

	Discount Rate 1% Decrease 6.15%	Discount Rate Current Rate 7.15%	Discount Rate 1% Increase 8.15%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 2,559,442	\$ 1,739,554	\$ 1,059,389

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CalPERS financial report.

C. Social Security

As established by Federal law, all public-sector employees who are not members of their employer's existing retirement system (CalSTRS or CalPERS) must be covered by social security or an alternative plan. The District has elected to use Social Security as its alternative plan. Contributions made by the District and participating employees vest immediately. Both the District and participating employees were required to contribute 6.2% of an employee's gross earnings, up to the annual limit.

NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

A schedule of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2018, is shown below:

	Balances July 1, 2017	Additions	Deductions	Balances June 30, 2018	Due within One Year
Compensated Absences	\$ 13,250	\$ 18,415	13,250	\$ 18,415	\$ 18,415
Qualified School Construction Bonds	2,850,000			2,850,000	
General Obligation Bonds:					
Current Interest	12,640,000		170,000	12,470,000	115,000
Capital Appreciation	5,617,919	244,998	520,000	5,342,917	587,650
Bond Premium	624,573		43,977	580,596	43,976
Total OPEB Liability	1,895,503	160,422	82,491	1,973,434	
Net Pension Liability - CalSTRS	5,028,056	426,880		5,454,936	
Net Pension Liability - CalPERS	1,459,540	280,014		1,739,554	
Totals	<u>\$ 30,128,841</u>	<u>\$ 1,130,729</u>	<u>\$ 829,718</u>	<u>\$ 30,429,852</u>	<u>\$ 765,041</u>

The qualified school construction bonds and general obligation bonds are obligations of the QSCB Debt Service Fund and Bond Interest & Redemption Fund, respectively. All other long-term liabilities are obligations of the General Fund.

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NOTE 11 - ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS MADE BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

The District was the recipient \$262,433 of on-behalf payments made by the State of California to the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) for K-12 education. The District is not legally responsible for these contributions.

NOTE 12 - FUND BALANCES

The fund balances as of June 30, 2018 are as follows:

	General Fund	Bond Interest and Redemption Fund	QSCB Debt Service Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Totals
Nonspendable:					
Revolving Cash	\$ 1,250				\$ 1,250
Total Nonspendable	1,250				1,250
Restricted:					
Categorical Programs	275,721				275,721
Local Programs	164,417				164,417
Debt Service		\$ 1,000,106	\$ 1,033,210		2,033,316
Developer Fees				\$ 19,820	19,820
Total Restricted	440,138	1,000,106	1,033,210	19,820	2,493,274
Committed:					
Deferred Maintenance				351,425	351,425
Total Committed	0	0	0	351,425	351,425
Assigned:					
Other Post Employment Benefits	567,985				567,985
Total Assigned	567,985	0	0	0	567,985
Unassigned:					
Reserve for Economic Uncertainties	2,621,174				2,621,174
Total Unassigned	2,621,174	0	0	0	2,621,174
Total Fund Balances	\$ 3,630,547	\$ 1,000,106	\$ 1,033,210	\$ 371,245	\$ 6,035,108

NOTE 13 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2017-18, the District participated in one joint power authority (JPA) for purposes of pooling for risk. There were no significant reductions in coverage during the year. Settlements have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three years.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

NOTE 14 - JOINT VENTURE

The District participates in a joint venture under a joint powers agreement with Marin Schools Insurance Authority (MSIA) for workers' compensation and property and liability insurance. The relationship between the District and MSIA is such that MSIA is not a component unit of the District for financial reporting purposes.

MSIA arranges for and/or provides coverage for its members. MSIA is governed by a board consisting of a representative from each member district. MSIA's governing board controls the operations of MSIA, including selection of management and approval of operating budgets independent of any influence by the member districts beyond their representation on the Board. Each member district pays a premium commensurate with the level of coverage requested and shares surpluses and deficits proportionately to their participation in MSIA.

MSIA is audited on an annual basis. Audited financial statements can be obtained by contacting MSIA's management.

NOTE 15 - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

During fiscal year 2017-18, the District received \$842,002 of parcel tax revenue that is subject to voter approval.

NOTE 16 - SIGNIFICANT TRANSACTIONS WITH COMPONENT UNIT

The Foundation donated \$1,275,000 to the District during the fiscal year 2017-18, which is included in Miscellaneous Revenue of the District on the Statement of Activities reported on page 17.

NOTE 17 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

A. State and Federal Allowances, Awards and Grants

The District has received state and federal funds for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Although such audits could generate expenditure disallowances under terms of the grants, it is believed that any required reimbursements will not be material.

B. Litigation

The District is subject to various legal proceedings and claims. In the opinion of management, the ultimate liability with respect to these actions will not materially affect the financial position or results of operations of the District.

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NOTE 18 - RESTATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PRIMARY GOVERNMENT

During fiscal year 2017-18, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75 (GASB 75), as discussed in Note 1B. As a result, the beginning net position of the District has been restated to reflect the District's total OPEB liability under GASB 75, which superseded guidance under GASB 45. In accordance with GASB 75, the beginning net position restatement does not reflect any adjustments related to deferred inflows or outflows of resources related to OPEBs, which result from differences between expected and actual experience or changes in assumptions or other inputs, as the information required to determine such amounts was not available during the first-year implementation of GASB 75.

The effects of the restatements on the current year financial statements are as follows:

	<u>Statement of Activities</u>
Net Position - July 1, 2017 (as originally stated)	\$ 7,725,836
Overstatement of OPEB Liability - GASB 45	847,024
Understatement of Total OPEB Liability - GASB 75	<u>(1,895,503)</u>
Net Restatement	<u>(1,048,479)</u>
Net Position - July 1, 2017 (as restated)	<u><u>\$ 6,677,357</u></u>

NOTE 19 - RESTATEMENT OF NET POSITION - COMPONENT UNIT

The July 1, 2017 Net Position of the discretely presented component unit has been restated to reflect the exclusion of the financial balances and activities of Ross Schools Foundation, which were not available for inclusion in the current year financial statements.

The effect of the restatement on the government-wide financial statements is as follows:

	<u>Statement of Activities</u>
Net Position - July 1, 2017 (as originally stated)	\$ 1,576,472
Overstatement of Net Position	<u>(1,576,472)</u>
Net Position - July 1, 2017 (as restated)	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>

NOTE 20 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The District's management has evaluated events or transactions that occurred for possible recognition or disclosure in the financial statements from the balance sheet date through December 7, 2018, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Management has determined that there were no subsequent events or transactions that require disclosure in or adjustment to the current year financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SECTION

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues</u>				
LCFF Sources:				
State Apportionment / Transfers	\$ 119,455	\$ 119,797	\$ 119,215	\$ (582)
Local Sources	4,489,960	4,560,560	4,567,704	7,144
Total LCFF Sources	4,609,415	4,680,357	4,686,919	6,562
Federal Revenue	84,499	73,349	73,247	(102)
Other State Revenue	355,890	640,639	623,269	(17,370)
Other Local Revenue	2,539,287	2,620,533	2,631,963	11,430
Total Revenues	7,589,091	8,014,878	8,015,398	520
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Current:				
Certificated Salaries	3,581,326	3,488,901	3,498,752	(9,851)
Classified Salaries	1,072,896	1,065,082	1,060,522	4,560
Employee Benefits	1,746,565	1,726,851	1,643,840	83,011
Books and Supplies	283,500	478,338	469,720	8,618
Services and Other				
Operating Expenditures	965,842	1,086,701	1,062,638	24,063
Other Expenditures	41,464	41,711	38,910	2,801
Total Expenditures	7,691,593	7,887,584	7,774,382	113,202
Net Change in Fund Balances	(102,502)	127,294	241,016	\$ 113,722
Fund Balances - July 1, 2017	3,389,531	3,389,531	3,389,531	
Fund Balances - June 30, 2018	\$ 3,287,029	\$ 3,516,825	\$ 3,630,547	

SEE NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS *

JUNE 30, 2018

	<u>2018</u>
Total OPEB Liability	
Service Cost	\$ 88,328
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	72,094
Benefit Payments	<u>(82,491)</u>
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	77,931
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	<u>1,895,503</u>
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	<u><u>\$ 1,973,434</u></u>
 Covered-employee Payroll	 \$ 4,235,186
 District's Total OPEB Liability as Percentage of Covered-employee Payroll	 46.60%

* This is a 10-year schedule, however prior valuations were not rerun in accordance with GASB 75 and are therefore not presented. Additional years will be added to this schedule as information becomes available until 10 years are presented.

SEE NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY - CALSTRS *

JUNE 30, 2018

Year Ended June 30	District's Proportion of the NPL	District's Proportionate Share of the NPL	State's Proportionate Share of the NPL Associated to District	Total NPL Attributed to District	District's Covered Payroll	District's Proportionate Share of the NPL as a % of Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position As a % of Total Pension Liability
2018	0.0059%	\$ 5,454,936	\$ 3,227,094	\$ 8,682,030	\$ 3,126,169	174.49%	69.46%
2017	0.0062%	5,028,056	2,862,382	7,890,438	3,098,183	162.29%	70.04%
2016	0.0066%	4,423,111	2,339,338	6,762,449	3,049,392	145.05%	74.02%
2015	0.0064%	3,759,137	2,269,929	6,029,066	2,865,188	131.20%	76.52%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined based on a measurement date that was one year prior to the year-end date. This is a 10-year schedule, however the information in this schedule is not required to be presented retroactively. Additional years will be added to this schedule as information becomes available until 10 years are presented.

SEE NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY - CALPERS *

JUNE 30, 2018

Year Ended June 30	District's Proportion of the NPL	District's Proportionate Share of the NPL	District's Covered Payroll	District's Proportionate Share of the NPL as a % of Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position As a % of Total Pension Liability
2018	0.0073%	\$ 1,739,554	\$ 929,212	187.21%	71.87%
2017	0.0074%	1,459,540	886,587	164.62%	73.90%
2016	0.0078%	1,155,308	867,726	133.14%	79.43%
2015	0.0086%	974,432	901,049	108.14%	83.38%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined based on a measurement date that was one year prior to the year-end date. This is a 10-year schedule, however the information in this schedule is not required to be presented retroactively. Additional years will be added to this schedule as information becomes available until 10 years are presented.

SEE NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS - CALSTRS *
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Actuarially Determined Contributions</u>	<u>Contributions In Relation to Contractually Required Contributions</u>	<u>Contribution Deficiency/ (Excess)</u>	<u>District's Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Contributions As a % of Covered Payroll</u>
2018	\$ 461,489	\$ 461,489	\$ -	\$ 3,198,122	14.43%
2017	391,929	391,929	-	3,115,493	12.58%
2016	334,859	334,859	-	3,120,774	10.73%
2015	265,358	265,358	-	2,988,266	8.88%

* This is a 10-year schedule, however the information in this schedule is not required to be presented retroactively. Additional years will be added to this schedule as information becomes available until 10 years are presented.

