



**\$8,000,000\***

**Van Meter Community School District, Iowa**  
**General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025**

(FAST Closing)  
(Book Entry Only)  
(Bank Qualified)  
(PARITY© Bidding Available)

DATE: Wednesday, June 4, 2025  
TIME: 1:30 PM  
PLACE: Administration Building  
520 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Van Meter, IA 50261  
Telephone: (515)996-2221

S&P's Rating: "AA-"

\* Preliminary, subject to change

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3900 Ingersoll Ave., Suite 110  
Des Moines, IA 50312  
515/247-2340

## OFFICIAL BID FORM

TO: Board of Directors of the Van Meter Community School District, Iowa (the "Issuer")

Re: \$8,000,000\* General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025, dated the date of delivery, of the Issuer (the "Bonds")

For all or none of the Bonds, we will pay you \$\_\_\_\_\_ for Bonds bearing interest rates and maturing in each of the stated years as follows:

<u>Coupon</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Due</u>	<u>Coupon</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Due</u>
_____	_____	May 1, 2026	_____	_____	May 1, 2036
_____	_____	May 1, 2027	_____	_____	May 1, 2037
_____	_____	May 1, 2028	_____	_____	May 1, 2038
_____	_____	May 1, 2029	_____	_____	May 1, 2039
_____	_____	May 1, 2030	_____	_____	May 1, 2040
_____	_____	May 1, 2031	_____	_____	May 1, 2041
_____	_____	May 1, 2032	_____	_____	May 1, 2042
_____	_____	May 1, 2033	_____	_____	May 1, 2043
_____	_____	May 1, 2034	_____	_____	May 1, 2044
_____	_____	May 1, 2035	_____	_____	May 1, 2045

\_\_\_\_\_ We hereby elect to have the following issued as term bonds:

<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Month and Year (Inclusive)</u>	<u>Maturity Month and Year</u>
\$ _____	_____ to _____	_____
\$ _____	_____ to _____	_____
\$ _____	_____ to _____	_____
\$ _____	_____ to _____	_____
\$ _____	_____ to _____	_____
\$ _____	_____ to _____	_____

Subject to mandatory redemption requirement in the amounts and at the times shown above

\_\_\_\_\_ We will not elect to have any bonds issued as term bonds

\_\_\_\_\_ We represent that we are a bidder with established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds

\_\_\_\_\_ We will utilize bond insurance from company \_\_\_\_\_ with a premium of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This bid is for prompt acceptance and for delivery of said Bonds to us in compliance with the Official Terms of Offering, which is made a part of this proposal, by reference. Award will be made on a True Interest Cost Basis (TIC).

In order to permit bidders of the Bonds and other participating underwriters in the primary offering of the Bonds to comply with paragraph (b)(5) of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1934, as amended (the "Rule"); the Issuer will covenant and agree, for the benefit of the registered holders or beneficial owners from time to time of the outstanding Bonds, in the Bond Resolution, to provide annual reports of specified information and notice of the occurrence of certain events as hereinafter described (the "Disclosure Covenants"). The information to be provided, the events as to which notice is to be given and a summary of other provisions of the disclosure Covenants, including termination, amendment and remedies, are set forth in Appendix C to this Official Statement.

According to our computations (the correct computation being controlling in the award), we compute the following (to the dated date):

NET INTEREST COST:\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Computed from the dated date)

TRUE INTEREST COST \_\_\_\_\_ %

\_\_\_\_\_  
Account Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Account Manager

The foregoing offer is hereby accepted by and on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Van Meter Community School District, in the Counties of Dallas and Madison, State of Iowa, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board President

\* \_\_\_\_\_  
Preliminary, subject to change

## OFFICIAL TERMS OF OFFERING

This section sets forth the description of certain of the terms of the Bonds as well as the terms of offering with which all bidders and bid proposals are required to comply, as follows:

The Bonds to be offered are the following:

**GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025**, in the principal amount of \$8,000,000\* dated the date of delivery.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO PRINCIPAL AMOUNT AFTER DETERMINATION OF BEST BID.** The aggregate principal amount of the Bonds, and each scheduled maturity thereof, are subject to increase or reduction by the Issuer or its designee after the determination of the Successful Bidder. The Issuer may increase or decrease each maturity in increments of \$5,000. Interest rates specified by the Successful Bidder for each maturity will not change. Final adjustments shall be in the sole discretion of the Issuer. The final par amount will not exceed \$8,000,000.

The dollar amount bid by the Successful Bidder may be changed if the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds, as adjusted as described below, is adjusted, however the interest rates specified by the Successful Bidder for all maturities will not change. The Issuer's Municipal Advisor will make every effort to ensure that the percentage net compensation to the Successful Bidder (the percentage resulting from dividing (i) the aggregate difference between the offering price of the Bonds to the public and the price to be paid to the Issuer (not including accrued interest), less any bond insurance premium and credit rating fee, if any, to be paid by the Successful Bidder, by (ii) the principal amount of the Bonds) does not increase or decrease from what it would have been if no adjustment was made to principal amounts shown in the maturity schedule.

**Optional Redemption:** The Bonds maturing after May 1, 2031, may be called for redemption by the Issuer and paid before maturity on said date or any date thereafter, from any funds regardless of source, in whole or from time to time in part, in any order of maturity and within an annual maturity by lot. The terms of redemption shall be par, plus accrued interest to date of call.

**Interest:** Interest on said Bonds will be payable on November 1, 2025 and semiannually on the 1st day of May and November thereafter. Interest shall be payable by check or draft of the Paying Agent mailed to the persons who were registered owners thereof as of the fifteenth day of the month immediately preceding the Interest Payment Date, to the addresses appearing on the registration books maintained by the Paying Agent or to such other address as is furnished to the Paying Agent in writing by a registered owner.

**Book Entry System:** The Bonds will be issued by means of a book entry system with no physical distribution of certificates made to the public. The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form and one certificate, representing the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds maturing in each year, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, which will act as securities depository of the Bonds. Individual purchases of the Bonds may be made in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any multiple thereof of a single maturity through book entries made on the books and records of DTC and its participants. Principal and interest are payable by the Issuer to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Bonds. Transfer of principal and interest payments to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of beneficial owners. The successful bidder, as a condition of delivery of the Bonds, will be required to deposit the certificates with DTC.

**Good Faith Deposit:** A Good Faith Deposit ("Deposit") in the form of a certified or cashier's check or a wire in the amount of \$80,000\* for the Bonds, payable to the order of the Issuer, is required for each bid to be considered. If a check is used, it must accompany each bid. If a wire is to be used, it must be received by the Issuer not later than two hours after the time stated for receipt of bids.

The Municipal Advisor or the Issuer will provide the apparent winning bidder (the "Purchaser") with wiring instructions by email, within 20 minutes of the stated time when bids are due. If the wire is not received at the indicated time above, the Issuer will abandon its plan to award to the Purchaser, and will contact the next highest bidder received and offer said bidder the opportunity to become the Purchaser, on the terms as outlined in said bidder's bid, so long as said bidder submits a good faith wire within two hours of the time offered. The Issuer will not award the Bonds to the Purchaser absent receipt of the Deposit prior to action awarding the Bonds. No interest on the Deposit will accrue to the Purchaser. The Deposit will be applied to the purchase price of the Bonds. In the event the Purchaser fails to honor its bid, the Deposit will be retained by the Issuer.

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Form of Bids: All bids shall be unconditional for the entire issue of Bonds for a price of not less than 98.30% of par plus accrued interest, and shall specify the rate or rates of interest in conformity to the limitations set forth herein. Bids must be submitted on or in substantial compliance with the Official Bid Form provided by the Issuer or through the Internet Bid System. The Issuer shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by any person, or as a result of the use of the electronic bid, facsimile facilities or the means used to deliver or complete a bid. The use of such facilities or means is at the sole risk of the prospective bidder who shall be bound by the terms of the bid as received.

No bid will be received after the time specified herein. The time as maintained by the Internet Bid System shall constitute the official time with respect to all Bids submitted. A bid may be withdrawn before the bid deadline using the same method used to submit the bid. If more than one bid is received from a bidder, the last bid received shall be considered.

Confidential information sent via secured portal: All confidential information exchanged between the Issuer and the Purchaser (including but not limited to closing details and good faith wire details) must be sent via a secure portal. As a condition to closing, the winning bidder will cooperate with the Issuer, its legal counsel and its Municipal Advisor to ensure that all confidential information is sent via a secure portal.

Sealed Bidding: Sealed bids may be submitted and will be received at the Administration Building, Van Meter Community School District 520 1<sup>st</sup> St., Van Meter, IA 50261.

Internet Bidding: Internet bids may be submitted through Parity® (“the Internet Bid System”). Information about the Internet Bid System may be obtained by calling 212-849-5000.

Each bidder shall be solely responsible for making necessary arrangements to access the Internet Bid System for purpose of submitting its internet bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of the Official Terms of Offering. The Issuer is permitting bidders to use the services of the Internet Bid System solely as a communication mechanism to conduct the internet bidding and the Internet Bid System is not an agent of the Issuer. Provisions of the Official Terms of Offering shall control in the events of conflict with information provided by the Internet Bid System. The Issuer shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by any person, or as a result of the use of the Internet Bid System. The use of such facilities or means is at the sole risk of the prospective bidder who shall be bound by the terms of the bid as received.

Electronic Facsimile Bidding: Facsimile bids will not be accepted.

Rates of Interest: The rates of interest specified in the bidder’s proposal must conform to the limitations following:

All Bonds of each annual maturity must bear the same interest rate.

Rates of interest bid may be in multiples of 1/8<sup>th</sup>, 1/20<sup>th</sup>, or 1/100<sup>th</sup> of 1%.

Delivery: The Bonds will be delivered to the Purchaser via FAST delivery with the Paying Agent holding the Bonds on behalf of DTC, against full payment in immediately available cash or federal funds. The Bonds are expected to be delivered within sixty days after the sale. Should delivery be delayed beyond sixty days from date of sale for any reason except failure of performance by the Purchaser, the Purchaser may withdraw his bid and thereafter his interest in and liability for the Bonds will cease. (When the Bonds are ready for delivery, the Issuer may give the successful bidder five working days’ notice of the delivery date and the Issuer will expect payment in full on that date, otherwise reserving the right at its option to determine that the bidder has failed to comply with the offer of purchase.)

Establishment of Issue Price:

a) The winning bidder shall assist the Issuer in establishing the issue price of the Bonds and shall execute and deliver to the Issuer at Closing an “issue price” or similar certificate setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public or the sales price or prices of the Bonds, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit E, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of the winning bidder, the Issuer and Bond Counsel. All communications required of the Issuer under this Official Terms of Offering to establish the issue price of the Bonds may be communicated on behalf of the Issuer by the Issuer’s municipal advisor identified herein and any notice or report to be provided to the Issuer may be provided to the Issuer’s municipal advisor.

(b) The Issuer intends that the provisions of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining “competitive sale” for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Bonds) will apply to the initial sale of the Bonds (the “competitive sale requirements”) because:

- (1) the Issuer shall disseminate this Official Term of Offering to potential underwriters in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential underwriters;
- (2) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;

- (3) the Issuer may receive bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and
- (4) the Issuer anticipates awarding the sale of the Bonds to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Bonds at the highest price (or lowest interest cost), as set forth in this Official Terms of Offering.

Any bid submitted pursuant to this Official Terms of Offering shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds, as specified in the bid.

(c) In the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, the Issuer shall so advise the winning bidder. The Issuer may determine to treat (i) the first price at which 10% of a maturity of the Bonds (the “10% test”) is sold to the public as the issue price of that maturity and/or (ii) the initial offering price to the public as of the sale date of any maturity of the Bonds as the issue price of that maturity (the “hold-the-offering-price rule”), in each case applied on a maturity-by-maturity basis. The winning bidder shall advise the Issuer if any maturity of the Bonds satisfies the 10% test as of the date and time of the award of the Bonds. The Issuer shall promptly advise the winning bidder, at or before the time of award of the Bonds, which maturities of the Bonds shall be subject to the 10% test or shall be subject to the hold-the-offering-price rule. Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the Issuer determines to apply the hold-the-offering-price rule to any maturity of the Bonds. Bidders should prepare their bids on the assumption that some or all of the maturities of the Bonds will be subject to the hold-the-offering-price rule in order to establish the issue price of the Bonds.

(d) By submitting a bid, the winning bidder shall (i) confirm that the underwriters have offered or will offer the Bonds to the public on or before the date of award at the offering price or prices (the “initial offering price”), or at the corresponding yield or yields, set forth in the bid submitted by the winning bidder and (ii) agree, on behalf of the underwriters participating in the purchase of the Bonds, that the underwriters will neither offer nor sell unsold Bonds of any maturity to which the hold-the-offering-price rule shall apply to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the public during the period starting on the sale date and ending on the earlier of the following:

- (1) the close of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) business day after the sale date; or
- (2) the date on which the underwriters have sold at least 10% of that maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public.

The winning bidder will advise the Issuer promptly after the close of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) business day after the sale date whether it has sold 10% of that maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public.

(e) If the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, then until the 10% test has been satisfied as to each maturity of the Bonds, the winning bidder agrees to promptly report to the Issuer the prices at which the unsold Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public. That reporting obligation shall continue, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred, until either (i) all Bonds of that maturity have been sold or (ii) the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity, provided that, the winning bidder’s reporting obligation after the Closing Date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the Issuer or bond counsel.

(f) The Issuer acknowledges that, in making the representations set forth above, the winning bidder will rely on (i) the agreement of each underwriter to comply with the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds, as set forth in an agreement among underwriters and the related pricing wires, (ii) in the event a selling group has been created in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group to comply with the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds, as set forth in a selling group agreement and the related pricing wires, and (iii) in the event that an underwriter or dealer who is a member of the selling group is a party to a third-party distribution agreement that was employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each broker-dealer that is a party to such agreement to comply with the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds, as set forth in the third-party distribution agreement and the related pricing wires. The Issuer further acknowledges that each underwriter shall be solely liable for its failure to comply with its agreement regarding the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds, and that no underwriter shall be liable for the failure of any other underwriter, or of any dealer who is a member of a selling group, or of any broker-dealer that is a party to a third-party distribution agreement to comply with its corresponding agreement to comply with the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds.

(g) By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each third-party distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter, each dealer who is a

member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement, as applicable:

(i)(A) to report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allocated to it, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred, until either all Bonds of that maturity allocated to it have been sold or it is notified by the winning bidder that the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity, provided that, the reporting obligation after the Closing Date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the winning bidder, and (ii) to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires, (B) to promptly notify the winning bidder of any sales of Bonds that, to its knowledge, are made to a purchaser who is a related party to an underwriter participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (each such term being used as defined below), and (C) to acknowledge that, unless otherwise advised by the underwriter, dealer or broker-dealer, the winning bidder shall assume that each order submitted by the underwriter, dealer or broker-dealer is a sale to the public.

(ii) any agreement among underwriters or selling group agreement relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter or dealer that is a party to a third-party distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allocated to it, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred, until either all Bonds of that maturity allocated to it have been sold or it is notified by the winning bidder or such underwriter that the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity, provided that, the reporting obligation after the Closing Date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the winning bidder or such underwriter, and (B) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder or the underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires.

(h) Sales of any Bonds to any person that is a related party to an underwriter participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (each such term being used as defined below) shall not constitute sales to the public for purposes of this Official Terms of Offering. Further, for purposes of this Official Terms of Offering:

(i) “public” means any person other than an underwriter or a related party,

(ii) “underwriter” means (A) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public and (B) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public),

(iii) a purchaser of any of the Bonds is a “related party” to an underwriter if the underwriter and the purchaser are subject, directly or indirectly, to (A) more than 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (B) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (C) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other), and

(iv) “sale date” means the date that the Bonds are awarded by the Issuer to the winning bidder.

**Official Statement:** The Official Statement, when further supplemented by an addendum or addenda specifying the maturity dates, principal amounts, and interest rates of the Bonds, and any other information required by law or deemed appropriate by the Issuer, shall constitute a “Final Official Statement” of the Issuer with respect to the Bonds, as that term is defined in Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Rule”). By awarding the Bonds to any underwriter or underwriting syndicate submitting an Official Bid Form therefore, the Issuer agrees that, no more than seven (7) business days after the date of such award, it shall provide without cost to the senior managing underwriter of the syndicate to which the Bonds are awarded one “.pdf” copy of the Official Statement and the addendum described in the preceding sentence to permit each “Participating Underwriter” (as that term is defined in the Rule) to comply with the provisions of such Rule. The Issuer shall treat the senior managing underwriter of the syndicate to which the Bonds are awarded as its designated agent for purposes of distributing copies of the Final Official Statement to each participating Underwriter. Any underwriter executing and delivering an Official Bid Form with respect to the Bonds agrees thereby that if its bid is accepted by the Issuer, (i) it shall accept such designation and (ii) it shall enter into a contractual relationship with all Participating Underwriters of the Bonds for purposes of assuring the receipt by each such Participating Underwriter of the Final Official Statement.

**CUSIP Numbers:** It is anticipated that CUSIP numbers will be printed on the Bonds. In no event will the Issuer be responsible for or Bond Counsel review or express any opinion of the correctness of such numbers, and incorrect numbers on said Bonds shall not be cause for the purchaser to refuse to accept delivery of the Bonds. The fee will be paid for by the Issuer.

Responsibility of Bidder: It is the responsibility of the bidder to deliver its signed, completed bid prior to the time of sale as posted on the front cover of the official statement. Neither the Issuer nor its Municipal Advisor will assume responsibility for the collection of or receipt of bids. Bids received after the appointed time of sale will not be opened.

Continuing Disclosure: In order to permit bidders for the Bonds and other participating underwriters in the primary offering of the Bonds to comply with paragraph (b)(5) of the Rule, the Issuer will covenant and agree, for the benefit of the registered holders or beneficial owners from time to time of the outstanding Bonds, in the Bond Resolution and pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Certificate, to provide annual reports of specified information and notice of the occurrence of certain events, as hereinafter described (the “Disclosure Covenants”). The information to be provided on annual basis, the events as to which notice is to be given, and a summary of other provisions of the Disclosure Covenants, including termination, amendment and remedies, are set forth in Appendix C to this Official Statement.

Breach of the Disclosure Covenants will not constitute a default or an “Event of Default” under the Bonds or Resolution. A broker or dealer is to consider a known breach of the Disclosure Covenants, however, before recommending the purchase or sale of the Bonds in the secondary market. Thus, a failure on the part of the Issuer to observe the Disclosure Covenants may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

For more information see the Continuing Disclosure section herein.

Bond Insurance: Application has not been made for municipal bond insurance. Should the Bonds qualify for the issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance or commitment therefore at the option of the bidder, the purchase of any such insurance policy or the issuance of any such commitment shall be at the sole option and expense of the Purchaser. Any increased costs of issuance on the Bonds resulting from such purchase of insurance shall be paid by the Purchaser, except that, if the Issuer has requested and received a rating on the Bonds from a municipal bond rating service, the Issuer will pay that rating fee. Any other rating service fees shall be the responsibility of the Purchaser.

Requested modifications to the Bond Resolution or other issuance documents shall be accommodated by the Issuer at its sole discretion. In no event will modifications be made regarding the investment of funds created under the Bond Resolution or other issuance documents without prior Issuer consent, in its sole discretion. Either the Purchaser or the insurer must agree, in the insurance commitment letter or separate agreement acceptable to the Issuer in its sole discretion, to pay any future continuing disclosure costs of the Issuer associated with any rating changes assigned to the municipal bond insurer after closing (for example, if there is a rating change on the municipal bond insurer that require a material event notice filing by the Issuer, the Purchaser or the municipal bond insurer must agree to pay the reasonable costs associated with such filing). Failure of the municipal bond insurer to issue the policy after the Bonds have been awarded to the Purchaser shall not constitute cause for failure or refusal by the Purchaser to accept delivery of the Bonds.

**PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED MAY 22, 2025**

**NEW ISSUE – DTC BOOK ENTRY ONLY**

**S&P's Rating: "AA-"**

*Assuming compliance with certain covenants, in the opinion of Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., Bond Counsel, under present law and assuming continued compliance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax on individuals; however, such interest may be taken into account for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations. Interest on the Bonds is not exempt from present Iowa income taxes. The Bonds will be designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations". See "TAX EXEMPTION AND RELATED MATTERS" section for a more detailed discussion.*



**\$8,000,000\***

**Van Meter Community School District, Iowa  
General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025**

**Dated:** Date of Delivery

The General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025 described above (the "Bonds") are issuable as fully registered Bonds in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as Bondholder and nominee of the Depository Trust Company, New York, NY ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Purchases of the Bonds will be made in book-entry form. Purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their interest in the Bonds purchased. So long as DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., is the Bondholder, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds will be paid by UMB Bank, n.a., as Registrar and Paying Agent (the "Registrar"), or its successor, to DTC, or its nominee, Cede & Co. Disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners is the responsibility of the DTC Participants as more fully described herein. Neither the Issuer nor the Registrar will have any responsibility or obligation to such DTC Participants, indirect participants or the persons for whom they act as nominee with respect to the Bonds.

Interest on the Bonds is payable on May 1, and November 1 in each year, beginning November 1, 2025 to the registered owners thereof. Interest shall be payable by check or draft of the Paying Agent mailed to the persons who were registered owners thereof as of the fifteenth day of the month immediately preceding the Interest Payment Date, to the addresses appearing on the registration books maintained by the Paying Agent or to such other address as is furnished to the Paying Agent in writing by a registered owner.

The Bonds maturing after May 1, 2031 may be called for redemption by the Issuer and paid before maturity on said date or any date thereafter, from any funds regardless of source, in whole or from time to time in part, in any order of maturity and within an annual maturity by lot. The terms of redemption shall be par, plus accrued interest to date of call.

**MATURITY SCHEDULE \***

<u>Bonds Due</u>	<u>Amount*</u>	<u>Rate *</u>	<u>Yield *</u>	<u>Cusip #'s **</u>	<u>Bonds Due</u>	<u>Amount*</u>	<u>Rate *</u>	<u>Yield *</u>	<u>Cusip #'s **</u>
May 1, 2026	\$165,000			921138 GV9	May 1, 2036	\$440,000			921138 HF3
May 1, 2027	115,000			921138 GW7	May 1, 2037	460,000			921138 HG1
May 1, 2028	125,000			921138 GX5	May 1, 2038	480,000			921138 HH9
May 1, 2029	140,000			921138 GY3	May 1, 2039	500,000			921138 HJ5
May 1, 2030	150,000			921138 GZ0	May 1, 2040	515,000			921138 HK2
May 1, 2031	435,000			921138 HA4	May 1, 2041	540,000			921138 HL0
May 1, 2032	365,000			921138 HB2	May 1, 2042	560,000			921138 HM8
May 1, 2033	385,000			921138 HC0	May 1, 2043	585,000			921138 HN6
May 1, 2034	405,000			921138 HD8	May 1, 2044	610,000			921138 HP1
May 1, 2035	425,000			921138 HE6	May 1, 2045	600,000			921138 HW9

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ %      Term bond due      Priced to yield      CUSIP # \_\_\_\_\_

The Bonds are being offered when, as and if issued by the Issuer and accepted by the Underwriter, subject to receipt of an opinion as to legality, validity and tax exemption by Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., Des Moines, Iowa, Bond Counsel. Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. is also serving as Disclosure Counsel to the Issuer in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Piper Sandler & Co. is serving as Municipal Advisor to the Issuer in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. It is expected that the Bonds in the definitive form will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC on or about July 9, 2025. The Underwriter intends to engage in secondary market trading of the Bonds subject to applicable securities laws. The Underwriter is not obligated, however, to repurchase any of the Bonds at the request of the holder thereof.

The Date of this Official Statement is \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

\* Preliminary, subject to change

\*\* CUSIP numbers shown above have been assigned by a separate organization not affiliated with the Issuer. The Issuer has not selected nor is responsible for selecting the CUSIP numbers assigned to the Bonds nor do they make any representation as to the correctness of such CUSIP numbers on the Bonds or as indicated above.

This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained herein are subject to completion or amendment. These securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the Official Statement is delivered in final form. Under no circumstances shall this Preliminary Official Statement constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of the securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.



No dealer, salesman or any other person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this Official Statement, and if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Issuer or the Underwriter. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of any offer to buy any of the securities offered hereby in any state to any persons to whom it is unlawful to make such offer in such state. Except where otherwise indicated, this Official Statement speaks as of the date hereof. Neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale hereunder shall under any circumstances create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Issuer since the date hereof.

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IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, THE UNDERWRITER MAY EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICE OF THE BONDS AT A LEVEL ABOVE THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract with the purchasers of the Bonds. The Issuer considers the Official Statement to be "near final" within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities Exchange Commission. 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 a representation of facts.

REFERENCES TO WEBSITE ADDRESSES PRESENTED HEREIN ARE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND MAY BE IN THE FORM OF A HYPERLINK SOLELY FOR THE READER'S CONVENIENCE. UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE, SUCH WEBSITES AND THE INFORMATION OR LINKS CONTAINED THEREIN ARE NOT INCORPORATED INTO, AND ARE NOT PART OF, THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT FOR PURPOSES OF, AND AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN, SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15C2-1.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION BY REASON OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 3(a)(2) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED. THE REGISTRATION OR QUALIFICATIONS OF THESE SECURITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES IN WHICH THESE SECURITIES HAVE BEEN REGISTERED OR QUALIFIED AND THE EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION OR QUALIFICATION IN OTHER STATES SHALL NOT BE REGARDED AS A RECOMMENDATION THEREOF. NEITHER THESE STATES NOR ANY OF THEIR AGENCIES HAVE PASSED UPON THE MERITS OF THE SECURITIES OR THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY MAY BE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

## **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This Official Statement, including appendices attached hereto, contains statements which should be considered "forward-looking statements," meaning they refer to possible future events or conditions. Such statements are generally identifiable by the words such as "anticipated," "plan," "expect," "projected," "estimate," "budget," "pro forma," "forecast," "intend," or similar words. THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CERTAIN RESULTS OR OTHER EXPECTATIONS CONTAINED IN SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS INVOLVE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES AND OTHER FACTORS WHICH MAY CAUSE ACTUAL RESULTS, PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENTS EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED BY SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS TO DIFFER. THE ISSUER DOES NOT EXPECT OR INTEND TO UPDATE OR REVISE ANY FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN IF OR WHEN ITS EXPECTATIONS, OR EVENTS, CONDITIONS OR CIRCUMSTANCES ON WHICH SUCH STATEMENTS ARE BASED OCCUR. INCLUDED IN SUCH RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES ARE (i) THOSE RELATING TO THE POSSIBLE INVALIDITY OF THE UNDERLYING ASSUMPTIONS AND ESTIMATES, (ii) POSSIBLE CHANGES OR DEVELOPMENTS IN SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, MARKET, LEGAL AND REGULATORY CIRCUMSTANCES, AND (iii) CONDITIONS AND ACTIONS TAKEN OR OMITTED TO BE TAKEN BY THIRD PARTIES, INCLUDING CUSTOMERS, SUPPLIERS, BUSINESS PARTNERS AND COMPETITORS, AND LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES AND OFFICIALS. ASSUMPTIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING INVOLVE JUDGMENTS WITH RESPECT TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, FUTURE ECONOMIC, COMPETITIVE, AND MARKET CONDITIONS AND FUTURE BUSINESS DECISIONS, ALL OF WHICH ARE DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT ACCURATELY. FOR THESE REASONS, THERE CAN BE NO ASSURANCE THAT THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT WILL PROVE TO BE ACCURATE.

UNDUE RELIANCE SHOULD NOT BE PLACED ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. ALL FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT ARE BASED ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE ISSUER ON THE DATE HEREOF, AND THE ISSUER ASSUMES NO OBLIGATION TO UPDATE ANY SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS IF OR WHEN ITS EXPECTATIONS OR EVENTS, CONDITIONS OR CIRCUMSTANCES ON WHICH SUCH STATEMENTS ARE BASED OCCUR OR FAIL TO OCCUR, OTHER THAN AS INDICATED UNDER THE CAPTION "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE."

**OFFICIAL STATEMENT**  
**VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, IOWA**  
**\$8,000,000\* GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025**

**INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT**

This Official Statement presents certain information relating to the Van Meter Community School District, Iowa (the “Issuer”), in connection with the sale of the Issuer’s General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025 (the “Bonds”). The Bond proceeds, when combined with the previously issued \$10,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2024, will be used (i) to construct, furnish, and equip classroom additions, including multi-purpose space, offices and secure entrances, and improve the site, including expanded parking lot and playground spaces, and (ii) to pay costs of issuance for the Bonds (the “Project”). The Bonds will be issued pursuant to a Resolution authorizing the issuance of the Bonds expected to be adopted on or about June 18, 2025 (the “Resolution” or the “Bond Resolution”). See “**SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS**” herein.

This Preliminary Official Statement is deemed to be a final official statement within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, except for the omission of certain pricing and other information which is to be made available through a final Official Statement.

This Introductory Statement is only a brief description of the Bonds and certain other matters. Such description is qualified by reference to the entire Official Statement and the documents summarized or described herein. This Official Statement should be reviewed in its entirety.

The Bonds are general obligations of the Issuer, payable from and secured by a continuing annual ad-valorem tax levied against the real property valuation within the boundaries of the Issuer. See “**THE BONDS – Source of Security for the Bonds**” herein.

All statements made in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion or of estimates, whether or not so expressly stated, are set forth as such and not as representations of fact, and no representation is made that any of the estimates will be realized.

**THE BONDS**

**General**

The Bonds are dated as of the date of delivery and will bear interest at the rates to be set forth on the cover page herein, interest payable on May 1 and November 1 in each year, beginning on November 1, 2025, calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days and twelve 30-day months. Interest shall be payable by check or draft of the Paying Agent mailed to the persons who were registered owners thereof as of the fifteenth day of the month immediately preceding the Interest Payment Date, to the addresses appearing on the registration books maintained by the Paying Agent or to such other address as is furnished to the Paying Agent in writing by a registered owner.

**Authorization for the Issuance**

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to Chapter 296 of the Code of Iowa, 2025, as amended. Voters in the District authorized the issuance of not to exceed \$18,000,000 of G.O. School Bonds to fund the Project at an election held November 7, 2023. The District previously issued \$10,000,000 of the above-authorized General Obligation School Bonds in 2024.

**Book Entry Only System**

*The following information concerning The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, New York and DTC’s book-entry system has been obtained from sources the Issuer believes to be reliable. However, the Issuer takes no responsibility as to the accuracy or completeness thereof and neither the Indirect Participants nor the Beneficial Owners should rely on the following information with respect to such matters but should instead confirm the same with DTC or the Direct Participants, as the case may be. There can be no assurance that DTC will abide by its procedures or that such procedures will not be changed from time to time.*

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

DTC, the world’s largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organization” within the meaning of 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.

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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 instrument (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 Participations include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies clearing corporations and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC").

DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of: AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com) and [www.dtc.org](http://www.dtc.org).

Purchases of Securities under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Securities on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each security ("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 in the transaction. Transfers of ownership interest in the Securities 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 in Securities, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Securities is discontinued.

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

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

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

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

Redemption proceeds, distributions and dividend payments on the Securities 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 Issuer or 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 (nor its nominee), Agent, or Issuer, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of Issuer or Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC,

and disbursement of such payments to Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

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

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

The Issuer cannot and does not give any assurances that DTC, the Direct Participants or the Indirect Participants will distribute to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds (i) payments of principal of or interest and premium, if any, on the Bonds, (ii) certificates representing an ownership interest or other confirmation of beneficial ownership interest in the Bonds, or (iii) redemption or other notices sent to DTC or Cede & Co., its nominee, as the Registered Owner of the Bonds, or that they will do so on a timely basis, or that DTC, Direct Participants or Indirect Participants will serve and act in the manner described in this Official Statement. The current "Rules" applicable to DTC are on file with the Securities Exchange Commission, and the current "Procedures" of DTC to be followed in dealing with Direct Participants are on file with DTC.

Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent will have any responsibility or obligation to any Direct Participant, Indirect Participant or any Beneficial Owner or any other person with respect to: (1) the accuracy of any records maintained by DTC or any Direct Participant or Indirect Participant; (2) the payment by DTC or any Direct Participant or Indirect Participant of any amount due to any Beneficial Owner in respect of the principal or redemption price of or interest on the Bonds; (3) the delivery by DTC or any Direct Participant or Indirect Participant of any notice to any Beneficial Owner which is required or permitted under the terms of the Indenture to be given to owners of Bonds; (4) the selection of the Beneficial Owners to receive payment in the event of any partial redemption of the Bonds; or (5) any consent given or other action taken by DTC as a Bondholder.

### **Transfer and Exchange**

In the event that the Book Entry System is discontinued, any Bond may, in accordance with its terms, be transferred by the person in whose name it is registered, in person or by his duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of such Bond for cancellation at the principal corporate office of the Registrar accompanied by delivery of a duly executed written instrument of transfer in a form approved by the Registrar. Whenever any Bond or Bonds shall be surrendered for transfer, the Registrar shall execute and deliver a new Bond or Bonds of the same maturity, interest rate, and aggregate principal amount.

Bonds may be exchanged at the principal corporate office of the Registrar for a like aggregate principal amount of Bonds or other authorized denominations of the same maturity and interest rate; provided, however, that the Registrar is not required to transfer or exchange any Bonds which have been selected for prepayment and is not required to transfer or exchange any Bonds during the period beginning 15 days prior to the selection of Bonds for prepayment and ending the date notice of prepayment is mailed. The Registrar may require the payment by the Bond Owner requesting such exchange of any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange. All Bonds surrendered pursuant to the provisions of this and the preceding paragraph shall be canceled by the Registrar and shall not be redelivered.

### **Prepayment**

Optional Prepayment: The Bonds maturing after May 1, 2031, may be called for redemption by the Issuer and paid before maturity on said date or any date thereafter, from any funds regardless of source, in whole or from time to time in part, in any order of maturity and within an annual maturity by lot. The terms of redemption shall be par, plus accrued interest to date of call.

Notice of Prepayment. Prior to the redemption of any Bonds under the provisions of the Resolution, the Registrar shall give written notice not less than thirty (30) days prior to the redemption date to each registered owner thereof. Written notice shall be effective upon the date of transmission to the owner of record of the Bond.

Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption The Bonds maturing on \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to mandatory redemption (by lot, as selected by the Registrar) on \_\_\_\_\_ 1 in each of the years \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed, plus accrued interest thereon to the redemption date in the following principal amounts:

_____ Term Bond	
<u>Mandatory Sinking Fund Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
	\$

(maturity)

Selection of Bonds for Redemption Bonds subject to redemption will be selected in such order of maturity as the Issuer may direct. If less than all of the Bonds of a single maturity are to be redeemed, the Issuer will notify DTC of the particular amount of such maturity to be redeemed prior to maturity. DTC will determine by lot the amount of each Participant's interest in such maturity to be redeemed and each Participant will then select by lot the beneficial ownership interests in such maturity to be redeemed. All prepayments shall be at a price of par plus accrued interest.

Any notice of redemption may contain a statement that the redemption is conditioned upon the receipt by the Paying Agent of funds on or before the date fixed for redemption sufficient to pay the redemption price of the Bonds so called for redemption, and that if funds are not available, such redemption shall be cancelled by written notice to the owners of the Bonds called for redemption in the same manner as the original redemption notice was sent.