SEE NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS - CALPERS *
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Actuarially Determined Contributions</u>	<u>Contributions In Relation to Contractually Required Contributions</u>	<u>Contribution Deficiency/ (Excess)</u>	<u>District's Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Contributions As a % of Covered Payroll</u>
2018	\$ 142,937	\$ 142,937	\$ -	\$ 920,334	15.531%
2017	133,604	133,604	-	962,010	13.888%
2016	105,232	105,232	-	888,259	11.847%
2015	102,141	102,141	-	867,734	11.771%

* This is a 10-year schedule, however the information in this schedule is not required to be presented retroactively. Additional years will be added to this schedule as information becomes available until 10 years are presented.

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

NOTE 1 - PURPOSE OF STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES

A. Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, the District is required to present a Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance budgetary comparison for the General Fund and each Major Special Revenue Fund that has an adopted budget. This schedule presents the original adopted budget, final adopted budget, and the actual revenues and expenditures of each of these funds by object. The basis of budgeting is the same as Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

The excess of expenditures over appropriations in the General Fund as of June 30, 2018 were as follows:

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Excess Expenditures</u>
Certificated Salaries	9,851

The District incurred unanticipated expenditures in excess of appropriations in the above expenditure classification for which the budget was not revised.

B. Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75 (GASB 75), the District is required to present a 10-year schedule including certain information for each OPEB plan. The information required to be presented includes certain components that make up the changes in the total OPEB liability, the total OPEB liability, the covered-employee payroll, and the total OPEB liability as a percentage of the District's covered-employee payroll.

C. Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, the District is required to present separately for each cost-sharing pension plan through which pensions are provided a 10-year schedule presenting certain information. The information required to be presented includes the District's proportion and proportionate share of the collective net pension liability, the portion of the nonemployer contributing entities' total proportionate share of the collective net pension liability associated with the District, if applicable, the District's covered payroll, the District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability as a percentage of the District's covered payroll, and the pension plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability.

D. Schedule of Contributions

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, the District is required to present separately for each cost-sharing pension plan through which pensions are provided a 10-year schedule presenting certain information. The information required to be presented includes the statutorily or contracted required District contribution, the amount of contributions recognized by the pension plan in relation to the required District contribution, the difference between the required District contribution and the amount recognized by the pension plan, the District's covered payroll, and the amount of contributions recognized by the pension plan in relation of the District as a percentage of the District's covered payroll.

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

NOTE 2 - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

A. Trust Assets

The District has no assets accumulated in a trust that meet the criteria of GASB 75 to pay related benefits.

B. Benefit Terms

Since this is the first year of implementation under GASB 75, there are no changes to benefit terms to disclose.

C. Changes in Assumptions or other inputs

Since this is the first year of implementation under GASB 75, there are no changes to assumptions or other inputs to disclose.

NOTE 3 - SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR CALSTRS AND CALPERS

Benefit Terms

There were no changes to benefit terms since the previous valuation for either the State Teachers' Retirement Plan (CalSTRS) or the Public Employer's Retirement Fund B (CalPERS).

Changes in Assumptions

During fiscal year 2016-17, CalSTRS completed an experience study for the period starting July 1, 2010 and ending on June 30, 2015. CalSTRS changed its mortality assumptions based on this experience study, which was adopted by the board in February 2017. As a result of the study, CalSTRS also changed the following assumptions used in determining the NPL as follows:

<u>Assumption</u>	<u>As of June 30, 2017</u>	<u>As of June 30, 2016</u>
Consumer Price Inflation	2.75%	3.00%
Investment Rate of Return	7.10%	7.60%
Wage Growth	3.50%	3.75%

During fiscal year 2016-17, CalPERS changed the financial reporting discount rate from 7.65% to 7.15%.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SECTION

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
ORGANIZATION/GOVERNING BOARD/ADMINISTRATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

ORGANIZATION

The Ross School District was established in 1867 and comprises an area located in Marin County. The District currently operates one school serving grades kindergarten through eight. There were no changes in the boundaries of the District during the current year.

GOVERNING BOARD

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Stephanie Robinson	President	December 2020
John Longley	Vice President/Clerk	December 2020
Whit Gaither	Member	December 2018
Todd Blake	Member	December 2018
Josh Fisher	Member	December 2018

ADMINISTRATION

Michael McDowell, Ed. D.
Superintendent

Deborah Wolfe
Chief Business Official

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2018

	Deferred Maintenance	Capital Facilities	Total Non-Major Governmental Funds
<u>Assets</u>			
Deposits and Investments	\$ 351,425	\$ 30,784	\$ 382,209
Total Assets	<u>\$ 351,425</u>	<u>\$ 30,784</u>	<u>\$ 382,209</u>
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable		\$ 10,964	\$ 10,964
Total Liabilities		<u>10,964</u>	<u>10,964</u>
Fund Balances:			
Restricted		19,820	19,820
Committed	\$ 351,425		351,425
Total Fund Balances	<u>351,425</u>	<u>19,820</u>	<u>371,245</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 351,425</u>	<u>\$ 30,784</u>	<u>\$ 382,209</u>

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	<u>Deferred Maintenance</u>	<u>Capital Facilities</u>	<u>Total Non-Major Governmental Funds</u>
<u>Revenues</u>			
LCFF Sources:			
State Apportionment / Transfers	\$ 140,000		\$ 140,000
Local Revenue	<u>2,000</u>	<u>\$ 18,110</u>	<u>20,110</u>
Total Revenues	<u>142,000</u>	<u>18,110</u>	<u>160,110</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Current:			
Facilities Acquisition and Construction		<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	142,000	15,610	157,610
Fund Balances - July 1, 2017	<u>209,425</u>	<u>4,210</u>	<u>213,635</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2018	<u><u>\$ 351,425</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 19,820</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 371,245</u></u>

SEE NOTES TO SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

P-2 Report				
	TK / K - 3	4 - 6	7 - 8	Total
Regular	150.22	133.54	85.03	368.79

Annual Report				
	TK / K - 3	4 - 6	7 - 8	Total
Regular	150.37	133.49	85.37	369.23

SEE NOTES TO SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF INSTRUCTIONAL TIME
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Minutes Required</u>	<u>2017-18 Actual Minutes</u>	<u>Number of Days Traditional Calendar</u>	<u>Number of Days Multitrack Calendar</u>	<u>Status</u>
Kindergarten	36,000	47,175	180	N/A	In Compliance
Grade 1	50,400	54,360	180	N/A	In Compliance
Grade 2	50,400	54,360	180	N/A	In Compliance
Grade 3	50,400	54,360	180	N/A	In Compliance
Grade 4	54,000	56,665	180	N/A	In Compliance
Grade 5	54,000	56,665	180	N/A	In Compliance
Grade 6	54,000	62,605	180	N/A	In Compliance
Grade 7	54,000	62,605	180	N/A	In Compliance
Grade 8	54,000	62,605	180	N/A	In Compliance

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL AND BUDGET REPORT
WITH AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	General Fund	Special Reserve for Postemployment Benefits Fund
June 30, 2018 Annual Financial and Budget Report Fund Balances	\$ 3,062,563	\$ 567,985
Reclassification Increasing (Decreasing) Fund Balances:		
Reclassification of Fund Balances	<u>567,985</u>	<u>(567,985)</u>
June 30, 2018 Audited Financial Statements Fund Balances	<u>\$ 3,630,547</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

Auditor's Comments

The fund balances of the General Fund and Special Reserve for Postemployment Benefits Fund have been combined for financial reporting purposes in accordance with GASB Statement No. 54.

The audited financial statements of all other funds were in agreement with the Annual Financial and Budget Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL TRENDS AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	GENERAL FUND			
	(Budget) 2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16
Revenues and Other Financial Sources	\$ 8,196,708	\$ 8,015,398	\$ 7,649,456	\$ 7,410,895
Expenditures	8,294,466	7,774,382	7,056,964	7,025,818
Other Uses and Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total Outgo	8,294,466	7,774,382	7,056,964	7,025,818
Change in Fund Balance	(97,758)	241,016	592,492	385,077
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 3,532,789	\$ 3,630,547	\$ 3,389,531	\$ 2,797,039
Available Reserves	\$ 2,734,032	\$ 2,621,174	\$ 2,722,208	\$ 2,013,388
Reserve for Economic Uncertainties *	\$ 2,734,032	\$ 2,621,174	\$ 2,722,208	\$ 2,013,388
Available Reserves as a Percentage of Total Outgo	33.0%	33.7%	38.6%	28.7%
Average Daily Attendance at P-2	383	369	368	372
Total Long-Term Liabilities **	\$ 29,664,811	\$ 30,429,852	\$ 30,128,841	\$ 28,399,495

* Reported balances are a component of available reserves.

** Reported balance for fiscal year 2016-17 has been adjusted to reflect the restatement discussed in Note 18.

The fund balance of the General Fund increased \$833,508 (29.8%) over the past two years. The fiscal year 2018-19 budget projects a decrease of \$97,758 (2.7%). For a district this size, the state recommends available reserves of at least 4% of total general fund expenditures, transfers out, and other uses (total outgo).

The District produced operating surpluses in each of the past three fiscal years.

Average daily attendance has decreased 3 ADA over the past two years. The District anticipates an increase of 14 ADA for the fiscal year 2018-19.

Total long-term liabilities increased \$2,030,357 over the past two years due primarily to the increase in the District's proportionate share of the net pension liabilities.

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

NOTE 1 - PURPOSE OF STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES

A. Combining Statements

Combining statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the District's basic financial statements. These statements present more detailed information about the financial position and financial activities of the District's individual funds.

B. Schedule of Average Daily Attendance

Average daily attendance is a measurement of the number of pupils attending classes of the District. The purpose of attendance accounting from a fiscal standpoint is to provide the basis on which apportionments of state funds are made to school districts. This schedule provides information regarding the attendance of students at various grade spans and in different programs.

C. Schedule of Instructional Time

The District participated in the Longer Day incentive funding program for the current fiscal year but did not meet its LCFF funding target. This schedule presents information on the instructional days provided and the amount of instructional time offered by the District and whether the District complied with Article 8 (commencing with Section 46200) of Chapter 2 of Part 26 of the Education Code.

D. Reconciliation of Annual Financial and Budget Report with Audited Financial Statements

This schedule provides the information necessary to reconcile the fund balances of all funds as reported in the Annual Financial and Budget Report to the audited financial statements.

E. Schedule of Financial Trends and Analysis

This schedule discloses the District's financial trends by displaying past years' data along with current year budget information. These financial trend disclosures are used to evaluate the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

OTHER INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS SECTION

STEPHEN ROATCH ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION
Certified Public Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON STATE COMPLIANCE

Governing Board
Ross School District
Ross, California

Report on State Compliance

We have audited Ross School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *2017-18 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Educational Agencies and State Compliance Reporting* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's state programs identified on the following page for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its state programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the District's state programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the *2017-18 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Educational Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*, prescribed in the *California Code of Regulations*, Title 5, section 19810 and following. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the District's state programs occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Ross School District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Ross School District's compliance with those requirements.