### **Source of Security for the Bonds**

The Bonds are general obligations of the Issuer. Per Iowa Code section 76.2, prior to issuing general obligation debt the governing authority of Iowa political subdivision shall, by resolution, provide for the assessment of an annual levy upon all the taxable property in the political subdivision sufficient to pay the interest and principal of the bonds within a period named not exceeding twenty years. A certified copy of this resolution must be filed with the county auditor or the auditors of the counties in which the political subdivision is located; and the filing shall make it a duty of the auditors to enter annually this levy for collection from the taxable property within the boundaries of the political subdivision until funds are realized to pay the bonds in full. Upon issuance of the Bonds, the Issuer will levy taxes for the years and in amounts sufficient to provide 100% of annual principal and interest due on the Bonds. If, however, the amount credited to the debt service fund for payment of the Bonds is insufficient to pay principal and interest, whether from transfers or from original levies, the Issuer is required to levy ad valorem taxes upon all taxable real property within the boundaries of the Issuer without limit as to rate or amount sufficient to pay the debt service deficiency.

Nothing in the Bond Resolution prohibits or limits the ability of the Issuer to use legally available moneys other than the proceeds of the general ad valorem property taxes levied, as described in the preceding paragraph, to pay all or any portion of the principal of or interest on the Bonds. If and to the extent such other legally available moneys are used to pay the principal of or interest on the Bonds, the Issuer may, but shall not be required to, (a) reduce the amount of taxes levied for such purpose, as described in the preceding paragraph; or (b) use proceeds of taxes levied, as described in the preceding paragraph, to reimburse the fund or account from which such other legally available moneys are withdrawn for the amount withdrawn from such fund or account to pay the principal of or interest on Bonds.

The Bond Resolution does not restrict the Issuer's ability to issue or incur additional general obligation debt, although issuance of additional general obligation debt is subject to the same constitutional and statutory limitations that apply to the issuance of the Bonds. For a further description of the Issuer's outstanding general obligation debt upon issuance of the Bonds and the annual debt service on the Bonds, see "Direct Debt" included in "APPENDIX A" to this Official Statement. For a description of certain constitutional and statutory limits on the issuance of general obligation debt, see "Debt Limit" included in "APPENDIX A" to this Official Statement.

### **BONDHOLDERS' RISKS**

An investment in the Bonds is subject to certain risks. No person should purchase the Bonds unless such person understands the risks described below and is willing to bear those risks. There may be other risks not listed below which may adversely affect the value of the Bonds. In order to identify risk factors, make an informed investment decision, and if the Bonds are an appropriate investment, potential investors should be thoroughly familiar with this entire Official Statement (including the Appendices hereto).

### **Tax Levy Procedures**

The Bonds are general obligations of the Issuer, payable from and secured by a continuing ad-valorem tax levied against all of the property valuation within the Issuer. As part of the budgetary process of the Issuer each fiscal year the Issuer will have an obligation to request a debt service levy to be applied against all of the property within the Issuer. A failure on the part of the Issuer to make a timely levy request or a levy request by the Issuer that is inaccurate or is insufficient to make full payments of the debt service on the Bonds for a particular fiscal year may cause Bondholders to experience delay in the receipt of distributions of principal of and/or interest on the Bonds. Consequently, the remedies of the owners of the Bonds (consisting primarily of an action in the nature of mandamus requiring the Issuer and certain other public officials to perform the terms of the resolution for the Bonds) may have to be enforced from year to year.

## **Changes in Property Taxation**

The Bonds are general obligations of the Issuer secured by an unlimited ad valorem property tax as described in the “**THE BONDS - Source of Security for the Bonds**” herein.

From time to time the Iowa General Assembly has altered the method of property taxation and could do so again. Such alterations could affect the Issuer’s financial condition and/or the property tax revenues available to pay the Bonds. Historically, the Iowa General Assembly has applied changes in property taxation structure on a prospective basis; however, there is no assurance that future changes in property taxation structure by the Iowa General Assembly will not be retroactive. It is impossible to predict the outcome of future property tax changes by the Iowa General Assembly or their potential impact on the Issuer’s financial position. As noted in “**THE BONDS - Source of Security for the Bonds**,” under Iowa Code section 76.2 the Issuer will by resolution provide for the assessment of an annual levy upon all the taxable property within the boundaries of the Issuer sufficient to pay the interest and principal of the bonds within a period named not exceeding twenty years.

## **Matters Relating to Enforceability of Agreements/Limitation or Delay in Remedies**

There is no Bond trustee or similar person to monitor or enforce the provisions of the Bond Resolution for the Bonds. The owners of the Bonds should, therefore, be prepared to enforce such provisions themselves if the need to do so arises. In the event of a default in the payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds, there is no provision for acceleration of maturity of the principal of the Bonds. Consequently, the remedies of the owners of the Bonds (consisting primarily of an action in the nature of mandamus requiring the Issuer and certain other public officials to perform the terms of the resolution for the Bonds) may have to be enforced from year to year. Holders of the Bonds shall have and possess all the rights of action and remedies afforded by the common law, the Constitution and statutes of the State of Iowa and of the United States of America for the enforcement of payment of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, the right to a proceeding in law or in equity by suit, action or mandamus to enforce and compel performance of the duties required by Iowa law and the Bond Resolution.

The practical realization of any rights upon any default will depend upon the exercise of various remedies specified in the Bond Resolution. The remedies available to the owners of the Bonds upon an event of default under the Bond Resolution, in certain respects, may require judicial action, which is often subject to discretion and delay. Under existing law, including specifically the federal bankruptcy code, certain of the remedies specified in the Bond Resolution may not be readily available or may be limited. A court may decide not to order the specific performance of the covenants contained in these documents. The legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds will be qualified as to the enforceability of the various legal instruments by limitations imposed by general principles of equity and public policy and by bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency or other similar laws affecting the rights of creditors generally.

No representation is made, and no assurance is given, that the enforcement of any remedies with respect to such assets will result in sufficient funds to pay all amounts due under the Bond Resolution, including principal of and interest on the Bonds.

## **Secondary Market**

There can be no guarantee that there will be a secondary market for the Bonds or, if a secondary market exists, that such Bonds can be sold for any particular price. Occasionally, because of general market conditions or because of adverse history of economic prospects connected with a particular issue, and secondary marketing practices in connection with a particular Bond or Bonds issue are suspended or terminated. Additionally, prices of bond or note issues for which a market is being made will depend upon then prevailing circumstances. Such prices could be substantially different from the original purchase price of the Bonds.

## **Pension**

The Issuer contributes to the Iowa Public Employees’ Retirement System (“IPERS”), which is a state-wide multiple-employer cost-sharing defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by State statute to plan members and beneficiaries. All full-time employees of the Issuer are required to participate in IPERS. IPERS plan members are required to contribute a percentage of their annual salary, in addition to the Issuer being required to make annual contributions to IPERS. Contribution amounts are set by State statute. The IPERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for its fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 (the “IPERS ACFR”), indicates that as of June 30, 2024, the date of the most recent actuarial valuation for IPERS, the funded ratio of IPERS was 90.75%, and the unfunded actuarial liability was approximately \$4.375 billion. The IPERS ACFR identifies the IPERS Net Pension Liability at June 30, 2024, at approximately \$3.641 billion, while its net pension liability at June 30, 2023, was approximately \$4.514 billion. The IPERS ACFR is available on the IPERS website, or by contacting IPERS at 7401 Register Drive, Des Moines, IA 50321. See “**APPENDIX D – AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE ISSUER**” for additional information on IPERS.

Bond Counsel, Disclosure Counsel, Municipal Advisor, Counsel to the Municipal Advisor and the Issuer undertake no responsibility for and make no representations as to the accuracy or completeness of the information available from the IPERS discussed above or included on the IPERS website, including, but not limited to, updates of such information on the State Auditor's website or links to other Internet sites accessed through the IPERS website.

Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 68, the School reported a liability of \$3,450,194 as of June 30, 2024 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for Iowa Public Employee Retirement System ("IPERS"). The net pension liability is the amount by which the total actuarial liability exceeds the pension plan's net assets or fiduciary net position (essentially the market value) available for paying benefits. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023. The School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all IPERS participating employers. As of June 30, 2023, the School's collective proportion was 0.076439% which was an increase of 0.000675% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022. **See School's Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024, Appendix D, for additional information.**

### **Rating**

S&P Global Ratings (the "Rating Agency") has assigned a rating of "AA-" to the Bonds. Generally, a rating agency bases its rating on the information and materials furnished to it and on investigations, studies and assumptions of its own. There is no assurance that the rating will continue for any given period of time, or that such rating will not be revised, suspended or withdrawn, if, in the judgment of the Rating Agency, circumstances so warrant. A revision, suspension or withdrawal of a rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

Rating agencies are currently not regulated by any regulatory body. Future regulation of rating agencies could materially alter the methodology, rating levels, and types of ratings available, for example, and these changes, if ever, could materially affect the market value of the Bonds.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This Official Statement contains statements relating to future results that are "forward-looking statements" as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. When used in this Official Statement, the words "estimate," "forecast," "intend," "expect" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statement is subject to uncertainty. Accordingly, such statements are subject to risks that could cause actual results to differ, possibly materially, from those contemplated in such forward-looking statements. Inevitably, some assumptions used to develop forward-looking statements will not be realized or unanticipated events and circumstances may occur. Therefore, investors should be aware that there are likely to be differences between forward looking statements and the actual results. These differences could be material and could impact the availability of funds of the Issuer to pay debt service when due on the Bonds.

### **Legislative Change Related to School Choice**

The Legislature enacted and the Governor signed House File 68 ("HF68") during its 2023 legislative session. HF68 established a standing unlimited State general fund appropriation for an Education Savings Account Fund (Fund) under the control of the Department of Education. The Fund must be used to establish individual accounts for participating pupils and to make qualified education savings account payments on behalf of parents and guardians, including payment for non-public school tuition, textbooks, software, fees, curriculum materials, and other similar expenses. HF68 was effective on July 1, 2023, for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and expands eligibility for the program each year with all students attending a non-public school becoming eligible beginning in fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

The annual amount per account in the Fund is determined by the State Cost Per Pupil (SCPP) for that fiscal year and changes each year based on the State Percent of Growth (SPG). For fiscal year ending 2025, the SCPP is \$7,826, which amount will be deposited into the Fund, instead of being sent to the Issuer, for each qualifying student within the Issuer attending a nonpublic school. HF68 provides that a school district is funded in an amount of \$1,176 per student for resident pupils who attend a nonpublic school. According to the Department of Education, there were 28 students who resided within the boundaries of the Issuer but attended non-public schools for the 2022-23 school year; 36 students for the 2023-24 school year; and 42 students for the 2024-25 school year. It is unknown how many additional students, if any, will attend non-public schools in future years, as HF68 is implemented. If a significant number of eligible students in the Issuer transition to non-public schools, it could have an adverse impact on the Issuer's finances given the reduction in per student funding the Issuer would otherwise receive. See **"THE BONDS – Source of Security for the Bonds"** herein.

## **Pending Federal Tax Legislation**

From time to time, there are Presidential proposals, proposals of various federal committees, and legislative proposals are pending in Congress that could, if enacted, alter or amend one or more of the federal tax matters described herein in certain respects or would adversely affect the market value of the Bonds or otherwise prevent holders of the Bonds from realizing the full benefit of the tax exemption of interest on the Bonds. Further such proposals may impact the marketability or market value of the Bonds simply by being proposed. It cannot be predicted whether or in what forms any of such proposals, either pending or that may be introduced, may be enacted and there can be no assurance that such proposals will not apply to the Bonds. In addition, regulatory actions are from time to time announced or proposed, and litigation threatened or commenced, which if implemented or concluded in a particular manner, could adversely affect the market value, marketability or tax status of the Bonds. It cannot be predicted whether any such regulatory action will be implemented, how any particular litigation or judicial action will be resolved, or whether the Bonds would be impacted thereby.

## **DTC-Beneficial Owners**

Beneficial Owners of the Bonds may experience some delay in the receipt of distributions of principal of and interest on the Bonds since such distributions will be forwarded by the Paying Agent to DTC and DTC will credit such distributions to the accounts of the Participants which will thereafter credit them to the accounts of the Beneficial Owner either directly or indirectly through indirect Participants. Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent will have any responsibility or obligation to assure that any such notice or payment is forwarded by DTC to any Participants or by any Participant to any Beneficial Owner.

In addition, since transactions in the Bonds can be effected only through DTC Participants, indirect participants and certain banks, the ability of a Beneficial Owner to pledge the Bonds to persons or entities that do not participate in the DTC system, or otherwise to take actions in respect of such Bonds, may be limited due to lack of a physical certificate. Beneficial Owners will be permitted to exercise the rights of registered Owners only indirectly through DTC and the Participants. See **“THE BONDS—Book-Entry Only System.”**

## **Project Completion; Risks of Construction**

A delay in completion of the Project may arise from any number of other causes, including but not limited to, adverse weather conditions, unavailability of subcontractors, and negligence on the part of subcontractors, labor disputes, or unanticipated costs of construction, equipping or renovation. Any of these events or occurrences, separately or in combination, could have a material adverse effect on the Issuer’s ability to complete the Project, or to complete it as planned and on schedule. The Issuer believes that the proceeds of the Bonds, plus the proceeds of the previously issued \$10,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2024, plus the proceeds of School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, to be issued in 2026, will be sufficient to complete the Project; however, the cost of constructing the Project may be affected by factors beyond the control of the Issuer, including strikes, material shortages, supply chain issues, adverse weather conditions, subcontractor defaults, delays, and unknown contingencies.

## **Debt Payment History**

The Issuer knows of no instance in which it has intentionally or unintentionally defaulted in the payment of principal and/or interest on any of its debt.

## **Damage or Destruction to District’s Facilities**

Although the District maintains certain kinds of insurance, there can be no assurance that the District will not suffer uninsured losses in the event of damage to or destruction of the District’s facilities, including the Project, due to fire or other calamity or in the event of other unforeseen circumstances.

## **Redemption Prior to Maturity/Loss of Premium from Redemption**

In considering whether the Bonds might be redeemed prior to maturity, Bondholders should consider the information included in this Official Statement under the heading **“THE BONDS - Prepayment.”** Any person who purchases the Bonds at a price in excess of their principal amount or who holds such Bonds trading at a price in excess of par should consider the fact that the Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the redemption prices described herein in the event such Bonds are redeemed prior to maturity. See **“THE BONDS – Prepayment” herein.**

## **General Liability Claims**

In recent years, the number of general liability suits and the dollar amounts of damage awards have increased nationwide,



resulting in substantial increases in insurance premiums. Litigation may also arise against the District from its business activities, such as its status as an employer. While the District maintains general liability insurance coverage, the District is unable to predict the availability or cost of such insurance in the future. In addition, it is possible that certain types of liability awards may not be covered by insurance as in effect at relevant times. Any negative impact resulting from such awards may impact the District's financial condition.

### **Risks as Employer**

The Issuer is a major employer, combining a complex mix of full-time faculty, part-time faculty, technical and clerical support staff and other types of workers in a single operation. As with all large employers, the Issuer bears a wide variety of risks in connection with its employees. These risks include discrimination claims, personal tort actions, work-related injuries, exposure to hazardous materials, interpersonal torts (such as between employees or between employees and students) and other risks that may flow from the relationships between employer and employee or between students and employees. Certain of these risks are not covered by insurance, and certain of them cannot be anticipated or prevented in advance.

### **Cybersecurity**

The Issuer, like many other public and private entities, relies on a large and complex technology environment to conduct its operations. As such, it may face multiple cybersecurity threats including, but not limited to, hacking, viruses, malware and other attacks on computers or other sensitive digital systems and networks. There can be no assurances that any security and operational control measures implemented by the Issuer will be completely successful to guard against and prevent cyber threats and attacks. Failure to properly maintain functionality, control, security, and integrity of the Issuer's information systems could impact business operations and/or digital networks and systems and the costs of remedying any such damage could be significant. Along with significant liability claims or regulatory penalties, any security breach could have a material adverse impact on the Issuer's operations and financial condition.

The Issuer maintains cyber-insurance policies. The Issuer cannot predict whether these policies would be sufficient in the event of a cyber-incident.

### **Environmental and Climate-Related**

Due to recent increases in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events and natural disasters, the Issuer and its residents and businesses may experience operational disruptions and increased costs for mitigation and recovery. The increased costs of risk-mitigation and recovery efforts cannot be determined with certainty due to the multiple factors associated with these costs, including but not limited to, the future frequency and intensity of these events, future legal and regulatory requirements, the costs of labor and materials used in mitigation and recovery, insurance rates and available coverages, and the level of state and federal assistance available.

### **Financial Condition of the Issuer from time to time**

No representation is made as to the future financial condition of the Issuer. Certain risks discussed herein could adversely affect the financial condition and/or operations of the Issuer in the future. However, the Bonds are secured by an unlimited ad valorem property tax as described more fully in the "THE BONDS – Source of Security for the Bonds" herein. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the auditor noted material weaknesses in internal controls, which are described in more detail in the audited financial statements attached as **Appendix D**.

Changing priorities in federal policies can result in reductions to the level or priority of federal funding for a variety of federally funded programs, including education related programs. Such changes could have an adverse impact on the Issuer's operations or financial position.

### **Continuing Disclosure**

A failure by the Issuer to comply with the continuing disclosure obligations (see "Continuing Disclosure" herein) will not constitute an event of default on the Bonds. Any such failure must be disclosed in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

### **Suitability of Investment**

The interest rate borne by the Bonds is intended to compensate the investor for assuming the risk of investing in the Bonds. Each prospective investor should carefully examine this Official Statement and its own financial condition to make a judgement as to

its ability to bear the economic risk of such and investment, and whether or not the Bonds are an appropriate investment for such investor.

### **Bankruptcy and Insolvency**

The rights and remedies provided in the Resolution may be limited by and are subject to the provisions of federal bankruptcy laws, to other laws or equitable principles that may affect the enforcement of creditor's rights, to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to limitations in legal remedies against exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to limitations on legal remedies against municipal corporations in the State of Iowa. The various opinions of counsel to be delivered with respect to the Bonds and the Resolution, including the opinion of Bond Counsel, will be similarly qualified. If the Issuer were to file a petition under chapter nine of the federal bankruptcy code, the owners of the Bonds could be prohibited from taking any steps to enforce their rights under the Resolution. In the event the Issuer fails to comply with its covenants under the Resolution or fails to make payments on the Bonds, there can be no assurance of the availability of remedies adequate to protect the interests of the holders of the Bonds.

Under sections 76.16 and 76.16A of the Code of Iowa, as amended, a city, county, or other political subdivision may become a debtor under chapter nine of the federal bankruptcy code, if it is rendered insolvent, as defined in 11 U.S.C. §101(32)(c), as a result of a debt involuntarily incurred. As used therein, "debt" means an obligation to pay money, other than pursuant to a valid and binding collective bargaining agreement or previously authorized bond issue, as to which the governing body of the city, county, or other political subdivision has made a specific finding set forth in a duly adopted resolution of each of the following: (1) that all or a portion of such obligation will not be paid from available insurance proceeds and must be paid from an increase in general tax levy; (2) that such increase in the general tax levy will result in a severe, adverse impact on the ability of the city, county, or political subdivision to exercise the powers granted to it under applicable law, including without limitation providing necessary services and promoting economic development; (3) that as a result of such obligation, the city, county, or other political subdivision is unable to pay its debts as they become due; and (4) that the debt is not an obligation to pay money to a city, county, entity organized pursuant to chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa, or other political subdivision.

### **Tax Matters, Bank Qualification, and Loss of Tax Exemption**

As discussed under the heading "TAX EXEMPTION AND RELATED TAX MATTERS" herein, the interest on the Bonds could become includable in gross income for purposes of federal income taxation retroactive to the date of delivery of the Bonds, as a result of acts or omissions of the Issuer in violation of its covenants in the Resolution. Should such an event of taxability occur, the Bonds would not be subject to a special prepayment and would remain outstanding until maturity or until prepaid under the prepayment provisions contained in the Bonds, and there is no provision for an adjustment of the interest rate on the Bonds.

The Issuer will designate the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under the exception provided in Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and has further covenanted to comply with certain other requirements, 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.

It is possible that legislation will be proposed or introduced that could result in changes in the way that tax exemption is calculated, or whether interest on certain securities are exempt from taxation at all. Prospective purchasers should consult with their own tax advisors regarding any pending or proposed federal income tax legislation. The likelihood of any pending or proposed federal income tax legislation being enacted or whether the proposed terms will be altered or removed during the legislative process cannot be reliably predicted.

It is also possible that actions of the Issuer after the closing of the Bonds will alter the tax status of the Bonds, and, in the extreme, remove the tax-exempt status from the Bonds. In that instance, the Bonds are not subject to mandatory prepayment, and the interest rate on the Bonds does not increase or otherwise reset. A determination of taxability on the Bonds, after closing of the Bonds, could materially adversely affect the value and marketability of the Bonds.

### **Factors Beyond Issuer's Control**

Economic and other factors beyond the Issuer's control, such as economic recession, deflation of property values, or financial difficulty or bankruptcy by one or more major property taxpayers, or the complete or partial destruction of taxable property caused by, among other eventualities, earthquake, flood, fire or other natural disaster, could cause a reduction in the assessed value within the corporate boundaries of the Issuer. The State of Iowa, including the Issuer, is susceptible to tornados, flooding and extreme weather wherein winds and flooding have from time to time caused significant damage, which may have an adverse impact on the Issuer's financial position.

## Risk of Audit

The Internal Revenue Service has an ongoing program to audit tax-exempt obligations to determine the legitimacy of the tax status of such obligations. No assurance can be given as to whether the Internal Revenue Service will commence an audit of the Bonds. Public awareness of any audit could adversely affect the market value and liquidity of the Bonds during the pendency of the audit, regardless of the ultimate outcome of the audit.

## Summary

The foregoing is intended only as a summary of certain risk factors attendant to an investment in the Bonds. In order for potential investors to identify risk factors and make an informed investment decision, potential investors should become thoroughly familiar with this entire Official Statement and the Appendices hereto.

## LITIGATION

The District encounters litigation occasionally, as a course of business, however, no litigation currently exists that is not believed to be covered by current insurance carriers and no litigation has been proposed that questions the validity of the Bonds.

## ACCOUNTANT

The accrual-basis financial statements of the Issuer included as APPENDIX D to this Official Statement have been examined by Nolte, Cornman & Johnson, PC, to the extent and for the periods indicated in their report thereon. Such financial statements have been included herein without permission of said CPA, and said CPA expresses no opinion with respect to the Bonds or the Official Statement.

## UNDERWRITING

The Bonds are being purchased, subject to certain conditions, by \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Underwriter"). The Underwriter has agreed, subject to certain conditions, to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Bonds at an aggregate purchase price of \$\_\_\_\_\_ plus accrued interest to the Closing Date.

The Underwriter may offer and sell the Bonds to certain dealers (including dealers depositing the Bonds into unit investment trusts, certain of which may be sponsored or managed by the Underwriter) at prices lower than the initial public offering prices stated on the cover page. The initial public offering prices of the Bonds may be changed, from time to time, by the Underwriter.

The Underwriter intends to engage in secondary market trading of the Bonds subject to applicable securities laws. The Underwriter is not obligated, however, to repurchase any of the Bonds at the request of the holder thereof.

## THE PROJECT

The Bond proceeds, when combined with the previously issued \$10,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2024, will be used (i) to construct, furnish, and equip classroom additions, including multi-purpose space, offices and secure entrances, and improve the site, including expanded parking lot and playground spaces; and (ii) to pay costs of issuance for the Bonds.

## SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS \*

Sources of Funds	Bond Proceeds	\$
	Reoffering Premium	
Total Sources of Funds		\$
Uses of Funds	Deposit to project fund	\$
	Costs of Issuance	
	Underwriter's Discount	
Total Uses of Funds		\$

\* Preliminary, subject to change

## **TAX EXEMPTION AND RELATED CONSIDERATIONS**

Federal tax law contains a number of requirements and restrictions that 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 facilities financed with Bond proceeds, and certain other matters. The Issuer 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 includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds.

Subject to the Issuer's compliance with the above-referenced covenants, under present law, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, the interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax on individuals; however, such interest may be taken into account for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations.

Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should be aware that 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. Bond Counsel will not express any opinion as to such collateral tax consequences. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to collateral federal income tax consequences.

The interest on the Bonds is not exempt from present Iowa 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.

### **Qualified Tax Exemption Obligations**

The Issuer intends to designate the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under the exception provided in Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and has further covenanted to comply with certain other requirements, 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.

### **Discount and Premium Bonds**

The initial public offering price of certain Bonds may be less than the amount payable on such Bonds at maturity ("Discount Bonds"). Owners of Discount Bonds should consult with their own tax advisors with respect to the determination of accrued original issue discount on Discount Bonds for income tax purposes and with respect to the state and local tax consequences of owning and disposing of Discount Bonds. It is possible that, under applicable provisions governing determination of state and local income taxes, accrued interest on Discount Bonds may be deemed to be received in the year of accrual even though there will not be a corresponding cash payment.

The initial public offering price of certain Bonds may be greater than the amount of such Bonds at maturity ("Premium Bonds"). Purchasers of the Premium Bonds should consult with their own tax advisors with respect to the determination of amortizable premium on Premium Bonds for income tax purposes and with respect to the state and local tax consequences of owning and disposing of Premium Bonds.

### **Other Tax Advice**

In addition to the income tax consequences described above, potential investors should consider the additional tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership, and disposition of the Bonds. For instance, state income tax law may differ substantially from state to state, and the foregoing is not intended to describe any aspect of the income tax laws of any state. Therefore, potential investors should consult their own tax advisors with respect to federal tax issues and with respect to the various state tax consequences of an investment in Bonds.

### **Audits**

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 includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes. To the best of the Issuer's knowledge, no obligations of the Issuer are currently under examination by the Service. 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 Issuer as a taxpayer and the Bondholders 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.

## **Reporting and Withholding**

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.

## **Tax Legislation**

Legislation affecting tax-exempt obligations is regularly considered by the United States Congress and may be considered by the Iowa legislature. Court proceedings may also be filed, the outcome of which could modify the tax treatment. There can be no assurance that legislation enacted or proposed, or actions by a court, after the date of issuance of the Bonds will not have an adverse effect on the tax status of interest or other income on the Bonds or the market value or marketability of the Bonds. These adverse effects could result, for example, from changes to federal or state income tax rates, changes in the structure of federal or state income taxes (including replacement with another type of tax), or repeal (or reduction in the benefit) of the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal or state income tax purposes for all or certain taxpayers.

Current and future legislative proposals, including some that carry retroactive effective dates, if enacted into law, court decisions, or clarification of the Code may cause interest on the Bonds to be subject, directly or indirectly, to federal income taxation, or otherwise prevent owners of the Bonds from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. The introduction or enactment of any other legislative proposals, clarification of the Code or court decisions may also affect, perhaps significantly, the market price for, or marketability of, the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding any pending or proposed tax legislation, as to which Bond Counsel expresses no opinion other than as set forth in its legal opinion.

## **The Opinion**

The FORM OF LEGAL OPINION, in substantially the form set out in APPENDIX B to this Preliminary Official Statement, will be delivered at closing.

Bond Counsel's opinion is not a guarantee of a result, or of the transaction on which the opinion is rendered, or of the future performance of parties to the transaction, but represents its legal judgment based upon its review of existing statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions and the representations and covenants of the Issuer described in this section. No ruling has been sought from the Service with respect to the matters addressed in the opinion of Bond Counsel and Bond Counsel's opinion is not binding on the Service, nor does the rendering of the opinion guarantee the outcome of any legal dispute that may arise out of the transaction. Bond Counsel assumes no obligation to update its opinion after the issue date to reflect any further action, fact or circumstance, or change in law or interpretation, or otherwise.

## **Enforcement**

Bondholders shall have and possess all the rights of action and remedies afforded by the common law, the Constitution and statutes of the State of Iowa and of the United States of America for the enforcement of payment of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, the right to a proceeding in law or in equity by suit, action or mandamus to enforce and compel performance of the duties required by Iowa law and the Series 2025 Resolution and the Indenture. In the event of a default in the payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds, there is no provision for acceleration of maturity of the principal of the Bonds.

The owners of the Bonds cannot foreclose on property within the boundaries of the Issuer or sell such property in order to pay the debt service on the Bonds. In addition, the enforceability of the rights and remedies of owners of the Bonds may be subject to limitation as set forth in Bond Counsel's opinion. The opinion will state, in part, that the obligations of the Issuer with respect to the Bonds may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights heretofore or hereafter enacted to the extent constitutionally applicable, to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to the exercise by the State and its governmental bodies of the police power inherent in the sovereignty of the State and to the exercise by the United States of America of the powers delegated to it by the Constitution of the United States of America.

## **Bond Counsel Review**

Bond Counsel has approved the language included in this "Tax Exemption and Related Considerations" Section but has not otherwise participated in the preparation of this Preliminary Official Statement and will not pass upon its accuracy, completeness or sufficiency. Bond Counsel has not examined, nor attempted to examine or verify, any of the financial or statistical statements or data contained in this Preliminary Official Statement and will express no opinion with respect thereto.

**ALL POTENTIAL PURCHASERS OF THE BONDS SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR TAX ADVISORS WITH RESPECT TO FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL TAX CONSEQUENCES OF OWNERSHIP OF THE BONDS (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE).**

## **MUNICIPAL ADVISOR**

The Issuer has retained Piper Sandler & Co. as Municipal Advisor (the "Municipal Advisor") in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. In preparing this Official Statement, the Municipal Advisor has relied upon governmental officials, and other sources who have access to relevant data to provide accurate information and the Municipal Advisor has not been engaged, nor has it undertaken, to independently verify the accuracy, completion or fairness of such information and data. The Municipal Advisor is not a public accounting firm and has not been engaged by the Issuer to compile, review, examine or audit any information in the Official Statement in accordance with accounting standards.

## **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE**

The Issuer will covenant in a Continuing Disclosure Certificate for the benefit of the Owners and Beneficial Owners of the Bonds to provide annually certain financial information and operating data relating to the Issuer (the "Annual Report"), and to provide notices of the occurrence of certain enumerated events. The Annual Report is to be filed by the Issuer no later than April 15 after the close of each fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, at its internet repository named "Electronic Municipal Market Access" ("EMMA"). The notices of events, if any, are also to be filed with EMMA. See "APPENDIX C – FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE." The specific nature of the information to be contained in the Annual Report or the notices of events, and the manner in which such materials are to be filed, are summarized in "APPENDIX C – FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE." These covenants have been made in order to assist the Underwriter in complying with SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) (the "Rule").

A failure by the District to comply with the Undertaking will not constitute a default under the Resolution and beneficial owners of the Bonds are limited to the remedies described in the Undertaking. Any Holder or Beneficial Owner of the Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the District to comply with its obligations under the Disclosure Certificate. Direct, indirect, consequential and punitive damages shall not be recoverable by any person for any default thereunder. If the District fails to comply with any provision of the Disclosure Certificate, the sole remedy available shall be an action to compel performance. A failure by the District to comply with the Undertaking must be reported in accordance with the Rule and must be considered by any broker, dealer or municipal securities dealer before recommending the purchase or sale of the Bonds in the secondary market. Consequently, such a failure may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

For the previous five-year period, the Issuer believes it has complied with the Rule in all material respects.

Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to whether the Undertaking complies with the requirements of Section (b)(5) of the Rule.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Brief descriptions or summaries of the Issuer, the Bond, and statutes are included in this Official Statement. The summaries or references herein to the Bonds and statutes referred to herein, and the description of the Bonds included herein, do not purport to be comprehensive or definitive, and such summaries, references and descriptions are qualified in their entirety by reference to such documents, and the description herein of the Bonds is qualified in its entirety by reference to the form thereof and the information with respect thereto included in the aforesaid documents. Copies of such documents may be obtained from the Issuer.

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

The attached APPENDICES A, B, C, D and E are integral parts of this Official Statement and must be read together with all of

the foregoing statements.

It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any Bonds nor any error in the printing of such numbers shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and pay for any Bonds.

The Issuer has reviewed the information contained herein which relates to it and has approved all such information for use within this Official Statement. The execution and delivery of this Official Statement has been duly authorized by the Issuer.

VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, STATE OF IOWA

/s/ Shonna Trudo  
Board Secretary

**APPENDIX A - INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER**

**VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, IOWA  
DISTRICT OFFICIALS**

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	John Gilliland
<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>	Sarah Moore, Vice President Jessica Drake Luke Reimers Meredith Scott
<b>SUPERINTENDENT</b>	Deron Durflinger
<b>DISTRICT SECRETARY</b>	Shonna Trudo
<b>DISTRICT TREASURER</b>	Shonna Trudo
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</b>	Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.

**CONSULTANTS**

<b>BOND COUNSEL</b>	Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. Des Moines, Iowa
<b>DISCLOSURE COUNSEL</b>	Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. Des Moines, Iowa
<b>MUNICIPAL ADVISOR</b>	Piper Sandler & Co. Des Moines, Iowa
<b>PAYING AGENT</b>	UMB Bank, n.a. West Des Moines, Iowa



## General Information

The Van Meter Community School District (the “Issuer”) is located in central Iowa adjacent to the western edge of the Des Moines Metropolitan Area. Included within the district’s 61 square miles is the community of Van Meter and residential areas in the unincorporated portions of the District. The primary economic activity within the District lies in the production of agricultural goods and services, with a majority of the District’s residents commuting to the Des Moines metropolitan area. Transportation facilities are provided by the Iowa Interstate Railroad LTD., U.S. Interstate 80, as well as numerous paved county roads. Commercial airline service is available at the Des Moines International Airport.

## Issuer Facilities (1)

Presented below is a recap of the existing facilities of the Issuer:

<u>Building</u>	<u>Construction Date</u>	<u>Grades Served</u>
Jr. High/High School	1924, 2000, 2015	6-12
Elementary	1960, 1989, 2000, 2015	K-5

## Enrollment (3)

Total enrollment in the Issuer in the fall of the past five school years has been as follows:

<u>Count Date</u>	<u>Fiscal Year effective</u>	<u>Certified (Resident) (4) (5)</u>	<u>Open Enroll In (6)</u>	<u>Open Enroll Out (6)</u>	<u>Total Served (6)</u>
October-24	2025-26	960.2	183.0	39.5	1,103.7
October-23	2024-25	935.9	166.0	37.9	1,064.0
October-22	2023-24	894.5	172.0	39.5	1,027.0
October-21	2022-23	858.5	179.0	43.4	994.1
October-20	2021-22	779.3	190.0	38.8	930.5

## Staff (1)

Presented below is a list of the Issuer's 133 employees.

Administrators:	5	Media Specialists:	1
Teachers:	70	Nurses:	1
Teacher Aids:	22	Guidance:	3
Custodians:	7	Secretaries:	3
Food Service:	8	Transportation:	7
Other:	4	Maintenance:	2

## Population (2)

Presented below are population figures for the periods indicated for the city of Van Meter:

<u>Year</u>	
2020	1,484
2010	1,016
2000	866
1990	751
1980	747
1970	464
1960	385
1950	364

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(1) Source: the Issuer

(2) Source: U.S. Census Bureau

(3) Source: Iowa Department of Education

(4) Used for Sales Tax distribution

(5) Used for State Aid distribution

(6) For each fiscal year, the school district into which any student open-enrolls, sends an invoice to the home-district in the amount of regular district cost per pupil, which is equal to the amount of State Aid the home-district receives from the State.

## Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) (1)

Plan Description - The Issuer operates a single-employer health benefit plan which provides medical and prescription drug benefits for employees, retirees and their spouses.