In connection with the audit referred to above, we selected and tested transactions and records to determine Ross School District's compliance with state laws and regulations applicable to the following items:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Procedures Performed</u>
Local Education Agencies Other Than Charter Schools:	
Attendance	Yes
Teacher Certification and Misassignments	Yes
Kindergarten Continuance	Yes
Independent Study	Not Applicable
Continuation Education	Not Applicable
Instructional Time	Yes
Instructional Materials	Yes
Ratio of Administrative Employees to Teachers	Yes
Classroom Teacher Salaries	Yes
Early Retirement Incentive	Not Applicable
Gann Limit Calculation	Yes
School Accountability Report Card	Yes
Juvenile Court Schools	Not Applicable
Middle or Early College High Schools	Not Applicable
K-3 Grade Span Adjustment	Yes
Transportation Maintenance of Effort	Yes
Apprenticeship: Related and Supplemental Instruction	Not Applicable
School Districts, County Offices of Education, and Charter Schools:	
Educator Effectiveness	Yes
California Clean Energy Jobs Act	Yes
After/Before School Education and Safety Program	Not Applicable
Proper Expenditure of Education Protection Account Funds	Yes
Unduplicated Local Control Funding Formula Pupil Counts	Yes
Local Control and Accountability Plan	Yes
Independent Study-Course Based	Not Applicable
Charter Schools:	
Attendance	Not Applicable
Mode of Instruction	Not Applicable
Nonclassroom-Based Instruction/Independent Study	Not Applicable
Determination of Funding for Nonclassroom-Based Instruction	Not Applicable
Annual Instructional Minutes - Classroom Based	Not Applicable
Charter School Facility Grant Program	Not Applicable

Opinion on State Compliance

In our opinion, Ross School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above for the year ended June 30, 2018.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance, which is required to be reported in accordance with the *2017-18 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Educational Agencies and State Compliance Reporting* and which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, as noted in **Finding 2018 - 001**. Our opinion on state compliance on the programs previously identified is not modified with respect to these matters.

District Response to Finding

The District's response to the noncompliance finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report on compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the *2017-18 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Educational Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Stephen Roatch Accountancy Corporation

STEPHEN ROATCH ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION
Certified Public Accountants

December 7, 2018

STEPHEN ROATCH ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION
Certified Public Accountants

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT
OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Governing Board
Ross School District
Ross, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Ross School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 7, 2018 that included an unmodified opinion on the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information and an adverse opinion on the discretely presented component unit. The report on the financial statements included an adverse opinion on the discretely presented component unit because the financial statements do not include financial data for the District's legally separate component unit. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the financial data for the component unit to be reported with the financial data of the District's primary government unless the District also issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for its component unit. The District has not issued such reporting entity financial statements.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Stephen Roatch Accountancy Corporation

STEPHEN ROATCH ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION
Certified Public Accountants

December 7, 2018

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS SECTION

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued:	Unmodified with Adverse Opinion on Discretely Presented Component Unit		
Internal control over financial reporting:			
Material weaknesses identified?	<u> </u> Yes	<u> X </u> No	
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?	<u> </u> Yes	<u> X </u> None reported	
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	<u> </u> Yes	<u> X </u> No	

State Awards

Any audit findings required to be reported in accordance with the <i>2017-18 Guide for Annual Audit of K-12 Local Educational Agencies and State Compliance Reporting?</i>	<u> X </u> Yes	<u> </u> No
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for state programs:	Unmodified	

**ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

There are no matters to report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

SECTION III - STATE AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

2018 - 001 / 40000

TRANSPORTATION MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT

<u>Criteria:</u>	In accordance with Education Code Section 42238.03(a)(6)(B), of the funds that a school district receives for home-to-school transportation programs, the school district shall expend no less for those programs than the amount of funds the school district expended for home-to-school transportation in the 2012-13 fiscal year.
<u>Condition:</u>	The District did not spend enough funds on home-to-school transportation, during fiscal year 2017-18, to comply with the transportation maintenance of effort requirement.
<u>Questioned Costs:</u>	\$4,676. (The amount of the expenditure shortfall)
<u>Context:</u>	The District was required to expend \$60,670 on home-to-school transportation during fiscal year 2017-18, however, the District only expended \$55,994, which represents the amount owed to a neighboring school district.
<u>Effect:</u>	The District did not comply with the maintenance of effort requirements of Education Code Section 42238.03(a)(6)(B).
<u>Cause:</u>	The District had no transportation needs during fiscal year 2017-18.
<u>Recommendation:</u>	The District should make sure that all costs properly chargeable to the transportation are properly recorded when transportation needs arise in the future.
<u>District Response:</u>	The District did not have any transportation needs during the 2017-18 school year. During the 2018-19 school year the District is expected to comply with the maintenance of effort requirement as the need for transportation services has arisen.

**ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

There were no matters reported in the prior year audit report.

APPENDIX D

COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Excellent and responsive fiscal leadership.

Roy Given, CPA
DIRECTOR

Mina Martinovich, CPA
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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December 4, 2018

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Subject: 2018/2019 Annual Statement of Investment Policy

Dear Board Members:

Recommendation: Pursuant to Government Code Section 53646, the following are submitted for review and approval:

- 2018/2019 Annual Statement of Investment Policy for funds managed by the Treasurer's office for the County, schools, college and Special Districts; and
- 2018/2019 Marin County Long-Term Investment Pool Policy for funds managed by the Treasurer's office for the Marin County General Fund;

Summary: There are no changes to the 2018/2019 Annual Statement of Investment Policy; it has been reviewed and monitored by the County Treasury Oversight Committee. The committee's membership is listed below. The authority for the committee and their responsibilities are contained in Government Codes sections 27130-27137.

Additionally, the 2018/2019 Annual Statement of Investment Policy is reviewed and monitored monthly by Fitch Ratings, an independent rating agency. Their report is attached. We continue with a rating of AAA/S1. The County's AAA rating has been maintained since 1994. The rating received is reflective of the outstanding work of the Treasury unit.

Alternative Recommendation: N/A

Reviewed by:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finance Department	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/> County Counsel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrator	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Respectfully submitted,

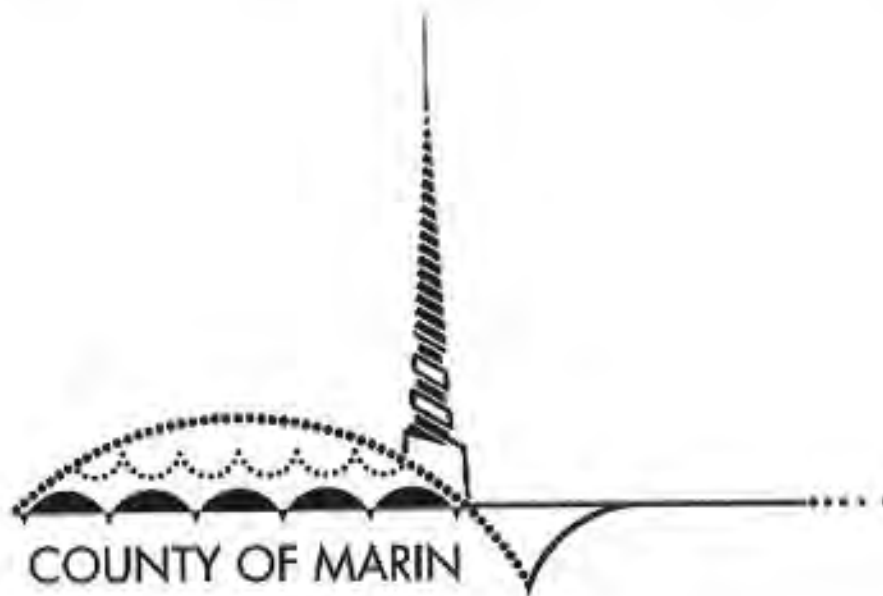
Roy Given
Director of Finance

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cc: Treasury Oversight Committee:

Matthew Hymel, County Administrator
Dan Eilerman, Alternate Representative, County Administrator
Mary Jane Burke, Marin County Superintendent of Schools
Dan Hom, Special Districts Representative
Mike Watenpaugh, San Rafael City Schools Superintendent
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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY



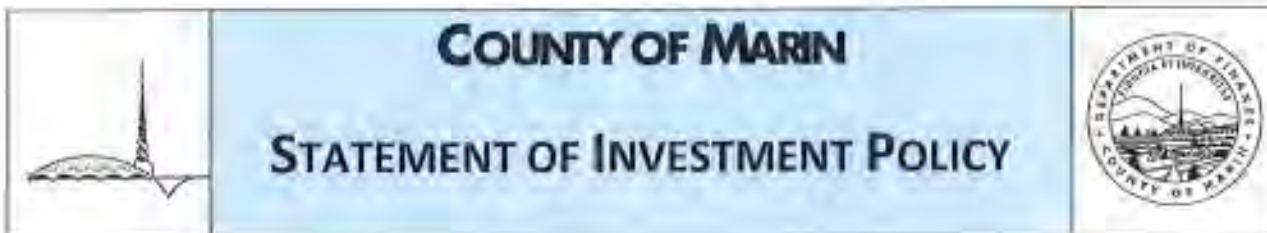
***Department of Finance
Roy Given, Director***

Fiscal Year 2018-2019



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Under the authority delegated to the Director of Finance by the Board of Supervisors and in accordance with the California Government Code, the following sets forth the investment policy of the County of Marin:

1. OBJECTIVES

All funds on deposit in the County Treasury shall be invested in accordance with the California Government Code Sections 53600 et seq. and Sections 53639 et seq. to ensure:

- (a) **Preservation of capital** through high quality investments and by continually evaluating the credit of financial institutions approved for investment transactions, and securities considered and held in safekeeping;
- (b) **Maintenance of sufficient liquidity** to enable the participants and other depositors to meet their operating requirements;
- (c) **A rate of return** consistent with the above objectives.

2. PARTICIPANTS

Participants in the Marin County Pool are defined as Marin County, Marin Public School Agencies, Marin Community College, Marin County Office of Education, districts under the control of the County Board of Supervisors, autonomous/independent districts whose treasurer is the Director of Finance and any other district or agency approved by the Board of Supervisors and the Director of Finance using the County of Marin as their fiscal agent.

- (a) **Statutory participants** are those government agencies within the County of Marin for which the Marin County Treasurer is statutorily designated as the Custodian of Funds.
- (b) **Voluntary participants** are other local agencies that may participate in the Pooled Investment Fund, such as special districts and cities for which the Marin County Treasurer is not statutorily designated as the Custodian of Funds. Participation is subject to approval by the Director of Finance, and in accordance with California Government Code Section 53684.



3. AUTHORIZED PERSONS

Authorized persons for investment purposes include principal staff as designated by the Director of Finance on the Authorized Investor List. Designated Principal Staff shall make all investment decisions. To minimize the risk of disrupting the day to day business activities, Principal Staff shall use separate means of travel to attend training and conferences.

All investment decisions shall be made with the care, skill, prudence and diligence, under the circumstances then prevailing, that a prudent person acting, as a trustee, in a like capacity and familiarity would use in the conduct of funds of a like character and with like aims, to safeguard the principal and maintain the liquidity needs of the participants.