Individuals who are employed by the Issuer and are eligible to participate in the group health plan are eligible to continue healthcare benefits upon retirement. Retirees under age 65 pay the same premium for the medical/prescription drug benefit as active employees, which results in an implicit subsidy and an OPEB liability.

Retired participants must be age 55 or older at retirement. At July 1, 2022, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	1
<u>Active employees</u>	<u>119</u>
Total	120

Total OPEB Liability – The Issuer’s total OPEB liability of \$803,321 was measured as of June 30, 2024, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022.

Actuarial Assumptions – the total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and the entry age normal actuarial cost method, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Rate of inflation	3.00%
Rates of salary increase including inflation	3.00%
Discount rate including inflation	3.93%
Healthcare cost trend rate	6.00% initial rate decreasing annually to an ultimate rate of 4.00%

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 3.93%, which reflects the index rate for 20-year tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher as of the measurement date.

Mortality rates are from the PUB-2010 mortality table fully generational using Scale MP-2021. Retirement rates are based on IPERS actual valuation dated June 30, 2022.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability:

Total OPEB obligation – beginning of year	\$721,297
Changes for the year	
	Service Cost 91,351
	Interest 29,359
	Difference between expected & actual experiences -
	Change in assumption (22,108)
	<u>Benefit Payments (16,578)</u>
Net Changes	82,024
Net OPEB obligation – end of year	\$803,321

Changes of assumptions reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.65% in fiscal year 2023 to 3.93% in fiscal year 2024.

(1) Source: the Issuer

## Employee Pension Plan (1)

**Plan Description.** Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System ("IPERS") membership is mandatory for employees of the Issuer. The Issuer's employees are provided with pensions through a cost-sharing multiple employer defined pension plan administered by IPERS. IPERS benefits are established under Iowa Code, Chapter 97B and the administrative rules thereunder. The Issuer's employee who completed seven years of covered service or has reached the age of 65 while in IPERS covered employment becomes vested. If the Issuer's employee retires before normal retirement age, the employees' monthly retirement benefit will be permanently reduced by an early-retirement reduction. IPERS provides pension benefits as well as disability benefits to Issuer employees and benefits to the employees' beneficiaries upon the death of the eligible employee. See "**APPENDIX D-AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE ISSUER-NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**" for additional information on IPERS. Additionally, copies of IPERS annual financial report may be obtained from [www.ipers.org](http://www.ipers.org). However, the information presented in such financial reports or on such websites is not incorporated into this Official Statement by any reference.

**Contributions.** Effective July 1, 2012, as a result of a 2010 law change, IPERS contribution rates for the Issuer and its employees are established by IPERS following the annual actuarial valuation (which applies IPERS' Contribution Rate Funding Policy and Actuarial Amortization method.) State statute, however, limits the amount rates can increase or decrease each year to one (1) percentage point. Therefore, any difference between the actuarial contribution rates and the contributions paid is due entirely to statutorily set contributions that may differ from the actual contribution rates. As a result, while the contribution rate in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 equaled the actuarially required rate, there is no guarantee, due to this statutory limitation on rate increases, that the contribution rate will meet or exceed the actuarially required rate in the future.

The Issuer's contributions to IPERS is not less than that which is required by law. The Issuer's share of the contribution, payable from the applicable funds of the Issuer, is provided by a statutorily authorized annual levy of taxes without limit or restriction as to rate or amount. The Issuer has always made its full required contributions to IPERS.

The following table sets forth the contributions made by the Issuer and its employees to IPERS for the period indicated. The Issuer cannot predict the levels of funding that will be required in the future.

**Table 1 – Issuer and Employees Contribution to IPERS.**

Fiscal Year	Issuer Contribution		Issuer Employees' Contribution	
	Amount Contributed	% of Covered Payroll	Amount Contributed	% of Covered Payroll
2020	500,357	9.44	333,395	6.29
2021	553,470	9.44	368,784	6.29
2022	576,037	9.44	383,783	6.29
2023	632,247	9.44	421,369	6.29
2024	666,947	9.44	444,396	6.29

The Issuer cannot predict the levels of funding that will be required in the future as any IPERS unfunded pension benefit obligation could be reflected in future years in higher contribution rates. The investment of moneys, assumptions underlying the same and the administration of IPERS is not subject to the direction of the Issuer. Thus, it is not possible to predict, control or prepare for future unfunded accrued actuarial liabilities of IPERS ("UAALs"). The UAAL is the difference between total actuarially accrued liabilities and actuarially calculated assets available for the payment of such benefits. The UAAL is based on assumptions as to retirement age, mortality, projected salary increases attributed to inflation, across-the-board raises and merit raises, adjustments, cost-of-living adjustments, valuation of current assets, investment return and other matters. Such UAAL could be substantial in the future, requiring significantly increased contributions from the Issuer which could affect other budgetary matters.

**Table 2 – Recent returns of IPERS (1)**

According to IPERS, the market value investment return on program assets is as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Investment Return %
2020	3.39
2021	29.63
2022	-3.90
2023	5.41
2024	9.07

(1) SOURCE: The Issuer

The following table sets forth certain information about the funding status of IPERS that has been extracted from the comprehensive annual financial reports of IPERS (collectively, the “IPERS ACFRs”), and the actuarial valuation reports provided to IPERS by Cavanaugh MacDonald Consulting, LLC (collectively, the “IPERS Actuarial Reports”). Additional information regarding IPERS and its latest actuarial valuations can be obtained by contacting IPERS administrative staff.

**Table 3 – Funding Status of IPERS (1)**

Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets [a]	Market Value of Assets [b]	Actuarial Accrued Liability [c]	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (Actuarial Value) [c]-[a]	Funded Ratio (Actuarial Value) [a]/[c]	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (Market Value) [c]-[b]	Funded Ratio (Market Value) [b]/[c]	Covered Payroll [d]	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (Actuarial Value) [[c-a]/[d]]
2020	34,485,656,745	34,047,692,112	41,072,427,540	6,586,770,795	83.96	7,024,735,428	82.90	8,391,856,350	78.49
2021	37,584,987,296	42,889,875,682	42,544,648,750	4,959,661,454	88.34	-345,226,932	100.81	8,648,783,536	57.35
2022	39,354,232,379	40,191,566,259	43,969,714,606	4,615,482,227	89.50	3,778,148,347	91.40	9,018,019,950	51.18
2023	41,012,524,216	41,206,314,259	45,719,979,439	4,707,455,223	89.70	4,513,665,180	90.13	9,588,339,000	49.10
2024	42,927,257,062	43,661,123,300	47,302,619,657	4,375,362,595	90.75	3,641,496,357	92.30	10,003,675,315	43.74

### Net Pension Liabilities (2)

At June 30, 2024, the Issuer reported a liability of \$3,450,194 for its proportional share of the IPERS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7%. The Issuer’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Issuer’s share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all IPERS participating employers. See “**APPENDIX D–AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE ISSUER–NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**” for additional information related to the Issuer’s deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, actuarial assumptions, discount rate and discount rate sensitivity.

Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued IPERS financial report which is available on IPERS’ website at [www.ipers.org](http://www.ipers.org).

Bond Counsel, Disclosure Counsel, the Issuer, the Underwriter, the Municipal Advisor and Counsel to the Municipal Advisor undertake no responsibility for and make no representations as to the accuracy or completeness of the material available from IPERS as discussed above or included on the IPERS website, including, but not limited to, updates of such information on the Auditor of State’s website or links to other websites through the IPERS website.

### **Investment of Public Funds (2)**

The Issuer invests its funds pursuant to Chapter 12B of the Code. Presented below is the Issuer’s investing activities as of March 31, 2025

<u>Type of Investment</u>	<u>Amount Invested</u>
Local Bank Money Market	\$289,814
Local Bank Deposit Accounts	1,650,803
Local Bank Time CD’s	0
ISJIT Money Market	10,835,328
ISJIT Time CD’s	0

(1) Source: IPERS Actuarial Reports. For a description of the assumptions used when calculating the funding status of IPERS for the fiscal year noted herein, see IPERS ACFRs

(2) Source: the Issuer

## Major Employers (1)

Presented below is a summary of the largest employers in the District:

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Approximate Employees</u>
Van Meter CSD	Education	129
All American Turf Beauty	Landscapers	20-49
Jaison Brother Shot Stock	Nonprofit	10-19
Casey's	Convenience store	10-19

Due to the district's close proximity to the Des Moines Metropolitan area, residents may find employment at the following:

Hy-Vee Inc	Grocery store chain	11,782
Wells Fargo & Co.	Financial services	11,000
MercyOne	Healthcare	5,641
Principal Financial	Investments, retirement, insurance	5,595
Unity Point Health	Healthcare	5,147
John Deere	Ag machinery, GPS/ag equipment software, consumer financial services	3,800
Nationwide	Insurance	3,300
Corteva Agriscience	Agricultural company	2,255
Maverick	Convenience store chain	2,000
Mercer Health & Benefits	Health benefits company	1,800
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Iowa	Health insurance	1,700
Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations	Agricultural tires	1,600
Athene	Investments	1,600
Lumen	Telecommunications, ISP	1,500
Farm Bureau financial Services	Investments, insurance and wealth management	1,111
EMC Insurance Companies	Insurance	1,100
The Iowa Clinic	Healthcare	1,100
The Waldinger Corporation	Sheet metal, electrical, cabling and service contractor	1,100

## Property Tax Assessment (2)

In compliance with section 441.21 of the Code of Iowa, as amended, the State Director of Revenue annually directs all county auditors to apply prescribed statutory percentages to the assessments of certain categories of real property. The final values, called Actual Valuation, are then adjusted by the County Auditor. Assessed or Taxable Valuation subject to tax levy is then determined by the application of State determined rollback percentages, principally to residential and commercial property.

Beginning in 1978, the State required a reduction in Actual Valuation to reduce the impact of inflation on its residents. The resulting value is defined as the Assessed or Taxable Valuation. The rollback percentages for residential, agricultural and commercial valuations are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Ag. Land &amp; Bldgs</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Sm Commercial</u>	<u>Multi-residential</u>	<u>Railroad</u>	<u>Sm Railroad</u>	<u>Utilities</u>	<u>Industrial</u>
2025-26	47.4316	73.8575	90.0000	47.4316	NA	90.0000	47.4316	100.0000	90.0000
2024-25	46.3428	71.8370	90.0000	46.3428	NA	90.0000	46.3428	100.0000	90.0000
2023-24	54.6501	91.6430	90.0000	54.6501	NA	90.0000	54.6501	100.0000	90.0000
2022-23	54.1302	89.0412	90.0000	90.0000	63.7500	90.0000	90.0000	100.0000	90.0000
2021-22	56.4094	84.0305	90.0000	90.0000	67.5000	90.0000	90.0000	98.5489	90.0000

Property is assessed on a calendar year basis. The assessments finalized as of January 1 of each year are applied to the following fiscal year. For example, the assessments finalized on January 1, 2023 are used to calculate tax liability for the tax year starting July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Presented below are the historic property valuations of the Issuer by class of property.

- (1) Source: Iowa Workforce Development.com/employer database and Greater Des Moines Partnership
- (2) Source: Iowa Department of Revenue

## Property Valuations (1)

Actual Valuation					
Valuation as of January	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2021-22</u>
Residential:	642,249,389	596,840,384	486,621,833	414,589,759	386,422,200
Agricultural Land:	33,511,310	33,544,360	26,250,080	26,625,620	28,080,670
Ag Buildings:	1,674,960	1,651,510	1,100,670	1,036,520	956,820
Commercial:	39,537,313	34,431,602	28,156,350	17,624,749	14,411,168
Industrial:	2,566,270	371,870	318,950	856,970	603,630
Multiresidential:	0	0	0	3,637,677	3,168,457
Personal RE:	0	0	0	0	0
Railroads:	1,820,486	1,823,215	1,787,084	1,778,738	1,734,584
Utilities:	880,339	863,586	891,702	1,639,175	2,066,468
Other:	0	0	0	0	10
Total Valuation:	722,240,067	669,526,527	545,126,669	467,789,208	437,444,007
Less Military:	360,000	376,000	181,496	198,164	203,720
Less Homestead:	1,183,000	591,500			
Net Valuation:	720,697,067	668,559,027	544,945,173	467,591,044	437,240,287
TIF Valuation:	20,788,438	20,262,854	12,347,357	14,496,385	5,943,555
Utility Replacement:	72,288,435	72,034,434	38,272,263	30,580,408	28,213,864
Taxable Valuation					
Valuation as of January	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2021-22</u>
Residential:	297,672,415	269,571,174	263,186,350	222,150,417	217,947,940
Agricultural Land:	24,750,611	24,097,266	24,056,354	23,707,772	23,596,333
Ag Buildings:	1,237,082	1,186,396	1,008,689	922,927	804,015
Commercial:	31,773,357	27,679,277	22,888,334	14,912,132	12,382,777
Industrial:	2,181,938	269,198	234,030	771,273	543,267
Multiresidential:	0	0	0	2,300,639	2,138,456
Personal RE:	0	0	0	0	0
Railroads:	1,615,303	1,617,168	1,589,165	1,600,864	1,561,125
Utilities:	880,339	863,586	891,702	1,639,175	2,036,482
Other:	0	0	0	0	10
Total Valuation:	360,111,045	325,284,065	313,854,624	268,005,199	261,010,405
Less Military:	360,000	376,000	181,496	198,164	203,720
Less Homestead:	1,183,000	591,500	0		
Net Valuation:	358,568,045	324,316,565	313,673,128	267,807,035	260,806,685
TIF Valuation:	19,965,546	19,447,030	11,640,244	14,496,385	5,943,555
Utility Replacement:	20,858,824	22,490,536	13,314,341	13,710,349	12,832,814

Valuation	Actual Valuation <u>Year</u> w/ Utilities	% Change in Actual Valuation	Taxable Valuation <u>Year</u> w/ Utilities	% Change in Taxable Valuation
2024	813,773,940	6.96%	399,392,415	9.05%
2023	760,856,315	27.78%	366,254,131	8.18%
2022	595,439,958	16.15%	338,557,551	14.37%
2021	512,667,837	8.75%	296,013,769	5.88%
2020	471,397,706	2.20%	279,583,054	4.76%

(1) Source: Iowa Department of Management

## Tax Rates (1)

Presented below are the taxes levied by the Issuer for the fund groups as presented, for the period indicated:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Management Fund</u>	<u>Board PEL</u>	<u>Voter PEL</u>	<u>Play Ground</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>School House</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>
2025	8.78870	1.57724	0.33000	1.34000	0.00000	4.05000	0.00000	16.08594
2024	8.90992	1.52911	0.33000	1.34000	0.00000	3.97959	0.00000	16.08862
2023	9.10491	1.70505	0.33000	1.34000	0.00000	3.61081	0.00000	16.09077
2022	9.79443	1.46178	0.33000	1.34000	0.00000	3.15953	0.00000	16.08574
2021	10.51803	0.96909	0.33000	1.34000	0.00000	2.93559	0.00000	16.09271

## Historic Tax Rates (1)

Presented below are the tax rates by taxing entity for residents of the City of Van Meter:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Assessor</u>	<u>Ag Extens</u>	<u>Hospital</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Total Levy Rate</u>
2025	14.20839	16.08594	0.75916	0.00180	0.33067	0.07629	0.58393	3.58451	35.6306
2024	14.25742	16.08862	0.74410	0.00180	0.31908	0.07868	0.58393	2.96949	35.04312
2023	14.33625	16.09077	0.69448	0.00240	0.21526	0.08590	0.54482	3.05184	35.02172
2022	14.18027	16.08574	0.67789	0.00260	0.22521	0.05732	0.52950	3.46118	35.21971
2021	14.65674	16.09271	0.63533	0.00270	0.24430	0.05999	0.44912	3.70231	35.84320

Presented below are the tax rates by taxing entity for residents of the City of DeSoto:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Assessor</u>	<u>Ag Extens</u>	<u>Hospital</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Total Levy Rate</u>
2025	13.54018	16.08594	0.75916	0.00180	0.33067	0.07629	0.58393	3.58451	34.9624
2024	13.61437	16.08862	0.74410	0.00180	0.31908	0.07868	0.58393	2.96949	34.40007
2023	12.79502	16.09077	0.69448	0.00240	0.21526	0.08590	0.54482	3.05184	33.48049
2022	12.68943	16.08574	0.67789	0.00260	0.22521	0.05732	0.52950	3.46118	33.72887
2021	12.70079	16.09271	0.63533	0.00270	0.24430	0.05999	0.44912	3.70231	33.88725

## Tax Collection History (2)

Presented below are the actual ad-valorem tax levies and collections for the periods indicated:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount Levied</u>	<u>Amount Collected</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
2025	\$5,696,959	In Collection	NA
2024	5,330,177	\$5,328,648	99.97%
2023	4,610,649	\$4,614,456	100.08%
2022	4,430,763	\$4,323,345	97.58%
2021	4,192,836	\$4,236,467	101.04%

- (1) Source: Iowa Department of Management  
(2) Source: the Issuer

## Largest Taxpayers (1) (2)

Set forth in the following table are the persons or entities which represent the 2023 largest taxpayers within the Issuer. No independent investigation has been made of and no representation is made herein as to the financial condition of any of the taxpayers listed below or that such taxpayers will continue to maintain their status as major taxpayers in the Issuer. The Issuer's tax levy is uniformly applicable to all of the properties included in the table, and thus taxes expected to be received by the Issuer from such taxpayers will be in proportion to the assessed valuations of the properties. The total tax bill for each of the properties is dependent upon the tax levies of the other taxing entities which overlap the properties.