4. BIDS & PURCHASE OF SECURITIES

Prior to the purchase of an investment pursuant to this policy the persons authorized to make investments shall assess the market and market prices using information obtained from available sources including investment services, broker/dealers, and the media. Bids for various investments shall be evaluated considering preservation of capital as the most important factor, liquidity as the second most important factor and thirdly, yield. Investments in commercial paper, bankers acceptances and certificates of deposit for each issuer shall be limited to five percent (5%) of Treasury assets, determined using the Treasury balance at the time of purchase, except that investments in overnight commercial paper shall be limited to seven percent (7%) of Treasury assets for any one issuer. The investment selected for purchase shall be that investment which in the opinion of the purchaser most clearly meets these objectives. All security transactions shall be documented at the time the transaction is consummated.

5. TERM

Maturities of investments in the Marin County Treasury Pool shall be selected based upon liquidity requirements. The maximum remaining term to maturity for an investment shall be three (3) years; except that, subject to the limitations set forth in Sections 53601 et seq. and 53635 et seq. of the California Government Code, the Director of Finance may authorize investments in U.S. Treasury obligations and/or U.S. and local agency obligations with a maximum remaining term to maturity that shall not exceed five (5) years. The weighted average maturity of the investment pool, to be determined at the time of purchase, shall not exceed 540 days to final maturity/call.



Capital Funds, Construction Funds, or money obtained through the sale of agency surplus property, may be invested by the Director of Finance in specific investments outside of the Pool provided the Director of Finance obtains written approval from the governing board of the County, School District or Special District. No investment shall have a remaining maturity in excess of five (5) years.

Proceeds of Debt Issues set aside for repayment of any County, School District, or Special District financings shall not be invested for a term that exceeds the term set forth in the financing documents.

6. ALLOWED INVESTMENTS

Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 53601 et seq. and 53635 et seq., the County Director of Finance may invest in the following subject to the limitations as set forth:

- (a) **United States Treasury obligations.**
- (b) **United States Agency obligations.**
- (c) **Securities of U.S. Government Agencies & Instrumentalities**
- (d) **State of California Bonds and Registered Warrants.**
- (e) **Bonds, Notes, Warrants** or other evidence of indebtedness of a **local agency** within the State of California.
- (f) **Bankers acceptances** not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days to maturity or at the time of purchase thirty percent (30%) of the treasury fund balance.
- (g) **Commercial paper** of "prime" quality of the highest letter and numerical rating as provided for by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., or Standard and Poor's Corporation, to be chosen from among corporations organized and operating within the United States with assets in excess of \$500,000,000.00 and having an "A" or higher rating for the issuer's debt, other than commercial paper, as provided for by Moody's Investors Service or Standard and Poor's Corporation. Purchases of eligible commercial paper may not exceed two hundred seventy (270) days in maturity and may not exceed forty percent (40%) of the treasury fund balance.
- (h) **Negotiable certificates of deposit** issued by a nationally or state-chartered bank, a state or federal association or by a state-licensed branch of a foreign bank selected on the basis of financial stability and credit rating criteria employed by the County Director of Finance. Negotiable certificates of deposit may not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the treasury fund balance.



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i) **Non-negotiable certificates of deposit (Time Deposits)** with a nationally or state-chartered bank or a state or federal association selected on the basis of financial stability, credit rating and reputation using criteria employed by the County Director of Finance fully collateralized at one hundred ten percent (110%) of market value with U.S. Government Securities, high-grade Municipal Bonds, instruments of federal agencies, including mortgage backed securities at one hundred fifty percent (150%) of market value with promissory notes secured by first deeds of trust upon improved residential real property as provided by the Government Code.

(j) **Medium-term Notes** rated "A" or better, to be chosen from among corporations with assets in excess of \$500,000,000.00 with a maturity not to exceed two years from the date of purchase. Purchase of eligible medium-term notes may not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the treasury fund balance.

(k) **Shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies**, which are money market funds investing in securities and obligations as authorized by this investment policy. To be eligible for investment these companies shall attain the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating provided by no less than two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations and have assets under management in excess of \$500,000,000.00. The purchase price may not include any commissions that these companies may charge, and the purchase of shares in any one mutual fund may not exceed ten percent (10%) of the treasury balance and the total invested may not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the treasury balance. Shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies may include shares in investment trusts established under provisions of the California Joint Exercise of Powers Act.

(l) **Repurchase agreements** on any investment authorized by this investment policy where the term of the agreement does not exceed one year. The market value of securities that underlay a repurchase agreement shall be valued at one hundred two percent (102%) or greater of the funds borrowed against those securities, and the value shall be adjusted daily. The County Director of Finance or designee must approve any collateral substitution by the seller, and any new collateral should be reasonably identical to the original collateral in terms of maturity, yield, quality and liquidity.

(m) **California State Local Agency Investment Pool (LAIF)** operated by the State Treasurer's office.



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(n) **Financial Institution Investment Accounts** All funds on deposit with the County shall be managed by the Director of Finance. The Director of Finance may, at his option, at the time of placement, place not more than five percent (5%) of the Treasury assets at the time of investment with a financial institution for the purpose of managing such funds. Securities eligible for purchase by the financial institution are limited to United States Treasury and Agency obligations with a "AAA" credit quality rating, must be held in the County's name in a third party custody account, may not have a remaining maturity in excess of three (3) years, and the account shall have an average maturity of 1.5 years or less. All security transactions shall be supervised and approved by designated staff on the Authorized Investor List.

Where a percentage limitation is specified for a particular category of investments, that percentage is applicable only at the time of purchase.

7. **PROHIBITED INVESTMENTS**

(a) The County Director of Finance **shall not invest** in any **Derivatives** such as inverse floaters, range notes, or interest only strips that are derived from a pool of mortgages or any security bearing a rate of interest which is not known at the time of purchase.

(b) The County Director of Finance shall not invest any funds in any security that could result in **zero interest accrual** if held to maturity or where there is a risk of loss of principal when held to maturity.

(c) **Reverse repurchase agreements**, securities lending agreements and all other investments that are not specifically allowed by this investment policy are prohibited.

(d) In accordance with Marin County's Nuclear Freeze Ordinance Measure "A" (Exhibit 1) as approved by the voters on November 4, 1986, the County is prohibited from investing in securities or other obligations of any corporation or business entity which is a **nuclear weapons contractor**.

Furthermore, said corporations or business entities that the County Director of Finance does invest in must file an affidavit as required by Measure "A" Section VI. B certifying that neither it, nor its parent company, affiliates or subsidiaries are nuclear weapons contractors. A copy of each affidavit received shall be sent to the Peace Commission.



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8. BROKERS

Broker/dealers shall be selected by the Director of Finance upon recommendation by the Investment Officer or designated principal staff on the Authorized Investor List. Selection of broker/dealers shall be based upon the following criteria: the reputation and financial strength of the company or financial institution and the reputation and expertise of the individuals employed. The Director of Finance shall be prohibited from selecting any broker, brokerage firm, dealer, or securities firm that has, within any 48 consecutive month period following January 1, 1996, made a political contribution in an amount exceeding the limitations contained in Rule G-37 of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, any member of the Board of Supervisors, any member of the governing board of a local agency having funds held in the County Treasury, or any candidate for those offices. The broker/dealers shall be provided with and acknowledge receipt of the County Investment Policy.

9. WITHDRAWALS

No withdrawals from the Marin County Pool shall be made for the purpose of investing and or depositing those funds outside the pool without the prior approval of the Marin County Director of Finance. The Director of Finance shall evaluate each proposed withdrawal to assess the effect the withdrawal will have upon the stability and predictability of the investments in the County Treasury. Approval shall be given unless the withdrawal will adversely affect the interests of the other depositors. Requests for withdrawals for the purpose of investing or depositing funds outside the pool shall be made in writing at least ten (10) business days in advance of the proposed withdrawal date. Notice in writing of at least five (5) business days shall be required for withdrawals in excess of \$250,000.00 for loan repayments, capital expenditures and any expenditure not in the ordinary course of operations.

10. SWAPS

Securities can be swapped for other approved securities with similar maturity schedules to gain higher rates of return. When a swap involves a change in liquidity, future cash needs shall be conservatively estimated.

11. LOSSES

Losses are acceptable on a sale before maturity, and may be taken if the reinvestment proceeds will earn an income flow with a present value higher than the present value of the income flow that would have been generated by the original investment, considering any investment loss or foregoing interest on the original investment.



12. DELIVERY & SAFEKEEPING

Delivery of all securities shall be through a third party custodian. Non-negotiable certificates of deposit and notes of local agencies may be held in the Director of Finance's safe. The County's safekeeping agent shall hold all other securities. No security shall be held in safekeeping by the broker/dealer from whom it was purchased. Settlement payment in a securities transaction will be against delivery only, and a Due Bill or other substitution will not be acceptable. Persons authorized under section three (3) who did not originate the investment transaction shall review all confirmations for conformity with the original transaction. Confirmations resulting from securities purchased under a repurchase agreement shall state the exact and complete nomenclature of the underlying securities purchased.

13. APPORTIONMENT OF INTEREST & COSTS

Interest shall be apportioned to all pool participants quarterly based upon the ratio of the average daily balance of each individual fund to the average daily balance of all funds in the investment pool. The amount of interest apportioned shall be determined using the cash method of accounting whereby interest will be apportioned for the quarter in which it was actually received. The Director of Finance shall deduct from the gross interest received those actual administrative costs relating to the management of the treasury including salaries and other compensation, banking costs, equipment purchased, supplies, costs of information services, audits and any other costs as provided by Section 27013 of the Government Code.

14. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A member of the county treasury oversight committee, the County Director of Finance or County employees working in the Treasurer's office shall not accept honoraria, gifts, and gratuities from advisors, brokers, dealers, bankers, or other persons with whom the county treasury conducts business, consistent with state law.

15. AUDITS

The County of Marin investment portfolio shall be subject to a process of independent review by the County's external auditors. The County's external auditors shall review the investment portfolio in connection with the annual county audit for compliance with the statement of investment policy pursuant to Government Code Section 27134. The results of the audit shall be reported annually to the Director of Finance and the Marin County Treasury Oversight Committee.

15.1 Compliance Audit: Government Code Section 27134

The Treasury Oversight Committee shall cause an annual audit to be conducted to determine the County Treasury's compliance with Article 8 of the Government Code. This audit may include issues relating to the structure of the investment portfolio and risk.



16. REVIEW

The Director of Finance and designated staff will perform a monthly review of the investment function.

17. REPORTS

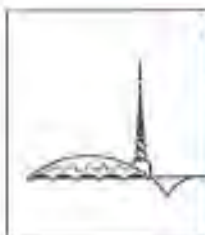
The Director of Finance shall prepare a monthly report listing all investments in the County Pool as of the last day of the month and a report of the average days to maturity and yield of investments in the County Pool. The Director of Finance shall also prepare a monthly report for all non-pooled investments. These reports shall be distributed to the Marin County Board of Supervisors, Superintendent of Schools, Marin Public School Agencies, Special Districts, non-pooled investors, the County's investment oversight committee, and any other participant upon request.

18. INVESTMENT POLICY

The County Director of Finance shall prepare and submit an annual statement of investment policy to the Board of Supervisors.

19. TREASURY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Consistent with State law the County has established a Treasury Oversight Committee. The Committee includes representatives from the County of Marin, Superintendent of Schools' Office, School Districts and Special Districts. The Committee shall review and monitor the Investment Policy as contained in California Government Code Sections 27130 – 27137.



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20. *DISASTER /BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN*

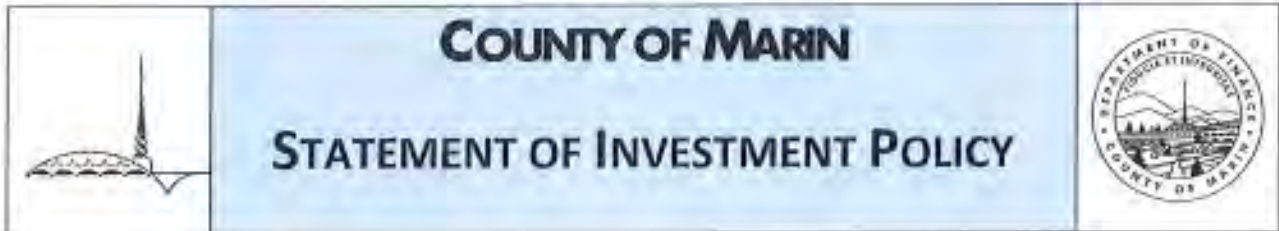
The County of Marin's banking and investment functions are mission critical and as such, the office must have a business continuity plan.

The goal of a disaster/business recovery plan is to protect and account for all funds on deposit with the county treasury and to be able to continue our banking and investment functions for all participants in the event of an occurrence (Earthquake, Fire, Pandemic or other event) which disrupt normal operations. Our plan provides for the ability to perform our banking and investment function at an off-site location under less than optimal conditions and, if needed, even outside our county.

In the event of an occurrence which precludes staff from being able to operate from our office, the attached plan (exhibit 2) will be activated. The plan includes:

- Scope
- Chain of Command
- Continuity Procedure
- Functions and Tasks to be performed
- Equipment and Emergency Packets
- Disaster Assignment
- Off-site locations

Normal processes may be modified in response to an occurrence. However, the county's investment policy shall be strictly followed.



Dated: July 1, 2018

Roy Given
Director of Finance

Reviewed and monitored by Marin Treasury Oversight Committee on
November 5, 2018

Approved by Marin County Board of Supervisors on
December 4, 2018

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 Marin County Nuclear Freeze Ordinance

Exhibit 2 Disaster/Business Continuity Plan

Exhibit 3 Authorized Investor List

MARIN COUNTY NUCLEAR FREEZE ORDINANCE

23.12.030 Prohibition against nuclear weapons, materials, and county contracts and investments.

The county of Marin is declared to be a nuclear-free zone.

(a) No person shall knowingly engage in any activity within the county, the purpose of which is the applied research, development, production, transport, deployment, launching, testing, maintenance or storage of nuclear weapons or components of nuclear weapons. Nor shall any person store, use, transport, or dispose of special nuclear material or nuclear waste within the jurisdiction of the county.

(b) The transportation of nuclear weapons, their fissionable components, and weapons-related nuclear material and wastes through the county on roadways, waterways, or in airspace regulated by preemptive state or federal law, in the interest of public health and safety, is subject to the following restriction:

(1) As to roadways which are within the exclusive jurisdiction of the county, transportation of such materials is prohibited.

(2) As to roadways which are demonstrably within the jurisdiction of the state or federal government, the county board of supervisors shall post as a regular monthly notice, once each month, in a newspaper of general circulation within the county the fullest description possible of any shipment of such material that has occurred that previous month, transported through or across the county by any means of transportation whatsoever.

(c) The county, nor any agent thereof, shall not make any contract with, or investments in, any nuclear weapons contractor.

(d) The county board of supervisors shall adopt a "peace conversion plan," and shall, within ninety days of the enactment of this chapter, establish a county peace conversion commission of not less than three or more than five members, which shall be comprised of volunteers from the community. The purpose of said commission shall be to divest the county, as a government entity, within two years of the adoption of the ordinance codified in this chapter, of all such existing prohibited investments or contracts held by it. Said commission shall:

(1) Conduct studies of existing county contracts and public fund investments with nuclear weapons contractors, and determine in which cases any reasonable alternative contract or investment exists, in a manner consistent with prudent investment policy, and mindful of the intent and purpose of this chapter. The commission shall further make regular reports to the county board of supervisors concerning the progress of said divestiture, listing the book value of remaining investments in nuclear weapons contractors.

(2) Identify those businesses presently existing and operating in the county, and those who have made application to the county, who are nuclear weapons contractors. The commission will be responsible for conducting a timely phase-out of nuclear weapons contractors from the county, and for insuring the smooth conversion of Marin County businesses to alternative work that is more consistent with the public welfare. For this purpose the commission shall solicit testimony from the public.

(Ord. 2924 § 4, 1986)

23.12.040 Exclusions.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit:

(a) Any activity not specifically described in this chapter;

(b) Research in and application of nuclear medicine or other pure research unrelated to nuclear weapons;

(c) Beneficial or peaceful uses of the technology such as smoke detectors, light-emitting watches and clocks, and other consumer products; or

(d) Activities of the federal and state governments that are preempted by existing law.

(Ord. 2924 § 5, 1986)

23.12.050 Notice and enforcement.

(a) The county is directed to install and maintain appropriate signs to be displayed at each ferry terminal, at Gross Field Airport, and on all the major roads leading into the county, at or near the county line, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) U. S. Highway 101 (both ends);
- (2) State Highway 1 (both ends);
- (3) State Highway 17;
- (4) State Highway 37;
- (5) Fallon-Two Rock Road;
- (6) Tomales-Petaluma Road;
- (7) Chileno Valley Road;
- (8) Marshall-Petaluma Road;
- (9) Point Reyes-Petaluma Road; Identifying Marin as a nuclear-free zone and making reference to this chapter. Further, the county must notify the federal government and other appropriate authorities that this law has been enacted.

(b) Before any further public funds shall be invested by the county in the stock, securities or other obligations of any corporation or business entity, the county board of supervisors shall require that said corporation or business submit to the peace conversion commission an affidavit certifying that neither it, nor its parent company, affiliates or subsidiaries are nuclear weapons contractors.

(c) The county is directed to require of each city incorporated within Marin County that, in addition to any other information deemed necessary by its business license officer, that any application for a business license within a city in the county shall state whether or not said business is a nuclear weapons contractor.

(d) Each violation of this chapter shall be punishable by up to one-year imprisonment and/or a fine of up to five thousand dollars. Each day of violation shall be deemed a separate violation. Residents of Marin shall also have the right to enforce this chapter by appropriate civil actions for declaratory or injunctive relief. Reasonable attorneys' fees in enforcing this chapter shall be awarded as is appropriate.

(Ord. 2924 § 6, 1986)

Chapter 23.13. PEACE CONVERSION COMMISSION

Sections:

23.13.010 Findings.

23.13.030 Review of purchases and investments.

23.13.040 Affidavit required.

23.13.050 Alternative products and exceptions.

23.13.060 Designation of nuclear weapons contractors.

23.13.070 Hearing.

23.13.080 Emergencies.

23.13.010 Findings.

Chapter 23.12 of this Code was enacted by the voters of the County of Marin by the initiative process. The County of Marin desires to establish procedures for hearings to be conducted by the peace conversion commission, in order to promote and enhance the purpose of chapter 23.12 while safeguarding the constitutional rights of individuals and organizations affected thereby.

(Ord. 2979 § 1, 1988; Ord. 2963 § 1 (part), 1987)

23.13.030 Review of purchases and investments.

The names of any company with which the county contracts, or in which the county treasurer invests, shall be provided to the peace conversion commission. If the commission, on the basis of its review of the names of such companies, determines by majority vote of the commissioners present that any of the companies may be deemed to be a nuclear weapons contractor, the commission shall send any such company a preliminary affidavit. The preliminary

affidavit shall request information adequate for the peace conversion commission to determine whether the company is, at the time it completes the affidavit, per the criteria in Marin County's Nuclear Free Zone Law, a nuclear weapons contractor.

If the company does not provide a reply within forty-five days of the affidavit having been sent to it, or if the company does provide a reply which contains information that the commission determines, by majority vote of the commissioners, that the company is, pursuant to the criteria in Marin County's Nuclear Free Zone Law, a nuclear weapons contractor, then the commission shall provide all county departments which arrange contracts and investments with the name of that company. Thereafter, the county shall refrain from entering into any contracts with, or investments in, the companies deemed to be nuclear weapons contractors, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(Ord. 3368 § 1, 2003; Ord. 3205 § 1, 1994; Ord. 3194 § 1, 1994; Ord. 2979 § 3, 1988; Ord. 2963 § 1 (part), 1987)

(Ord. No. 3502, § 1, 2008)

23.13.040 Affidavit required.

If county departments have been notified by the peace conversion commission to refrain from contracting with, or investing in, a company, in accordance with section 23.13.030 of this chapter, the county departments shall not thereafter do so without first procuring an affidavit from such company. The affidavit shall request information adequate for the peace conversion commission to determine whether the company is, pursuant to the criteria in Marin County's Nuclear Free Zone Law, at the time it completes the affidavit, a nuclear weapons contractor.

If the company does not provide a reply within forty-five days of the affidavit having been sent to it, or if the company does provide a reply which contains information that the commission determines, by majority vote of the commissioners, shows that the company is, pursuant to the criteria in Marin County's Nuclear Free Zone Law, a nuclear weapons contractor, the county shall not, except as provided for in this chapter arrange to contract with, or invest in that company.

(Ord. 3368 § 2, 2003; Ord. 3290 § 1, 1998; Ord. 3194 § 2, 1994; Ord. 2979 § 4, 1988; Ord. 2963 § 1 (part), 1987)

(Ord. No. 3502, § II, 2008)

23.13.050 Alternative products and exceptions.

(a) **Alternative products.** If the commission finds that a company is a nuclear weapons contractor, or if the company does not return the prescribed affidavit, but the county desires to proceed with the contract or investment, the county shall request the peace conversion commission to determine whether a reasonable alternative to the proposed product, service or investment is available from a company that has not been deemed to be a nuclear weapons contractor. If the commission determines that no reasonable alternative is available, it will, within twenty days notify the county that it may enter into the contract or investment requested. If the commission does not, within twenty days, act on a department's request, the transaction may be completed. If the commission identifies what it considers to be a reasonable alternative product, service or investment, which is available from a nonnuclear weapons entity, and if such an alternative is also considered reasonable by the county involved, the county shall carry out the transaction with the entity not deemed to be a nuclear weapons contractor. If the county department involved does not consider the product, service or investment provided by the commission-recommended, nonnuclear weapons entity to be a reasonable alternative to that provided by the company deemed to be a nuclear weapons contractor, the county may appeal to the board of supervisors. The decision of the board of supervisors shall be final.

(b) **Urgency situations.** In the event that a county department considers the need to arrange a transaction to be too urgent to wait for a regularly scheduled meeting of the peace conversion commission, the department may contact the chair or vice chair of the peace conversion commission to request immediate permission to complete a transaction. Under appropriate circumstances of urgency, the chair or vice chair may grant such permission. All such urgency grantings will be reported to the commission at its next regular meeting.