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>2023 Taxable Valuation</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
MidAmerican Energy Co	\$21,513,083	5.87%
RAN Properties, LLC	5,984,539	1.63%
MD2 Waukee - Cedars, LLC	3,636,053	0.99%
Waukee Storage LLC	3,454,603	0.94%
Mccarthy Brothers LLC	2,950,496	0.81%
Heartland COOP	2,083,900	0.57%
30375 Napa Ranch Road, LLC	1,965,199	0.54%
117 Holdings Company LLC	1,699,792	0.46%
Iowa Interstate RR LTD 2030	1,617,168	0.44%
Knapp, Susan K Terry Revocable Trust	1,421,569	0.39%
Total		12.65%

(1) Source: Dallas and Madison County Auditors

(2) Utility Property Tax Replacement. Beginning in 1999, the State replaced its previous property tax assessment procedure in valuing the property of entities involved primarily in the production, delivery, service and sale of electricity and natural gas with a replacement tax formula based upon the delivery of energy by these entities. Electric and natural gas utilities now pay replacement taxes to the State in lieu of property taxes. All replacement taxes are allocated among local taxing cities by the State Department of Revenue and Finance and the Department of Management. This allocation is made in accordance with a general allocation formula developed by the Department of Management on the basis of general property tax equivalents. Properties of these utilities are exempt from the levy of property tax by political subdivisions. Utility property will continue to be valued by a special method as provided in the statute and taxed at the rate of three cents per one thousand dollars for the general fund of the State. The utility replacement tax statute states that the utility replacement tax collected by the State and allocated among local taxing cities (including the Issuer) shall be treated as property tax when received and shall be disposed of by the county treasurer as taxes on real estate. However, utility property is not subject to the levy of property tax by political subdivisions, only the utility replacement tax and statewide property tax. It is possible that the Issuer's authority to levy taxes to pay principal and interest on the Bonds could be adjudicated to be proportionately reduced in future years if the utility replacement tax were to be other than "taxable property" for purposes of computing the Issuer's levy limit under Iowa Code Section 298.18, as amended from time to time. There can be no assurance that future legislation will not (i) operate to reduce the amount of debt the Issuer can issue or (ii) adversely affect the Issuer's ability to levy taxes in the future for the payment of the principal of and interest on its outstanding debt obligations, including the Bonds.



## Direct Debt

### General Obligation School Bonds (Debt Service) (1)

Presented below are the principal and interest payments due on the Issuer's outstanding general obligation bonds and estimated principal and interest payments due on the Bonds, presented by fiscal year and issue:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>8/1/24</u>	<u>7/1/13</u>	<u>7/9/25*</u>	<u>Total Principal</u>	<u>Total Interest</u>	<u>Total P&amp;I</u>
2026	\$100,000	\$530,000	\$165,000	\$795,000	\$752,600	\$1,547,600
2027	100,000	550,000	115,000	765,000	785,378	1,550,378
2028	100,000	565,000	125,000	790,000	758,128	1,548,128
2029	100,000	580,000	140,000	820,000	729,928	1,549,928
2030	100,000	600,000	150,000	850,000	700,528	1,550,528
2031	100,000	345,000	435,000	880,000	670,028	1,550,028
2032	545,000		365,000	910,000	637,728	1,547,728
2033	565,000		385,000	950,000	597,703	1,547,703
2034	585,000		405,000	990,000	561,628	1,551,628
2035	600,000		425,000	1,025,000	523,850	1,548,850
2036	625,000		440,000	1,065,000	484,763	1,549,763
2037	645,000		460,000	1,105,000	443,923	1,548,923
2038	670,000		480,000	1,150,000	401,103	1,551,103
2039	695,000		500,000	1,195,000	355,103	1,550,103
2040	725,000		515,000	1,240,000	306,553	1,546,553
2041	755,000		540,000	1,295,000	255,665	1,550,665
2042	785,000		560,000	1,345,000	202,245	1,547,245
2043	815,000		585,000	1,400,000	146,485	1,546,485
2044	850,000		610,000	1,460,000	88,145	1,548,145
2045			600,000	600,000	27,000	627,000
Totals:	\$9,460,000	\$3,170,000	\$8,000,000	\$20,630,000	\$9,428,477	\$30,058,477

### Lease Purchase Payable from Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL)

Presented below are the principal and interest payment due on a Technology Lease Purchase Agreement with Apple, payable from PPEL:

7/1/2025 \$125,356

### Anticipatory Warrants (1)

The Issuer has not issued anticipatory warrants during the past five years.

(1) Source: the Issuer

\* Preliminary, subject to change

### School Infrastructure Sales, Services & Use Tax Revenue Bonds (1)

Presented below are the principal and interest payments due on the Issuer's outstanding School Infrastructure Sales, Services & Use Tax Revenue Bonds, presented by fiscal year and issue.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>12/9/15</u>	<u>Total Principal</u>	<u>Total Interest</u>	<u>Total P&amp;I</u>
2026	\$405,000	\$405,000	\$43,680	\$448,680
2027	415,000	415,000	33,150	448,150
2028	425,000	425,000	22,360	447,360
2029	435,000	435,000	11,310	446,310
Totals:	\$1,680,000	\$1,680,000	\$110,500	\$1,790,500

*The Issuer anticipates issuing approximately \$11,285,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services & Use Tax Revenue Bonds in 2026 to complete the project and to fund additional projects, pursuant to its Capital Improvement Plan.*

(1) Source: the Issuer

### **Debt Limit (1) (2) (3)**

The amount of general obligation debt a political subdivision of the State of Iowa can incur is controlled by the constitutional debt limit, which is an amount equal to 5% of the actual value of property within the corporate limits, taken from the last County Tax list. The Issuer's debt limit, based upon said valuation, amounts to the following:

1/1/2023 Actual Valuation:	\$760,856,315
X	0.05
Statutory Debt Limit:	38,042,816
Total General Obligation Debt:	20,630,000
Total Capital Loan Notes:	
Total Loan Agreements:	
Capital Leases:	125,356
Total Debt Subject to Limit:	20,755,356
Percentage of Debt Limit Obligated:	54.56%

It has not been determined whether the Issuer's Sales Tax Revenue Bonds do or do not count against the constitutional debt limit. If the Bonds do count against the constitutional debt limit, the amount of debt subject to the debt limit would increase \$1,680,000\* to be \$22,435,356\*, or 58.97%\* of the constitutional debt limit.

- (1) Direct debt source: the Issuer  
(2) Valuation data source: Iowa Department of Management  
(3) Utility Property Tax Replacement

Beginning in 1999, the State replaced its previous property tax assessment procedure in valuing the property of entities involved primarily in the production, delivery, service and sale of electricity and natural gas with a replacement tax formula based upon the delivery of energy by these entities. Electric and natural gas utilities now pay replacement taxes to the State in lieu of property taxes. All replacement taxes are allocated among local taxing cities by the State Department of Revenue and Finance and the Department of Management. This allocation is made in accordance with a general allocation formula developed by the Department of Management on the basis of general property tax equivalents. Properties of these utilities are exempt from the levy of property tax by political subdivisions. Utility property will continue to be valued by a special method as provided in the statute and taxed at the rate of three cents per one thousand dollars for the general fund of the State.

It is possible that the general obligation debt capacity of the Issuer could be adjudicated to be proportionately reduced in future years if utility property were determined to be other than "taxable property" for purposes of computing the Issuer's debt limit under Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Iowa. There can be no assurance that future legislation will not (i) operate to reduce the amount of debt the Issuer can issue or (ii) adversely affect the Issuer's ability to levy taxes in the future for the payment of the principal of and interest on its outstanding debt obligations, including the Bonds.

\* Preliminary, subject to change

### Overlapping & Underlying Debt (1) (3)

Presented below is a listing of the overlapping and underlying debt outstanding of Issuers within the Issuer.

<u>Taxing Authority</u>	<u>Outstanding Debt</u>	<u>2023 Taxable Valuation</u>	<u>Taxable Value Within Issuer</u>	<u>Percentage Applicable</u>	<u>Amount Applicable</u>
City Of Van Meter	2,370,000	78,823,649	\$78,823,649	100.00%	\$2,370,000
City Of Waukee	94,505,000	2,263,981,954	\$18,311,937	0.81%	\$764,392
City Of West Des Moines	285,165,000	7,808,262,585	\$4,339,921	0.06%	\$158,498
Dallas County	18,760,000	10,055,960,846	\$311,574,705	3.10%	581,261
Madison County	6,854,103	1,279,936,052	\$54,679,426	4.27%	292,810
Des Moines Area CC	60,990,000	67,526,147,035	366,254,131	0.54%	330,803
Heartland AEA	0	67,526,147,035	366,254,131	0.54%	0

Total Overlapping & Underlying Debt: \$4,497,764

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY (1) (2) (3) (4)

Actual Value of Property, 2023:	\$760,856,315
Taxable Value of Property, 2023:	366,254,131
Direct General Obligation Debt:	\$20,755,356
Overlapping Debt:	4,497,764
Direct & Overlapping General Obligation Debt:	\$25,253,120
Population, 2020 US Census:	3,660
Direct Debt per Capita:	\$5,670.86
Total Debt per Capita:	\$6,899.76
Direct Debt to Taxable Valuation:	5.67%
Total Debt to Taxable Valuation:	6.89%
Direct Debt to Actual Valuation:	2.73%
Total Debt to Actual Valuation:	3.32%
Actual Valuation per Capita:	\$207,884
Taxable Valuation per Capita:	\$100,069

(1) Valuation source: Iowa Department of Management

(2) Direct debt source: the Issuer

(3) Overlapping debt outstanding source: Treasurer, State of Iowa; where available, EMMA.MSRB.ORG

(4) Population source: U.S. Census Bureau

## APPENDIX B – FORM OF LEGAL OPINION

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We hereby certify that we have examined a certified transcript of the proceedings of the Board of Directors of the Van Meter Community School District in the Counties of Dallas and Madison, State of Iowa, and acts of administrative officers of the School District (the "Issuer"), relating to the issuance of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025, by said Issuer, dated July 9, 2025, in the denominations of \$5,000 or multiples thereof, in the aggregate amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (the "Bonds").

We have examined the law and certified proceedings and other papers as we deem necessary to render this opinion as bond counsel.

As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied upon representations of the Issuer contained in the Resolution authorizing issuance of the Bonds (the "Resolution") and in the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials furnished to us, without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation.

Based on our examination and in reliance upon the certified proceedings and other certifications described above, we are of the opinion, under existing law, as follows:

1. The Issuer is duly created and validly existing as a body corporate and politic and political subdivision of the State of Iowa with the corporate power to adopt and perform the Resolution and issue the Bonds.
2. The Bonds are valid and binding general obligations of the Issuer.
3. All taxable property in the territory of the Issuer is subject to ad valorem taxation without limitation as to rate or amount to pay the Bonds. Taxes have been levied by the Resolution for the payment of the Bonds and the Issuer is required by law to include in its annual tax levy the principal and interest coming due on the Bonds to the extent the necessary funds are not provided from other sources.
4. Interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of applicable corporations (as defined in Section 59(k) of the Code) for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations. The opinion set forth in the preceding sentence is subject to the condition that the Issuer comply with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that the interest thereon be, and continue to be, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The Issuer has covenanted to comply with all such requirements. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds.

The Issuer has designated the Bonds "qualified tax exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

We express no opinion regarding the accuracy, adequacy, or completeness of the Official Statement or other offering material relating to the Bonds. Further, we express no opinion regarding tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds other than as expressly set forth herein.

The rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds are limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, and by equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity.

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.

AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.

## APPENDIX C – FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

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### CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the "Disclosure Certificate") is executed and delivered by the Van Meter Community School District, State of Iowa (the "Issuer"), in connection with the issuance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds") dated July 9, 2025. The Bonds are being issued pursuant to a Resolution of the Issuer approved on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 (the "Resolution"). The Issuer covenants and agrees as follows:

Section 1. Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate; Interpretation. This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the Issuer for the benefit of the Holders and Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriters in complying with S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12(b)(5). This Disclosure Certificate shall be governed by, construed and interpreted in accordance with the Rule, and, to the extent not in conflict with the Rule, the laws of the State. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to require more than required by the Rule.

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

"Annual Financial Information" shall mean financial information or operating data of the type included in the final Official Statement, provided at least annually by the Issuer pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Certificate.

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

"Business Day" shall mean a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday or a day on which banks in Iowa are authorized or required by law to close.

"Dissemination Agent" shall mean the Issuer or any Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the Issuer and which has filed with the Issuer a written acceptance of such designation.

"Financial Obligation" shall mean a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii). The term "Financial Obligation" does not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12.

"Holders" shall mean the registered holders of the Bonds, as recorded in the registration books of the Registrar.

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

"Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board" or "MSRB" shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, 1300 I Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005.

"National Repository" shall mean the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access website, a/k/a "EMMA" (emma.msrb.org).

"Official Statement" shall mean the Issuer's Official Statement for the Bonds, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

"Participating Underwriter" shall mean any of the original underwriters of the Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with offering of the Bonds.

"Rule" shall mean Rule 15c2-12 adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (S.E.C.) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and any guidance and procedures thereunder published by the S.E.C., as the same may be amended from time to time.

"State" shall mean the State of Iowa.

### Section 3. Provision of Annual Financial Information.

- a. The Issuer shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to, not later than the 15th day of April of each year following the close of the Issuer's fiscal year (currently June 30), commencing with information for the 2025/2026 fiscal year, provide to the National Repository an Annual Financial Information filing consistent with the requirements of Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate. The Annual Financial Information filing must be submitted in such format as is required by the MSRB (currently in "searchable PDF" format). The Annual Financial Information filing may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package. The Annual Financial Information filing may cross-reference other information as provided in Section 4 of this Disclosure

Certificate; provided that the audited financial statements of the Issuer may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Financial Information filing and later than the date required above for the filing of the Annual Financial Information if they are not available by that date. If the Issuer's fiscal year changes, it shall give notice of such change in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 5(c).

- b. If the Issuer is unable to provide to the National Repository the Annual Financial Information by the date required in subsection (a), the Issuer shall send a notice to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, if any, in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A.
- c. The Dissemination Agent shall:
  - i. each year file Annual Financial Information with the National Repository; and
  - ii. (if the Dissemination Agent is other than the Issuer), file a report with the Issuer certifying that the Annual Financial Information has been filed pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate, stating the date it was filed.

Section 4. Content of Annual Financial Information. The Issuer's Annual Financial Information filing shall contain or incorporate by reference the following:

- a. The last available audited financial statements of the Issuer for the prior fiscal year, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board as modified in accordance with the governmental accounting standards promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board or as otherwise provided under State law, as in effect from time to time, or, if and to the extent such financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, noting the discrepancies therefrom and the effect thereof. If the Issuer's audited financial statements for the preceding years are not available by the time Annual Financial Information is required to be filed pursuant to Section 3(a), the Annual Financial Information filing shall contain unaudited financial statements of the type included in the final Official Statement, and the audited financial statements shall be filed in the same manner as the Annual Financial Information when they become available.
- b. A table, schedule or other information prepared as of the end of the preceding fiscal year, of the type contained in the final Official Statement under the caption "Property Valuations", "Tax Rates", "Historic Tax Rates", "Tax Collection History", "Direct Debt", "Debt Limit", and "Financial Summary".

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 Issuer or related public entities, which have been filed with the National Repository. The Issuer shall clearly identify each such other document so included by reference.

Section 5. Reporting of Significant Events.

- a. Pursuant to the provisions of this Section, the Issuer shall give, or cause to be given, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds in a timely manner not later than 10 Business Days after the day of the occurrence of the event:
  - 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 relating to the Bonds 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-exempt status of the Series Bonds, or material events affecting the tax-exempt status of the Bonds;
  - vii. Modifications to rights of Holders of the Bonds, if material;
  - viii. Bond calls (excluding sinking fund mandatory redemptions), if material, and tender offers;
  - ix. Defeasances of the Bonds;
  - x. Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
  - xi. Rating changes on the Bonds;
  - xii. Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer;
  - xiii. The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Issuer or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
  - xiv. Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
  - xv. Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
  - xvi. Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

- b. Whenever the Issuer obtains the knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event, the Issuer shall determine if the occurrence is subject to notice only if material, and if so shall as soon as possible determine if such event would be material under applicable federal securities laws.
- c. If the Issuer determines that knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event is not subject to materiality, or determines such occurrence is subject to materiality and would be material under applicable federal securities laws, the Issuer shall promptly, but not later than 10 Business Days after the occurrence of the event, file a notice of such occurrence with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board through the filing with the National Repository.

Section 6. Additional Filing. The Issuer's audited financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 were not available for inclusion in the Final Official Statement. The Issuer agrees to file these audited financial statements in the same manner as the Annual Financial Information when they become available.

Section 7. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The Issuer's obligations under this Disclosure Certificate with respect to each Series of Bonds shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds of that Series or upon the Issuer's receipt of an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel to the effect that, because of legislative action or final judicial action or administrative actions or proceedings, the failure of the Issuer to comply with the terms hereof will not cause Participating Underwriters to be in violation of the Rule or other applicable requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Section 8. Dissemination Agent. The Issuer may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge any such Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall not be responsible in any manner for the content of any notice or report prepared by the Issuer pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate. The initial Dissemination Agent shall be the Issuer.

Section 9. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer 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 Section 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 the type of business conducted;
- b. The undertaking, as amended or taking into account such waiver, would, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the original issuance of the Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and
- c. The amendment or waiver either (i) is approved by the Holders of the Bonds in the same manner as provided in the Resolution for amendments to the 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.

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

Section 10. Additional Information. Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer 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 Financial Information filing or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the Issuer chooses to include any information in any Annual Financial Information filing or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer shall have no obligation under this Certificate to update such information or include it in any future Annual Financial Information filing or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

Section 11. Default. In the event of a failure of the Issuer to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate, 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 Issuer to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. Direct, indirect, consequential and punitive damages shall not be recoverable by any person for any default hereunder and are hereby waived to the extent permitted by law. A default under this Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an event of default under the Resolution, and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the Issuer to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

Section 12. Duties, Immunities and Liabilities of Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Disclosure Certificate, and the Issuer agrees to indemnify and save the Dissemination Agent, its officers, directors, employees and agents, harmless against any loss, expense and liabilities which it may incur arising out of or in the exercise or performance of its powers and duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) of defending against any claim of liability, but excluding liabilities due to the Dissemination Agent's negligence or willful misconduct. The obligations of the Issuer under this Section shall survive resignation or removal of the Dissemination Agent and payment of the Bonds.

Section 13. Beneficiaries. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the Issuer, the Dissemination Agent, the Participating Underwriters and Holders and Beneficial Owners from time to time of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

Section 14. Rescission Rights. The Issuer hereby reserves the right to rescind this Disclosure Certificate without the consent of the Holders in the event the Rule is repealed by the S.E.C. or is ruled invalid by a federal court and the time to appeal from such decision has expired. In the event of a partial repeal or invalidation of the Rule, the Issuer hereby reserves the right to rescind those provisions of this Disclosure Certificate that were required by those parts of the Rule that are so repealed or invalidated.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT, STATE OF IOWA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the Board of Directors



EXHIBIT A

NOTICE TO NATIONAL REPOSITORY OF  
FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Name of Issuer: Van Meter Community School District, Iowa.

Name of Bond Issue: \$\_\_\_\_\_ General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025

Dated Date of Issue: July 9, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Issuer has not provided Annual Financial Information with respect to the above-named Bonds as required by Section 3 of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate delivered by the Issuer in connection with the Bonds. The Issuer anticipates that the Annual Financial Information will be filed by \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT, STATE OF IOWA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its: \_\_\_\_\_

## **APPENDIX D – AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE ISSUER**

This Appendix contains the entire 2024 audited financial statement of the issuer. The Auditor of State of the State of Iowa (the "State Auditor") maintains a webpage that contains prior years' audits of city, county, school district and community college, including audits of the Issuer, which can be found at the following link <https://www.auditor.iowa.gov/reports/audit-reports>

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VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS  
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## Van Meter Community School District

### Officials

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<b>Board of Education (Before November 2023 Election)</b>		
Jessica Drake	President	2025
John Gilliland	Vice President	2025
Sarah Moore	Board Member	2025
Tony Bradley	Board Member	2023
Brent Haynes	Board Member	2023
<b>Board of Education (After November 2023 Election)</b>		
John Gilliland	President	2025
Sarah Moore	Vice President	2025
Jessica Drake	Board Member	2025
Luke Reimers	Board Member	2027
Meredith Scott	Board Member	2027
<b>School Officials</b>		
Deron Durflinger	Superintendent	2024
Shonna Trudo	Board Secretary/Treasurer School Business Official	2024
Ahlers & Cooney PC	Attorney	2024

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Education of Van Meter Community School District:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Van Meter Community School District, Van Meter, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related Notes to Financial Statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Van Meter Community School District as of June 30, 2024 and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Van Meter Community School District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our audit. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management 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, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Van Meter Community School District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Van Meter Community School District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Van Meter Community School District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

## Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Budgetary Comparison Information, the Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, the Schedule of District Contributions and the Schedule of Changes in the District's Total OPEB Liability, Related Ratios and Notes on pages 7 through 15 and 44 through 50 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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 GAAS, 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.

### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Van Meter Community School District's basic financial statements. We previously audited, in accordance with the standards referred to in the third paragraph of this report, the financial statements for the nine years ended June 30, 2023 (which are not presented herein) and expressed unmodified opinions on those financial statements. The supplementary information included in Schedules 1 through 6, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The 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 GAAS. In our opinion, the supplementary information in Schedules 1 through 6, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

### Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information in the independent auditor's report. The other information comprises the officials page but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statement do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated February 26, 2025 on our consideration of Van Meter Community 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 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 Van Meter Community School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



NOLTE, CORNMAN & JOHNSON, P.C.

February 26, 2025  
Newton, Iowa



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## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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Van Meter Community School District provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which follow.

### 2024 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- General Fund revenues increased from \$11,320,796 in fiscal year 2023 to \$11,810,822 in fiscal year 2024, and General Fund expenditures increased from \$10,524,310 in fiscal year 2023 to \$11,441,870 in fiscal year 2024. This resulted in an increase in the District's General Fund balance from \$3,308,770 at June 30, 2023 to \$3,677,722 at June 30, 2024, an 11.15% increase from the prior year.
- The increase in General Fund revenues was attributable to an increase in local tax revenues received in fiscal year 2024 compared to fiscal year 2023. The increase in expenditures was due primarily to an increase in regular instruction expenditures incurred compared to the prior year.
- The District's total net position increased from \$12,985,262 at June 30, 2023 to \$14,977,920 at June 30, 2024. Total revenues increased from \$15,277,256 in fiscal year 2023 to \$16,359,407 in fiscal year 2024, a 7.08% increase, while total expenses increased from \$12,804,615 in fiscal year 2023 to \$14,366,749 in fiscal year 2024, a 12.20% increase compared to the prior year. The increase in total revenues is due primarily to an increase in property tax revenues. The increase in total expenses occurred primarily in the instruction function.

### USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other information, as follows:

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the District's financial activities.

The Government-wide Financial Statements consist of a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. These provide information about the activities of Van Meter Community School District as a whole and present an overall view of the District's finances.

The Fund Financial Statements tell how governmental services and business type activities were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements report Van Meter Community School District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the most significant funds. The remaining statements provide financial information about activities for which Van Meter Community School District acts solely as an agent or custodian for the benefit of those outside of the District.

Notes to financial statements provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the District's budget for the year, the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability and related contributions, as well as presenting the Schedule of Changes in the District's Total OPEB Liability, Related Ratios and Notes.

Supplementary Information provides detailed information about the nonmajor governmental funds.

Figure A-1 shows how the various parts of this annual report are arranged and relate to one another.

**Figure A-1**  
**Van Meter Community School District Annual Financial Report**

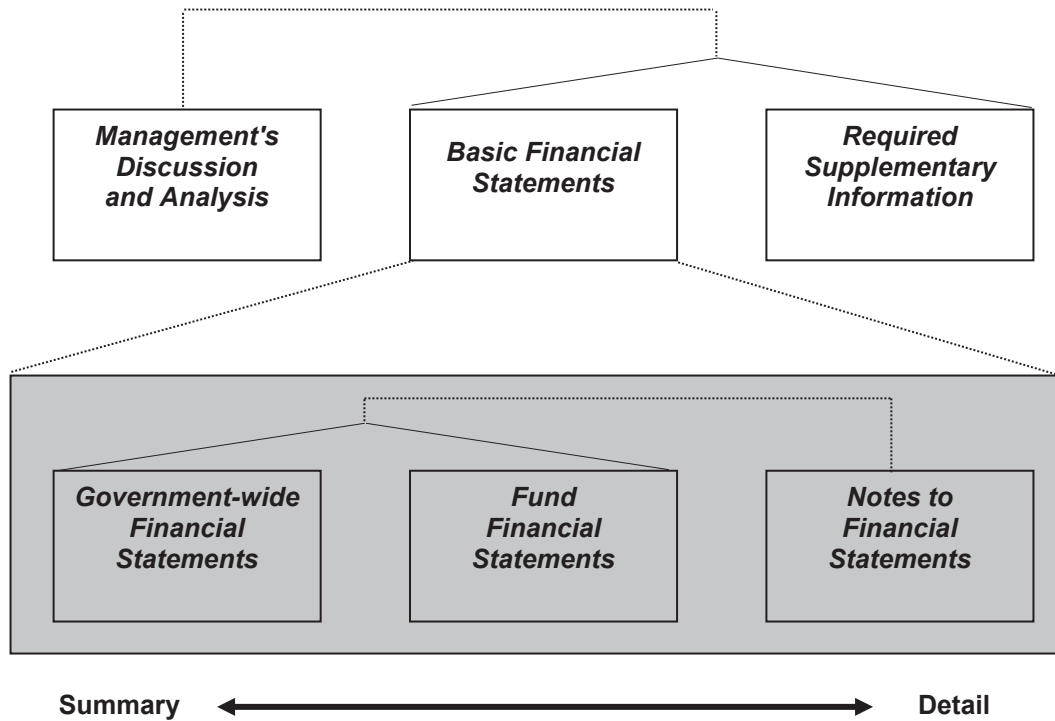


Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the District's financial statements, including the portion of the District's activities they cover and the types of information they contain.

<b>Figure A-2</b>			
<b>Major Features of the Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements</b>			
	Government-wide Statements	Fund Statements	
		Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds
Scope	Entire district (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the district that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as special education and building maintenance	Activities the district operates similar to private businesses: food service
Required financial statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Statement of net position</li> <li>· Statement of activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Balance sheet</li> <li>· Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Statement of net position</li> <li>· Statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net position</li> <li>· Statement of cash flows</li> </ul>
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term
Type of deferred outflow / inflow information	Consumption/acquisition of net position that is applicable to a future reporting period	Consumption/ acquisition of fund balance that is applicable to a future reporting period	Consumption/ acquisition of net position that is applicable to a future reporting period
Type of inflow/ outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due during the year or soon thereafter	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

## REPORTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

### Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The Statement of Net Position includes all of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Activities, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide financial statements report the District's net position and how it has changed. Net position is one way to measure the District's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position is an indicator of whether financial position is improving or deteriorating. To assess the District's overall health, additional non-financial factors, such as changes in the District's property tax base and the condition of school buildings and other facilities, need to be considered.

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

- *Governmental activities:* Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation and administration. Property tax and state aid finance most of these activities.
- *Business type activities:* The District charges fees to help cover the costs of certain services it provides. The District's school nutrition program is included here.

## **Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds, focusing on its most significant or "major" funds - not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs.

Some funds are required by state law and by bond covenants. The District establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes, such as accounting for student activity funds, or to show that it is properly using certain revenues, such as federal grants.

The District has two kinds of funds:

- 1) *Governmental funds:* Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs.

The District's governmental funds include the General Fund, the Capital Projects Fund, the Debt Service Fund and the Special Revenue Funds.

The required financial statements for governmental funds include a Balance Sheet and a Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances.

- 2) *Proprietary funds:* Services for which the District charges a fee are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way as the government-wide financial statements. The District's Enterprise Fund, one type of proprietary fund, is the same as its business type activities, but provides more detail and additional information, such as cash flows. The District's Enterprise Fund is the School Nutrition Fund.

The required financial statements for proprietary funds include a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position and a Statement of Cash Flows.

Reconciliations between the government-wide financial statements and the governmental fund financial statements follow the governmental fund financial statements.

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Figure A-3 below provides a summary of the District's net position at June 30, 2024 compared to June 30, 2023.

Figure A-3 Condensed Statement of Net Position							
	Governmental Activities		Business Type Activities		Total District		Total Change
	June 30,		June 30,		June 30,		June 30,
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2023-24
Current and other assets	\$ 12,432,587	11,964,816	515,096	514,846	12,947,683	12,479,662	3.75%
Capital assets	18,126,058	17,767,433	72,320	80,007	18,198,378	17,847,440	1.97%
Total assets	30,558,645	29,732,249	587,416	594,853	31,146,061	30,327,102	2.70%
Deferred outflows of resources	1,983,977	1,493,783	59,303	48,555	2,043,280	1,542,338	32.48%
Long-term liabilities	10,288,812	11,429,945	114,232	96,315	10,403,044	11,526,260	-9.74%
Other liabilities	1,609,589	1,175,859	21,340	17,096	1,630,929	1,192,955	36.71%
Total liabilities	11,898,401	12,605,804	135,572	113,411	12,033,973	12,719,215	-5.39%
Deferred inflows of resources	6,154,662	6,134,504	22,786	30,459	6,177,448	6,164,963	0.20%
Net position:							
Net investment in capital assets	12,366,058	10,183,701	72,320	80,007	12,438,378	10,263,708	21.19%
Restricted	957,054	1,747,370	-	-	957,054	1,747,370	-45.23%
Unrestricted	1,166,447	554,653	416,041	419,531	1,582,488	974,184	62.44%
Total net position	\$ 14,489,559	12,485,724	488,361	499,538	14,977,920	12,985,262	15.35%

The District's total net position increased \$1,992,658, or 15.35%, from the prior year.

The largest portion of the District's net position is invested in capital assets (e.g., land, infrastructure, intangibles, buildings, equipment and right-to-use leased equipment), less the related debt. The debt related to the investment in capital assets is liquidated with resources other than capital assets.

Restricted net position represents resources subject to external restrictions, constitutional provisions or enabling legislation on how they can be used. The District's restricted net position decreased \$790,316, or 45.23%, from the prior year. The decrease is primarily due to the decrease in the amount restricted for school infrastructure compared to the prior year.

Unrestricted net position - the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation or other legal requirements - increased \$608,304, or 62.44%. This increase in unrestricted net position was mainly caused by the increase in the District's unassigned General Fund balance.

Figure A-4 shows the changes in net position for the year ended June 30, 2024 compared to the year ended June 30, 2023.

Figure A-4 Changes in Net Position							
	Governmental Activities		Business Type Activities		Total District		Total Change
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2023-24
Revenues:							
Program revenues:							
Charges for service	\$ 1,837,436	1,802,408	377,344	335,872	2,214,780	2,138,280	3.58%
Operating grants, contributions and restricted interest	809,297	942,448	136,792	176,133	946,089	1,118,581	-15.42%
Capital grants, contributions and restricted interest	89,092	-	-	-	89,092	-	100.00%
General revenues:							
Property tax	5,334,009	4,619,925	-	-	5,334,009	4,619,925	15.46%
Income surtax	491,999	492,564	-	-	491,999	492,564	-0.11%
Statewide sales, services and use tax	1,178,380	1,161,961	-	-	1,178,380	1,161,961	1.41%
Unrestricted state grants	5,838,397	5,590,636	-	-	5,838,397	5,590,636	4.43%
Unrestricted investment earnings	201,313	123,311	21,403	12,254	222,716	135,565	64.29%
Other	42,318	18,770	1,627	974	43,945	19,744	122.57%
Total revenues	15,822,241	14,752,023	537,166	525,233	16,359,407	15,277,256	7.08%
Program expenses:							
Instruction	8,363,492	7,331,572	-	-	8,363,492	7,331,572	14.08%
Support services	4,207,609	3,721,952	7,191	24,517	4,214,800	3,746,469	12.50%
Non-instructional programs	-	-	541,152	475,965	541,152	475,965	13.70%
Other expenses	1,247,305	1,250,609	-	-	1,247,305	1,250,609	-0.26%
Total expenses	13,818,406	12,304,133	548,343	500,482	14,366,749	12,804,615	12.20%
Change in net position	2,003,835	2,447,890	(11,177)	24,751	1,992,658	2,472,641	-19.41%
Net position beginning of year	12,485,724	10,037,834	499,538	474,787	12,985,262	10,512,621	23.52%
Net position end of year	\$ 14,489,559	12,485,724	488,361	499,538	14,977,920	12,985,262	15.35%

In fiscal year 2024, property tax and unrestricted state grants accounted for 70.61% of governmental activities revenues while charges for service and operating grants, contributions and restricted interest accounted for 95.71% of business type activities revenues.

The District's total revenues were approximately \$16.36 million, of which approximately \$15.82 million was for governmental activities and approximately \$0.54 million was for business type activities.

As shown in Figure A-4, the District as a whole experienced a 7.08% increase in revenues and a 12.20% increase in expenses. The increase in total revenues is primarily due to an increase in property tax revenues while the increase in total expenses occurred primarily in the instruction function.

### Governmental Activities

Revenues for governmental activities were \$15,822,241 and expenses were \$13,818,406 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

The following table presents the total and net cost of the District's major governmental activities: instruction, support services, and other expenses for the year ended June 30, 2024 compared to those expenses for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Figure A-5 Total and Net Cost of Governmental Activities						
	Total Cost of Services			Net Cost of Services		
	2024	2023	Change 2023-24	2024	2023	Change 2023-24
Instruction	\$ 8,363,492	7,331,572	14.08%	6,174,926	5,018,640	23.04%
Support services	4,207,609	3,721,952	13.05%	4,089,360	3,692,651	10.74%
Other expenses	1,247,305	1,250,609	-0.26%	818,295	847,986	-3.50%
Total	\$ 13,818,406	12,304,133	12.31%	11,082,581	9,559,277	15.94%

For the year ended June 30, 2024:

- The cost financed by users of the District's programs was \$1,837,437.
- Federal and state governments along with local sources subsidized certain programs and projects with grants and contributions totaling \$898,389.
- The net cost of governmental activities was financed with \$5,334,009 in property tax, \$491,999 in income surtax, \$1,178,380 in statewide sales, services and use tax, \$5,838,397 in unrestricted state grants, \$201,312 in interest income, and \$42,318 in other general revenues.

### **Business type Activities**

Revenues of the District's business type activities during the year ended June 30, 2024 were \$537,166, representing a 2.27% increase from the prior year, while expenses totaled \$548,343, a 9.56% increase from the prior year. The District's business type activities include the School Nutrition Fund. Revenues of these activities were comprised of charges for service, federal and state reimbursements, investment income and other general revenues.

## **INDIVIDUAL FUND ANALYSIS**

As previously noted, Van Meter Community School District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

The financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds, as well. As the District completed the year, its governmental funds reported combined fund balances of \$4,765,979, below last year's ending combined fund balances of \$5,132,600. The primary reason for the decrease in combined fund balances in fiscal year 2024 is the decrease in the District's Capital Projects Fund balance.

### **Governmental Fund Highlights**

- The General Fund balance increased from \$3,308,770 at June 30, 2023 to \$3,677,722 at June 30, 2024. The primary reason for this increase in fund balance was an increase in revenues from local tax compared to fiscal year 2023.
- The Capital Projects Fund balance decreased from \$1,415,479 at June 30, 2023 to \$620,616 at June 30, 2024. The Capital Projects: Statewide Sales, Services and Use Tax Fund balance decreased from \$916,439 at June 30, 2023 to \$348,487 at June 30, 2024 while the Capital Projects: Physical, Plant and Equipment Levy Fund balance decreased from \$499,040 at June 30, 2023 to \$271,976 at June 30, 2024.
- The Debt Service Fund balance increased from \$77,406 at June 30, 2023 to \$89,260 at June 30, 2024.