(c) If a contract is required by state or federal law to be let by competitive bidding to the lowest responsive bidder, such contract shall be deemed to have no reasonable alternative without the necessity of applying to the commission for permission to enter into the contract.
(Ord. 3365 § 3, 2003; Ord. 3290 § 2, 1989; Ord. 2963 § 1 (part), 1987)

23.13.060 Designation of nuclear weapons contractors.

All affidavits shall be filed with the peace conversion commission immediately upon receipt, along with a complete description of the transaction. If the commission, or its designated representative, believes that, notwithstanding execution of the affidavit, a contractor, vendor, corporation or business entity is a nuclear weapons contractor, the commission shall, within fifteen working days following receipt of the affidavit or affidavits, notify the director of purchasing or the county treasurer that it challenges the affidavit or affidavits. The notice shall specify the facts and evidence upon which the commission's challenge is premised. The director of purchasing, the county treasurer or the contractor, vendor, corporation or business entity may, within ten days of the notification, request in writing, a hearing before the commission. If a hearing is not requested, the commission's challenge shall be deemed justified and the transaction may not be completed or continued. Failure to request a hearing for any particular transaction shall not be deemed a waiver of the right to request a hearing with respect to any other transaction.
(Ord. 3194 § 3, 1994; Ord. 2979 § 5, 1988; Ord. 2963 § 1 (part), 1987)

23.13.070 Hearing.

The commission shall, upon receipt of a request for hearing, schedule the hearing not later than ten working days thereafter. The party who requests the hearing shall be entitled, as a matter of right, to a continuance of not more than ten working days to allow the party to investigate the commission's data and procure witnesses.

The hearing shall be public and shall be conducted before the commission or a committee thereof, as determined by the commission.

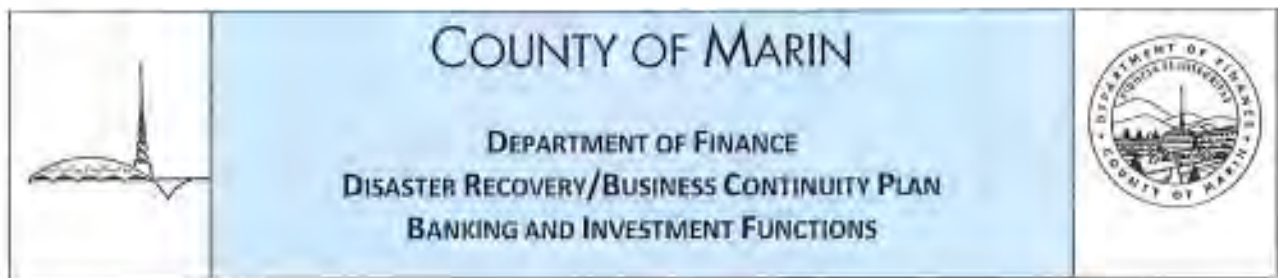
The presiding officer of the commission shall conduct the hearing and determine all questions of evidence and procedure. The hearing shall be conducted and evidence received and considered in accordance with the provisions of Government Code, Sections 11513 and 11514, insofar as they are applicable. The commission shall have the burden of proof and the burden of going forward with evidence.

Within three days following the conclusion of the hearing, the commission shall render a decision and set forth the basis for its decision in writing.

Any person aggrieved by a decision of the commission may appeal its decision to the board of supervisors by filing a written appeal with the clerk of the board within ten working days from the date of rendition of the commission's decision. The board of supervisors shall consider the matter de novo, and its decision shall be final.
(Ord. 2963 § 1 (part), 1987)

23.13.080 Emergencies.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to contracts which involve essential products during an emergency which poses an immediate threat to life, public safety or property.
(Ord. 2979 § 6, 1988; Ord. 2963 § 1 (part), 1987)



Scope

The County of Marin's banking and investment functions are mission critical. As such, the Treasurer's office must have a Disaster/Business Continuity Plan in place. In the event we are unable to operate from our office, the plan shall be activated. Periodically, the plan shall be tested.

The plan's goal is to protect and account for all funds on deposit with the county and to be able to continue our banking and investment functions for all participants in the event of occurrence (earthquake, fire, pandemic, or other event) which disrupts normal operations.

Chain of Command

The chain of command shall be in the order of "authorized persons" as identified in the Statement of Investment Policy, item 3.

Continuity Procedure

In the event we are unable to conduct normal business operations, the authorized persons shall interact with one another by home phone, email or cell to decide on the alternate location. If unable to contact one another, the authorized persons shall through the county's office of emergency services establish contact with one another.

Functions & Tasks to be Performed

Recognizing we may be operating in less than optimal conditions, the primary functions are to protect and continue to account for all funds on deposit with the county. While normal processes may be modified, the investment policy shall be strictly followed.

Tasks to be performed include:

- ◆ Daily cash work up
- ◆ Investment of maturing securities and any daily deposits after making an allowance for checks/wires expected to clear
- ◆ Daily cash and bank reconciliation
- ◆ For deposits, the treasurer's office will notify county departments, special districts and schools of any changes to their deposit location. Deposits to any account other than those established by the treasurer's office are prohibited.
- ◆ Disbursement activity will be coordinated with the County Director of Finance

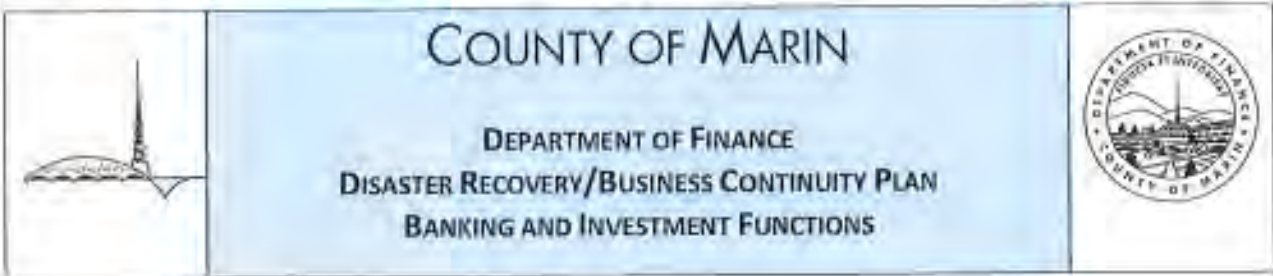


Equipment and Emergency Packets

The Authorized Investor List shall designate authorized staff to have the following equipment such that either of them may carry out the plan. In the event none of the authorized persons are able to respond, the county's office of Emergency Services shall have a copy of this plan in a secured location within their office. All policies and procedures of this plan shall be provided to the County Administrator and County Director of Finance.

The following equipment and items for the emergency packets are:

- ◆ Laptop with wi-fi connectivity
- ◆ All software that is currently in use shall be loaded on each laptop and be set up for remote access.
- ◆ Copy of the Investment Policy and the Disaster/Continuity Recovery Plan
- ◆ Updated monthly report of investments
- ◆ Sign on instructions to access the county's financial accounting system, online banking and securities safekeeping
- ◆ Listing of the home phones and addresses, cell, email addresses of the "authorized persons" and treasury staff. Listings shall also include the County Administrator, County Director of Finance, County Counsel and the Office of Emergency Services.
- ◆ Bank, Authorized Broker/Dealers, Bloomberg and Security Safekeeping names, contact numbers including fax and addresses
- ◆ All district, county and school bank signature cards
- ◆ Contact names, numbers, email and addresses of each agency whose funds are held within the county.
- ◆ Emergency check stock will be housed in the Office of Emergency Services located at 1600 Los Gatos Drive (50 checks)*



Disaster Assignment

The "authorized persons" in the treasurer's office including support staff are to be considered official Disaster workers and are assigned to support our Disaster/Business Recovery Plan. Each shall have on their possession their County of Marin Identification Card.

The level of disruption and assigned work location will be determined by the Director of Finance, or those individuals indicated on the Authorized Investor List. All related costs shall be absorbed by the Treasurer's office and reimbursed pursuant to Government section 27013.

In all cases, the safety of treasury personnel is paramount. In no event should our alternate location or alternate procedure be employed if doing such would put an individual in danger.

* Emergency checks are issued from a separate account which is linked to the County's main account. These checks are to be used only if this plan is activated and the county is unable to issue payments. Authorized signers for these checks are designated on the Deposit Account Documentation Signature Card and include the Director of Finance, those individuals authorized under the Authorized Investor List and the County Administrator. In the event that check stock cannot be accessed, electronic payments through the County's banking services can be originated.

Failing the ability to operate from our office, our operations will move in this order of priority:

- ◆ Location determined by the County Office of Emergency Services or County Administrator
- ◆ A bank operation center as authorized by our Global Banking Client Manager (which may be reside outside the County Marin)



TREASURER

DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

AUTHORIZED INVESTOR LIST COUNTY OF MARIN

FY 2018-2019

Effective: Oct 1, 2018

Investment Purposes:

1. To make investment decisions
2. To recommend brokers
3. To perform a review of the investment function

Authorized Persons:

Authorized to make investment decisions for with a maturity of up to five years:

- Roy Given * Director of Finance

Authorized to make investment decisions for with a maturity of up to three years:

- Karen Shaw * Division Chief, Finance
- Mina Martinovich Assistant Director of Finance

Authorized to make investment decisions for short term investments with a maturity of up to six months (180) days:


- Sandra Arebalo * Senior Accountant –Treasury

Authorized to make investment decisions for short term investments with a maturity of up to ninety (90) days:

- Anu Bagchi Division Chief, Accounting

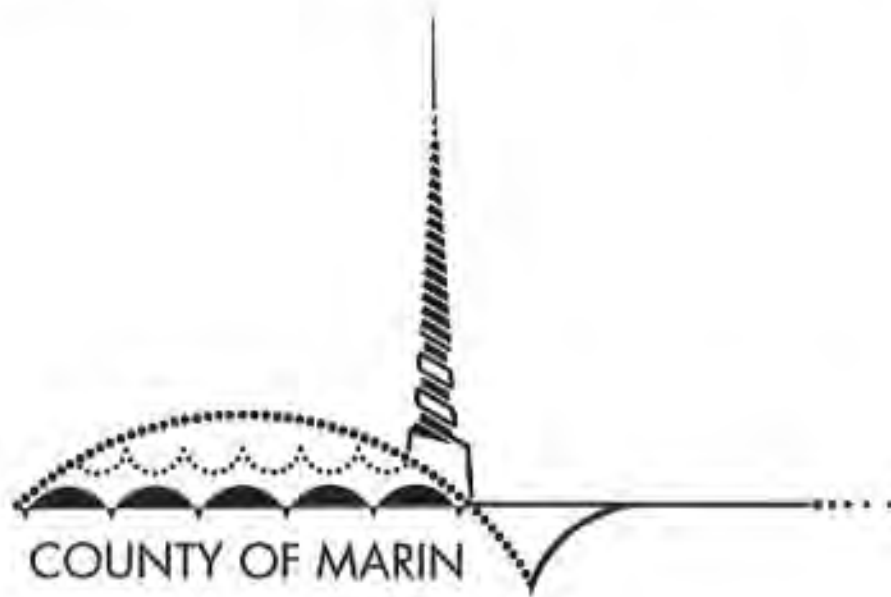
**Authorized for equipment and emergency packets as defined under the Disaster/Business Continuity Plan*

Approved:

 10/30/18

Roy Given Date
Director of Finance

MARIN COUNTY LONG-TERM INVESTMENT POOL
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY



Department of Finance
Roy Given, Director

Fiscal Year 2018-2019



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Under the authority delegated to the Director of Finance by the Board of Supervisors and in accordance with the California Government Code, the following sets forth the investment policy of the County of Marin Long-Term Investment Pool:

1. OBJECTIVES

All funds on deposit in the Marin County Long-Term Investment Pool shall be invested in accordance with the California Government Code Sections 53600 et seq. and Sections 53639 et seq. to ensure:

- (a) **Preservation of capital** through high quality investments and by continually evaluating the credit of financial institutions approved for investment transactions, and securities considered and held in safekeeping;
- (b) Maintenance of sufficient **liquidity** to enable the participants and other depositors to meet their operating requirements that may be reasonably anticipated; and
- (c) Attaining a market **rate of return** throughout budgetary and economic cycles, consistent with the above objectives.

2. PARTICIPANT

The participant in the Marin County Long-Term Investment Pool is the Marin County General Fund.

3. AUTHORIZED PERSONS

Authorized persons for investment purposes include principal staff as designated by the Director of Finance on the Authorized Investor List. Designated Principal Staff shall make all investment decisions. To minimize the risk of disrupting the day-to-day business activities, Principal Staff shall use separate means of travel to attend training and conferences.

All investment decisions shall be made with the care, skill, prudence and diligence, under the circumstances then prevailing, that a prudent person acting, as a trustee, in a like capacity and familiarly would use in the conduct of funds of a like character and with like aims, to safeguard the principal and maintain the liquidity needs of the participant.



COUNTY OF MARIN

LONG-TERM INVESTMENT POOL

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY



4. INVESTMENTS

Prior to investing pursuant to this policy the persons authorized to make investments shall assess the market and market pricing information obtained from available sources and the media. Investments shall be evaluated considering preservation of capital as the most important factor, liquidity as the second most important factor, and thirdly, yield. Any investment selected shall be that investment which in the opinion of the purchaser most clearly meets these objectives. All transactions shall be documented at the time the transaction is consummated.

5. TERM

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 53601, where this section does not specify a limitation on the term or remaining maturity at the time of the investment, no investment shall be made in any security that at the time of the investment has a term remaining to maturity in excess of five years, unless the legislative body has granted express authority to make that investment either specifically or as a part of an investment program approved by the legislative body no less than three months prior to the investment. The approval of this Long Term Investment Policy on an annual basis by the Legislative Board (Marin County Board of Supervisors) authorizes investments of no more than 10 years for bonds, notes, warrants, or other evidences of indebtedness of a local agency within the County of Marin, including bonds or notes payable solely out of the revenues from a revenue-producing property owned, controlled, or operated by the County, or by a department, board, agency, or authority of the County.

6. ALLOWED INVESTMENTS

Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 53601 et seq. and 53635 et seq., the County Director of Finance may directly purchase the following, subject to the limitations as set forth:

Bonds, Notes, Warrants or other evidence of indebtedness of a **local agency** within the County of Marin, California.

The interest rate of any indebtedness pursuant to the preceding paragraph shall be based on the key rate of Prime plus 1 percent as determined by Bloomberg on the date the Department of Finance approves the purchase of the indebtedness.



7. APPORTIONMENT OF INTEREST & COSTS

Interest shall be apportioned to the General Fund annually based upon the ratio of the average daily balance of each individual fund to the average daily balance of all funds in the investment pool. The amount of interest apportioned shall be determined using the cash method of accounting, whereby interest will be apportioned for the year in which it was actually received. The Director of Finance shall deduct from the gross interest received those actual administrative costs relating to the management of the treasury including salaries and other compensation, banking costs, equipment purchased, supplies, costs of information services, audits and any other costs as provided by Section 27013 of the Government Code.

8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Director of Finance and County employees working in the Treasurer's office shall not accept honoraria, gifts, and gratuities from advisors, brokers, dealers, bankers, or other person with whom the County Treasury conducts business, that are in violation of state law.

9. AUDITS

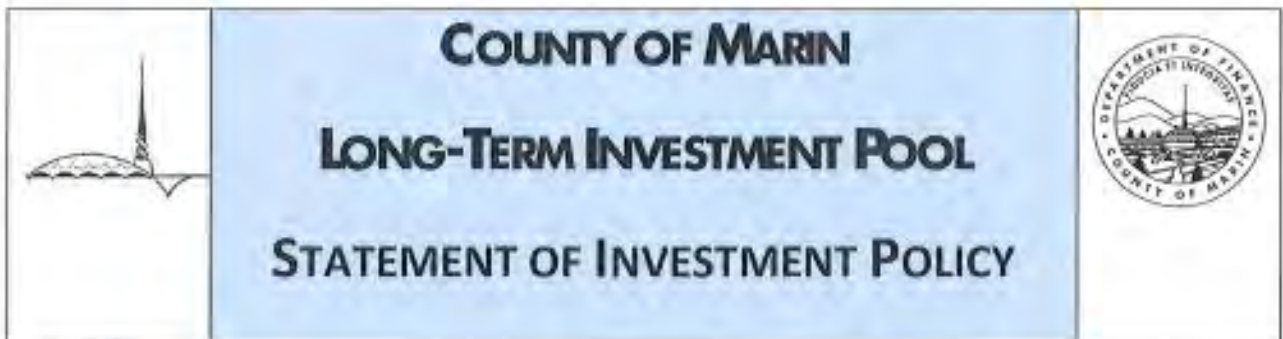
The County of Marin investment portfolio, which includes both the County of Marin investment pool and the Long-Term investment pool, shall be subject to a process of independent review by the County's external auditors. Such audit will include tests deemed appropriate by the auditor pursuant to Government Code Section 27134. The results of the audit shall be reported annually to the Director of Finance and the Board of Supervisors.

10. REVIEW

The Director of Finance and designated staff will perform a monthly review of the investment function.

11. REPORTS

The Director of Finance shall prepare an annual report, listing all investments in the County Pool as of the last day of the fiscal year and a report of the average days to maturity and yield of investments in the County of Marin Long Term Investment Pool.



12. INVESTMENT POLICY

The Director of Finance shall prepare and submit an annual statement of investment policy to the Board of Supervisors.

APPENDIX E
FORM OF OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL

[Letterhead of Quint & Thimmig LLP]

[Closing Date]

Board of Trustees of the
Ross School District
9 Lagunitas Road
Ross, California 94957

OPINION: \$3,000,000* Ross School District (Marin County, California) 2019 General Obligation Refunding Bonds

Members of the Board of Trustees:

We have acted as bond counsel to the Ross School District (the “District”) in connection with the issuance by the District of \$3,000,000* principal amount of its Ross School District (Marin County, California) 2019 General Obligation refunding Bonds (the “Bonds”), pursuant to the provisions of Articles 9 and 11 of Chapter 3 (commencing with section 53550) of Division 2 of Title 5 of the California Government Code (collectively, the “Act”) and a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District on October 23, 2019 (the “Resolution”). We have examined the law and such certified proceedings and other papers as we deemed necessary to render this opinion.

As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied upon representations of the District contained in the Resolution and in the certified proceedings and certifications of public officials and others furnished to us, without undertaking to verify such facts by independent investigation.

Based upon our examination, we are of the opinion, as of the date hereof, that:

1. The District is duly created and validly existing as a school district with the power to issue the Bonds and to perform its obligations under the Resolution and the Bonds.
2. The Resolution has been duly adopted by the District and creates a valid first lien on the funds pledged under the Resolution for the security of the Bonds.
3. The Bonds have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Board and are valid and binding general obligations of the District. The Board of Supervisors of Marin County is required under the Act to levy a tax upon all taxable property in the District for the interest and redemption of all outstanding bonds of the District, including the Bonds. The Bonds are payable from an *ad valorem* tax levied without limitation as to rate or amount.
4. Subject to the District’s compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and is not included as an item of tax preference in computing the alternative minimum tax for individuals under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). Failure to comply with certain of such District covenants could cause interest on the Bonds to be

* Preliminary, subject to change.

includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds. It is also our opinion that the Bonds are “qualified tax-exempt obligations” under section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

5. The interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal income taxation imposed by the State of California.

Ownership of the Bonds may result in other tax consequences to certain taxpayers, and we express no opinion regarding any such collateral consequences arising with respect to the Bonds.

The rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds and the Resolution may be subject to the bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors’ rights heretofore or hereafter enacted and also may be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in accordance with general principles of equity.

Our opinion represents our legal judgment based upon such review of the law and the facts that we deem relevant to render our opinion and is not a guarantee of a result. This opinion is given as of the date hereof and we assume no obligation to revise or supplement this opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may hereafter come to our attention or any changes in law that may hereafter occur.

Respectfully submitted,

APPENDIX F

FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

This CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE (the “Disclosure Certificate”) is executed and delivered by the ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT (the “District”) in connection with the issuance by the District of its \$3,000,000* Ross School District (Marin County, California) 2019 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (the “Bonds”). The Bonds are being issued pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District on October 23, 2019 (the “Bond Resolution”). The District covenants and agrees as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth above and, in the Bond Resolution, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Disclosure Certificate unless otherwise defined in this Section 1, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

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

“*Annual Report Date*” means April 15 after the end of the District’s fiscal year.

“*Dissemination Agent*” shall mean, initially, the District or any successor Dissemination Agent designed in writing by the District and which has been filed with the then current Dissemination Agent a written acceptance of such designation.

“*Fiscal Year*” means any twelve-month period beginning on July 1 in any year and extending to the next succeeding June 30, both dates inclusive, or any other twelve-month period selected and designated by the District as its official fiscal year period under a Certificate of the District filed with the Paying Agent.

“*MSRB*” means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, which has been designated by the Securities and Exchange Commission as the sole repository of disclosure information for purposes of the Rule, or any other repository of disclosure information that may be designated by the Securities and Exchange Commission as such for purposes of the Rule in the future.

“*Official Statement*” means the final official statement executed by the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

“*Participating Underwriter*” means Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, the original underwriter of the Bonds.

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

“*Significant Events*” means any of the events listed in Section 5(a) of this Disclosure Certificate.

Section 2. Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate. This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the District for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter in complying with S.E.C. Rule 15c2- 12(b)(5).

* Preliminary, subject to change.

Section 3. Provision of Annual Reports.

(a) The District shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to, not later than the Annual Report Date, commencing April 15, 2020, with the report for fiscal year 2018-19 provide to the MSRB, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, an Annual Report that is consistent with the requirements of Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate. Not later than 15 Business Days prior to the Annual Report Date, the District shall provide the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent (if other than the District). If by 15 Business Days prior to the Annual Report Date the Dissemination Agent (if other than the District) has not received a copy of the Annual Report, the Dissemination Agent shall contact the District to determine if the District is in compliance with the previous sentence. The Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package and may include by reference other information as provided in Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate; provided that the audited financial statements of the District may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report, and later than the Annual Report Date, if not available by that date. If the District's fiscal year changes, it shall give notice of such change in the same manner as for a Significant Event under Section 5(b). The District shall provide a written certification with each Annual Report furnished to the Dissemination Agent to the effect that such Annual Report constitutes the Annual Report required to be furnished by the District hereunder.

(b) If the District does not provide (or cause the Dissemination Agent to provide) an Annual Report by the Annual Report Date, the District in a timely manner shall provide (or cause the Dissemination Agent to provide) to the MSRB, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, a notice in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A.

(c) With respect to each Annual Report, the Dissemination Agent shall:

(i) determine each year prior to the Annual Report Date the then-applicable rules and electronic format prescribed by the MSRB for the filing of annual continuing disclosure reports; and

(ii) if the Dissemination Agent is other than the District, file a report with the District certifying that the Annual Report has been provided pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate, and stating the date it was provided.

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

(a) The District's audited financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as promulgated to apply to governmental entities from time to time by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. If the District's audited financial statements are not available by the Annual Report Date, the Annual Report shall contain unaudited financial statements in a format similar to the financial statements contained in the final Official Statement, and the audited financial statements shall be filed in the same manner as the Annual Report when they become available.

(b) Unless otherwise provided in the audited financial statements filed on or prior to the annual filing deadline for Annual Reports provided for in Section 3 above, financial information and operating data with respect to the District for preceding fiscal year, substantially similar to that provided in the Official Statement, as follows:

- (i) The District's approved budget for the then current fiscal year;
- (ii) Twenty largest secured taxpayers;
- (ii) Assessed value of taxable property in the District as shown on the recent equalized assessment role; and
- (iii) Property tax levies, collections and delinquencies for the District, for the most recent completed fiscal year.

(c) In addition to any of the information expressly required to be provided under this Disclosure Certificate, the District shall provide such further material information, if any, as may be necessary to make the specifically required statements, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

(d) Any or all of the items listed above may be included by specific reference to other documents, including official statements of debt issues of the District or related public entities, which are available to the public on the MSRB's Internet web site or filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The District shall clearly identify each such other document so included by reference.

Section 5. Reporting of Significant Events.

(a) The District shall give, or cause to be given, notice of the occurrence of any of the following Significant Events with respect to the Bonds:

- (i) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (ii) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (iii) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (iv) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (v) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (vi) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the security, or other material events affecting the tax status of the security;
- (vii) Modifications to rights of security holders, if material;
- (viii) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (ix) Defeasances;
- (x) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the securities, if material;
- (xi) Rating changes;
- (xii) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the District or other obligated person;
- (xiii) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or an obligated person, or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the District or an obligated person (other than in the ordinary course of business), the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action, or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (xiv) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (xv) The incurrence of a financial obligation of the District or other obligated person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the District, any of which affect security holders, if material; or

(xvi) A default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the District, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(b) Whenever the District obtains knowledge of the occurrence of a Significant Event, the District shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent (if not the District) to, file a notice of such occurrence with the MSRB, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, in a timely manner not in excess of 10 business days after the occurrence of the Significant Event. Notwithstanding the foregoing, notice of Significant Events described in subsection (a)(viii) above need not be given under this subsection any earlier than the notice (if any) of the underlying event is given to holders of affected Bonds under the Bond Resolution.

(c) The District acknowledges that the events described in subparagraphs (a)(ii), (a)(vii), (a)(viii) (if the event is a bond call), (a)(x), (a)(xiii), (a)(xiv) and (a) (xv) of this Section 5 contain the qualifier “if material.” The District shall cause a notice to be filed as set forth in paragraph (b) above with respect to any such event only to the extent that the District determines the event’s occurrence is material for purposes of U.S. federal securities law. The District intends that the words used in paragraphs (xv) and (xvi) and the definition of “financial obligation” to have the meanings ascribed thereto in SEC Release No. 34-83885 (August 20, 2018).

(d) For purposes of this Disclosure Certificate, any event described in paragraph (a)(xii) above is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the District in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District.

Section 6. Identifying Information for Filings with the MSRB. All documents provided to the MSRB under this Disclosure Certificate shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB.

Section 7. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The District’s obligations under this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds. If such termination occurs prior to the final maturity of the Bonds, the District shall give notice of such termination in the same manner as for a Significant Event under Section 5(b).

Section 8. Dissemination Agent. The District may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge any Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. Any Dissemination Agent may resign by providing 30 days’ written notice to the District.

Section 9. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the District may amend this Disclosure Certificate, and any provision of this Disclosure Certificate may be waived, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) if the amendment or waiver relates to the provisions of Sections 3(a), 4 or 5(a), it may only be made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature, or status of an obligated person with respect to the Bonds, or type of business conducted;

(b) the undertakings herein, as proposed to be amended or waived, would, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the primary offering of the Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and

(c) the proposed amendment or waiver either (i) is approved by holders of the Bonds in the manner provided in the Bond Resolution for amendments to the Bond Resolution with the consent of holders, or (ii) does not, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, materially impair the interests of the holders or beneficial owners of the Bonds.

If the annual financial information or operating data to be provided in the Annual Report is amended pursuant to the provisions hereof, the first annual financial information filed pursuant hereto containing the amended operating data or financial information shall explain, in narrative form, the reasons for the amendment and the impact of the change in the type of operating data or financial information being provided.

If an amendment is made to the undertaking specifying the accounting principles to be followed in preparing financial statements, the annual financial information for the year in which the change is made shall present a comparison between the financial statements or information prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles. The comparison shall include a qualitative discussion of the differences in the accounting principles and the impact of the change in the accounting principles on the presentation of the financial information, in order to provide information to investors to enable them to evaluate the ability of the District to meet its obligations. To the extent reasonably feasible, the comparison shall be quantitative.

The Dissemination Agent shall not be obligated to enter into any amendment increasing or affecting its duties or obligations hereunder.

A notice of any amendment made pursuant to this Section 9 shall be filed in the same manner as for a Significant Event under Section 5(b).

Section 10. Additional Information. Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the District from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Certificate or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Significant Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the District chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Significant Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Certificate, the District shall have no obligation under this Disclosure Certificate to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Significant Event.

Section 11. Default. If the District fails to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Participating Underwriter or any holder or beneficial owner of the Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the District to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. A default under this Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an Event of Default under the Bond Resolution, and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the District to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

Section 12. Duties, Immunities and Liabilities of Dissemination Agent.

(a) Section 27 of the Bond Resolution is hereby made applicable to this Disclosure Certificate as if this Disclosure Certificate were (solely for this purpose) contained in the Bond Resolution. The Dissemination Agent shall be entitled to the protections and limitations from liability afforded to the Paying Agent thereunder. The Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Disclosure Certificate, and the District agrees to indemnify and save the Dissemination Agent, its officers, directors, employees and agents, harmless against any loss, expense and liabilities which they may incur arising out of or in the exercise or performance of its powers and duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) of defending against any claim of liability, but excluding liabilities due to the Dissemination Agent's negligence or willful misconduct. The Dissemination Agent shall have no duty or obligation to review any information provided to it by the District hereunder and shall not be deemed to be acting in any fiduciary capacity for the District, the Bond

holders or any other party. The obligations of the District under this Section shall survive resignation or removal of the Dissemination Agent and payment of the Bonds.

(b) The Dissemination Agent shall be paid compensation by the District for its services provided hereunder in accordance with its schedule of fees as amended from time to time, and shall be reimbursed for all expenses, legal fees and advances made or incurred by the Dissemination Agent in the performance of its duties hereunder.

Section 13. Beneficiaries. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the District, the Dissemination Agent, the Participating Underwriter and the holders and beneficial owners from time to time of the Bonds and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

Section 14. Counterparts. This Disclosure Certificate may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original, and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Date: [Closing Date]

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT

By _____
Michael McDowell, Ed.D.
Superintendent

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE TO EMMA OF FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

Name of Issuer: Ross School District

Name of Issue: Ross School District (Marin County, California) 2019 General Obligation Refunding Bonds

Date of Issuance: [Closing]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Obligor has not provided an Annual Report with respect to the above-named Issue as required by the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, dated [Closing Date], furnished by the Issuer in connection with the Issue. The Issuer anticipates that the Annual Report will be filed by _____.

Dated: _____

ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT, as Dissemination Agent

By _____
Title _____

cc: Paying Agent

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APPENDIX G

BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM

The following description of the procedures and record keeping with respect to beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds, payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds to Direct Participants, Indirect Participants or Beneficial Owners (as such terms are defined below) of the Bonds, confirmation and transfer of beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds and other Bond related transactions by and between DTC, Direct Participants, Indirect Participants and Beneficial Owners of the Bonds is based solely on information furnished by DTC to the District which the District believes to be reliable, but the District and the Underwriter do not and cannot make any independent representations concerning these matters and do not take responsibility for the accuracy or completeness thereof. Neither the DTC, Direct Participants, Indirect Participants nor the Beneficial Owners should rely on the foregoing information with respect to such matters, but should instead confirm the same with DTC or the DTC Participants, as the case may be.

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

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

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

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in

the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co. or such other name as requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of the Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not affect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct or 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 Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Bonds, such as tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bonds documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of the Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the Paying Agent and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

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

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

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

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

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

In the event that (a) DTC determines not to continue to act as securities depository for the Bonds, or (b) the District determines that DTC shall no longer act and delivers a written certificate to the Paying Agent to that effect, then the District will discontinue the Book-Entry System with DTC for the Bonds. If the District determines to replace DTC with another qualified securities depository, the District will prepare or direct the preparation of a new single separate, fully registered Bond for each maturity of the Bonds registered in the name of such successor or substitute securities depository as are not inconsistent with the terms of the Resolution. If the District fails to identify another qualified securities depository to replace the incumbent securities depository for the Bonds, then the Bonds shall no longer be restricted to being registered in the Bond registration books in the name of the incumbent

securities depository or its nominee, but shall be registered in whatever name or names the incumbent securities depository or its nominee transferring or exchanging the Bonds shall designate.

In the event that the Book-Entry System is discontinued, the following provisions would also apply: (i) the Bonds will be made available in physical form, (ii) payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable upon surrender thereof at the trust office of the Paying Agent identified in the Resolution, and (iii) the Bonds will be transferable and exchangeable as provided in the Resolution.

The District and the Paying Agent do not have any responsibility or obligation to DTC Participants, to the persons for whom they act as nominees, to Beneficial Owners, or to any other person who is not shown on the registration books as being an owner of the Bonds, with respect to (i) the accuracy of any records maintained by DTC or any DTC Participants; (ii) the payment by DTC or any DTC Participant of any amount in respect of the principal of and interest on the Bonds; (iii) the delivery of any notice which is permitted or required to be given to registered owners under the Resolution; (iv) any consent given or other action taken by DTC as registered owner; or (v) any other matter arising with respect to the Bonds or the Resolution. The District and the Paying Agent cannot and do not give any assurances that DTC, DTC Participants or others will distribute payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds paid to DTC or its nominee, as the registered owner, or any notices to the Beneficial Owners or that they will do so on a timely basis or will serve and act in a manner described in this Official Statement. The District and the Paying Agent are not responsible or liable for the failure of DTC or any DTC Participant to make any payment or give any notice to a Beneficial Owner in respect to the Bonds or any error or delay relating thereto.

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