### **Proprietary Fund Highlights**

The School Nutrition Fund net position decreased from \$499,538 at June 30, 2023 to \$488,361 at June 30, 2024, representing a decrease of 2.24%.

## **BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The District's revenues were \$96,866 less than budgeted revenues, a variance of 0.59%. The most significant variance resulted from the District receiving less from local sources than originally anticipated.

Total expenditures were less than budgeted, primarily to the District's budget for the General Fund. It is the District's practice to budget expenditures at the maximum authorized spending authority for the General Fund. The District then manages or controls General Fund spending through its line-item budget. As a result, the District's certified budget should always exceed actual expenditures for the year.

## CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

### Capital Assets

At June 30, 2024, the District had invested approximately \$18,198,378, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization, in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, athletic facilities, computers, audio-visual equipment and transportation equipment. (See Figure A-6) More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in Note 4 to the financial statements. Depreciation/amortization expense for the year was \$1,045,553.

The original cost of the District's capital assets was \$28,847,676. Governmental activities accounted for \$28,637,568 with the remainder of \$210,108 accounted for in the Enterprise, School Nutrition Fund.

The largest change in capital asset activity during the year occurred in the construction in progress category. The District's construction in progress, totaled \$1,175,495 at June 30, 2024 compared to \$39,473 reported at June 30, 2023. The increase is due to an elementary roof project and building remodel project started but not completed during the fiscal year.

Figure A-6							
Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation/Amortization							
	Governmental		Business Type		Total		Total
	Activities		Activities		District		Change
	June 30,		June 30,		June 30,		June 30,
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2023-24
Land	\$ 801,592	801,592	-	-	801,592	801,592	0.00%
Construction in progress	1,175,495	39,473	-	-	1,175,495	39,473	2877.97%
Buildings	13,223,774	13,643,384	-	-	13,223,774	13,643,384	-3.08%
Land improvements	2,198,006	2,269,886	-	-	2,198,006	2,269,886	-3.17%
Machinery and equipment	727,191	753,187	72,320	80,007	799,511	833,194	-4.04%
Right-to-use leased assets	-	259,911	-	-	-	259,911	-100.00%
Total	\$ 18,126,058	17,767,433	72,320	80,007	18,198,378	17,847,440	1.97%

### Long-Term Debt

At June 30, 2024, the District had \$5,882,983 of long-term debt outstanding. This represents a decrease of 22.43% from last year. (See Figure A-7) More detailed information about the District's long-term debt is presented in Note 6 to the financial statements.

- The District had total outstanding general obligation bonded indebtedness of \$3,685,000 at June 30, 2024.
- The District had total outstanding revenue bonded indebtedness of \$2,075,000 payable solely from the proceeds of the statewide sales, services and use tax revenues received by the District.
- The District had outstanding computer loan indebtedness of \$122,983 at June 30, 2024.

Figure A-7			
Outstanding Long-Term Obligations			
	Total		Total
	District		Change
	June 30,		June 30,
	2024	2023	2023-24
General obligation bonds	\$ 3,685,000	4,880,000	-24.49%
Revenue bonds	2,075,000	2,460,000	-15.65%
Computer loan	122,983	243,732	-49.54%
Total	\$ 5,882,983	7,583,732	-22.43%



## **ECONOMIC FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE**

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the district was aware of several existing circumstances that could significantly affect its financial health in the future:

- The District's certified (resident) enrollment, which is used for generating state funding, increased by 40 students between FY23 and FY24. Enrollment projections estimated from an outside firm project substantial continued growth for the District for the foreseeable future. This increase in students will continue to generate additional state funding for the District.
- The overall economic development of Dallas and Madison counties will directly impact the district. In the past year, it was announced that Microsoft and another data plant will be building significant infrastructure within the Van Meter School District, starting in FY25. Combined with the additional residential growth, these will have a significant impact on the District's valuation and bonding capacity.
- In November of 2023, the voters of the Van Meter School District passed a bond issue for up to \$18 million in the issuance of general obligation bonds. The district plans to use a combination of bond proceeds as well as PPEL and SAVE dollars to build in addition to the K-12 school that will add several classrooms and upgrade other facility needs. This will help house the growing student population for the foreseeable future. The first two phases of construction began in spring 2024 with the bulk of the classroom addition construction beginning in the summer of 2025.
- The national economy, the State of Iowa's budget, and the future legislative decisions will impact schools significantly. Statewide one cent SAVE dollars are now divided per pupil statewide, rather than by Individual County. These dollars have increased over the prior years for the district, but future trends will be impacted by how well the state economy does.

## **CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide the District's citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Shonna Trudo, Board Secretary/Treasurer and School Business Official, Van Meter Community School District, 520 1st Avenue; PO Box 257, Van Meter, Iowa, 50261.



## BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities	Total
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 5,579,402	514,810	6,094,212
Receivables:			
Property tax:			
Delinquent	17,053	-	17,053
Succeeding year	5,696,959	-	5,696,959
Income surtax	382,827	-	382,827
Accounts	7,536	-	7,536
Due from other governments	748,810	-	748,810
Inventories	-	286	286
Capital assets not being depreciated/amortized	1,977,087	-	1,977,087
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization	16,148,971	72,320	16,221,291
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>30,558,645</b>	<b>587,416</b>	<b>31,146,061</b>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Pension related deferred outflows	1,488,256	33,761	1,522,017
OPEB related deferred outflows	495,721	25,542	521,263
<b>Total deferred outflows of resources</b>	<b>1,983,977</b>	<b>59,303</b>	<b>2,043,280</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	432,158	-	432,158
Salaries and benefits payable	1,054,664	15,268	1,069,932
Deposits payable	100,000	-	100,000
Accrued interest payable	22,767	-	22,767
Unearned revenue	-	6,072	6,072
Long-term liabilities:			
Portion due within one year:			
General obligation bonds	515,000	-	515,000
Revenue bonds	395,000	-	395,000
Computer loan	122,983	-	122,983
Termination benefits	44,659	-	44,659
Portion due after one year:			
General obligation bonds	3,170,000	-	3,170,000
Revenue bonds	1,680,000	-	1,680,000
Termination benefits	221,887	-	221,887
Net pension liability	3,375,325	74,869	3,450,194
Total OPEB liability	763,958	39,363	803,321
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>11,898,401</b>	<b>135,572</b>	<b>12,033,973</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Succeeding year property tax revenue	5,696,959	-	5,696,959
Pension related deferred inflows	27,171	603	27,774
OPEB related deferred inflows	430,532	22,183	452,715
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>6,154,662</b>	<b>22,786</b>	<b>6,177,448</b>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	12,366,058	72,320	12,438,378
Restricted for:			
Categorical funding	118,968	-	118,968
Debt service	66,493	-	66,493
Student activities	150,977	-	150,977
School infrastructure	348,640	-	348,640
Physical plant and equipment	271,976	-	271,976
Unrestricted	1,166,447	416,041	1,582,488
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 14,489,559</b>	<b>488,361</b>	<b>14,977,920</b>

SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Service	Operating Grants, Contributions and Restricted Interest	Capital Grants, Contributions and Restricted Interest	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities	Total
<b>Functions/Programs:</b>							
Governmental activities:							
Instruction:							
Regular	\$ 5,967,405	1,206,350	71,768	-	(4,689,287)	-	(4,689,287)
Special	1,126,262	349,500	44,537	-	(732,225)	-	(732,225)
Other	1,269,825	281,587	234,825	-	(753,413)	-	(753,413)
	8,363,492	1,837,437	351,130	-	(6,174,925)	-	(6,174,925)
Support services:							
Student	285,214	-	11,298	-	(273,916)	-	(273,916)
Instructional staff	280,521	-	1,158	-	(279,363)	-	(279,363)
Administration	1,426,839	-	-	-	(1,426,839)	-	(1,426,839)
Operation and maintenance of plant	1,585,120	-	-	89,092	(1,496,028)	-	(1,496,028)
Transportation	629,915	-	16,701	-	(613,214)	-	(613,214)
	4,207,609	-	29,157	89,092	(4,089,360)	-	(4,089,360)
Long-term debt interest	217,568	-	-	-	(217,568)	-	(217,568)
Other expenditures:							
AEA flowthrough	429,010	-	429,010	-	-	-	-
Depreciation/amortization (unallocated)*	600,727	-	-	-	(600,727)	-	(600,727)
	1,029,737	-	429,010	-	(600,727)	-	(600,727)
Total governmental activities	13,818,406	1,837,437	809,297	89,092	(11,082,580)	-	(11,082,580)
Business type activities:							
Support services:							
Instructional staff	2,234	-	-	-	-	(2,234)	(2,234)
Operation and maintenance of plant	4,957	-	-	-	-	(4,957)	(4,957)
	7,191	-	-	-	-	(7,191)	(7,191)
Non-instructional programs:							
Food service operations	541,152	377,344	136,792	-	-	(27,016)	(27,016)
Total business type activities	548,343	377,344	136,792	-	-	(34,207)	(34,207)
Total	\$ 14,366,749	2,214,781	946,089	89,092	(11,082,580)	(34,207)	(11,116,787)
<b>General Revenues:</b>							
Property tax levied for:							
General purposes					\$ 3,419,577	-	3,419,577
Debt service					1,348,526	-	1,348,526
Capital outlay					565,906	-	565,906
Income surtax					491,999	-	491,999
Statewide sales, services and use tax					1,178,380	-	1,178,380
Unrestricted state grants					5,838,397	-	5,838,397
Unrestricted investment earnings					201,312	21,403	222,715
Other					42,318	1,627	43,945
Total general revenues					13,086,415	23,030	13,109,445
Change in net position					2,003,835	(11,177)	1,992,658
Net position beginning of year					12,485,724	499,538	12,985,262
Net position end of year					\$ 14,489,559	488,361	14,977,920

\* This amount excludes the depreciation/amortization that is included in the direct expense of various programs.

SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2024

	General	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Nonmajor	Total
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 4,327,153	770,319	85,040	396,890	5,579,402
Receivables:					
Property tax:					
Delinquent	9,442	1,771	4,220	1,620	17,053
Succeeding year	3,054,987	611,645	1,483,329	546,998	5,696,959
Income surtax	382,827	-	-	-	382,827
Accounts	2,051	-	-	5,485	7,536
Due from other governments	640,382	108,428	-	-	748,810
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 8,416,842</b>	<b>1,492,163</b>	<b>1,572,589</b>	<b>950,993</b>	<b>12,432,587</b>
<b>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</b>					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 248,237	159,902	-	24,019	432,158
Salaries and benefits payable	1,053,069	-	-	1,595	1,054,664
Deposits payable	-	100,000	-	-	100,000
Total liabilities	1,301,306	259,902	-	25,614	1,586,822
Deferred inflows of resources:					
Unavailable revenues:					
Succeeding year property tax	3,054,987	611,645	1,483,329	546,998	5,696,959
Income surtax	382,827	-	-	-	382,827
Total deferred inflows of resources	3,437,814	611,645	1,483,329	546,998	6,079,786
Fund balances:					
Restricted for:					
Categorical funding	118,968	-	-	-	118,968
Debt service	-	-	89,260	-	89,260
Management levy purposes	-	-	-	227,404	227,404
Student activities	-	-	-	150,977	150,977
School infrastructure	-	348,640	-	-	348,640
Physical plant and equipment	-	271,976	-	-	271,976
Assigned	27,230	-	-	-	27,230
Unassigned	3,531,524	-	-	-	3,531,524
Total fund balances	3,677,722	620,616	89,260	378,381	4,765,979
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 8,416,842</b>	<b>1,492,163</b>	<b>1,572,589</b>	<b>950,993</b>	<b>12,432,587</b>

SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2024

<b>Total fund balances of governmental funds (page 20)</b>	<b>\$ 4,765,979</b>
<b><i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:</i></b>	
Net capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental funds.	18,126,058
Accounts receivable income surtax is not available to finance expenditures of the current year and, therefore, is recognized as deferred inflows of resources in the governmental funds.	382,827
Accrued interest payable on long-term liabilities is not due and payable in the current year and, therefore, is not reported as a liability in the governmental funds.	(22,767)
Pension and OPEB related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are not due and payable in the current year and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds, as follows:	
Deferred outflows of resources	\$ 1,983,977
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>(457,703)</u>
	1,526,274
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, computer loan payable, termination benefits, net pension liability and total OPEB liability are not due and payable in the current year and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	<u>(10,288,812)</u>
<b>Net position of governmental activities (page 18)</b>	<b><u>\$ 14,489,559</u></b>

VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Nonmajor	Total
Revenues:					
Local sources:					
Local tax	\$ 3,379,821	565,906	1,348,526	500,375	5,794,628
Tuition	1,494,354	-	-	-	1,494,354
Other	345,940	37,348	-	278,421	661,709
State sources	6,460,252	1,182,798	10,528	4,045	7,657,623
Federal sources	130,455	52,092	-	-	182,547
Total revenues	11,810,822	1,838,144	1,359,054	782,841	15,790,861
Expenditures:					
Current:					
Instruction:					
Regular	5,448,316	365,674	-	132,810	5,946,800
Special	1,125,346	-	-	9,689	1,135,035
Other	956,034	50,014	-	277,445	1,283,493
	7,529,696	415,688	-	419,944	8,365,328
Support services:					
Student	298,684	-	-	1,208	299,892
Instructional staff	278,283	27,379	-	-	305,662
Administration	1,351,611	71,306	600	38,380	1,461,897
Operation and maintenance of plant	1,056,586	184,749	-	253,776	1,495,111
Transportation	482,894	69,893	-	37,203	589,990
	3,468,058	353,327	600	330,567	4,152,552
Capital outlay	-	1,289,775	-	-	1,289,775
Long-term debt:					
Principal	-	-	1,700,749	-	1,700,749
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	220,068	-	220,068
	-	-	1,920,817	-	1,920,817
Other expenditures:					
AEA flowthrough	429,010	-	-	-	429,010
Total expenditures	11,426,764	2,058,790	1,921,417	750,511	16,157,482
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	384,058	(220,646)	(562,363)	32,330	(366,621)
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfer in	-	-	574,217	15,106	589,323
Transfer out	(15,106)	(574,217)	-	-	(589,323)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(15,106)	(574,217)	574,217	15,106	-
Change in fund balances	368,952	(794,863)	11,854	47,436	(366,621)
Fund balances beginning of year	3,308,770	1,415,479	77,406	330,945	5,132,600
Fund balances end of year	\$ 3,677,722	620,616	89,260	378,381	4,765,979

SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

**Change in fund balances - total governmental funds (page 22)** \$ (366,621)

***Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:***

Capital outlays to purchase or build capital assets are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, those costs are not reported in the Statement of Activities and are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation/amortization expense in the Statement of Activities. Capital outlay expenditures and depreciation/amortization expense in the current year are as follows:

Capital outlay	\$ 1,392,915	
Depreciation/amortization expense	<u>(1,034,290)</u>	358,625

Income surtax receivable is not considered available revenue and is recognized as deferred inflows of resources in the governmental funds.		31,380
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Repayment of long-term liabilities is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in Statement of Net Position.		1,700,749
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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 governmental funds when due. In the Statement of Activities, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due.		2,500
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The current year District IPERS contributions are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds but are reported as deferred outflows of resources in the Statement of Net Position.		651,741
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Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds, as follows:

Termination benefits	92,192	
Pension expense	(358,765)	
Total OPEB liability and related expenses	<u>(107,966)</u>	<u>(374,539)</u>

<b>Change in net position of governmental activities (page 19)</b>		<b><u>\$ 2,003,835</u></b>
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VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
PROPRIETARY FUND  
JUNE 30, 2024

	Enterprise, School Nutrition
<b>Assets</b>	
Current assets:	
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 514,810
Inventories	286
Total current assets	515,096
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	72,320
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>587,416</b>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Pension related deferred outflows	33,761
OPEB related deferred outflows	25,542
<b>Total deferred outflows of resources</b>	<b>59,303</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current liabilities:	
Salaries and benefits payable	15,268
Unearned revenue	6,072
Total current liabilities	21,340
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Net pension liability	74,869
Total OPEB liability	39,363
Total noncurrent liabilities	114,232
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>135,572</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Pension related deferred inflows	603
OPEB related deferred inflows	22,183
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>22,786</b>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	72,320
Unrestricted	416,041
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 488,361</b>

SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION  
PROPRIETARY FUND  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Enterprise, School Nutrition</u>
Operating revenues:	
Local sources:	
Charges for service	\$ 377,344
Miscellaneous	1,627
Total operating revenues	<u>378,971</u>
Operating expenses:	
Support services:	
Instructional staff:	
Supplies	<u>2,234</u>
Operation and maintenance of plant:	
Services	<u>4,957</u>
Total support services	<u>7,191</u>
Non-instructional programs:	
Food service operations:	
Salaries	163,147
Benefits	62,347
Supplies	304,395
Depreciation	<u>11,263</u>
Total non-instructional programs	<u>541,152</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>548,343</u>
Operating loss	<u>(169,372)</u>
Non-operating revenues:	
State sources	3,039
Federal sources	133,753
Interest income	<u>21,403</u>
Total non-operating revenues	<u>158,195</u>
Change in net position	(11,177)
Net position beginning of year	<u>499,538</u>
Net position end of year	<u>\$ 488,361</u>

SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
PROPRIETARY FUND  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Enterprise, School Nutrition
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from sale of lunches and breakfasts	\$ 383,198
Cash received from miscellaneous	1,627
Cash payments to employees for services	(223,699)
Cash payments to suppliers for goods or services	(276,592)
Net cash used in operating activities	(115,466)
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:	
State grants received	3,039
Federal grants received	95,000
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities	98,039
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Purchase of capital assets	(3,576)
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Interest on investments	21,403
Net increase in cash and pooled investments	400
Cash and pooled investments beginning of year	514,410
Cash and pooled investments end of year	\$ 514,810
<b>Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:</b>	
Operating loss	\$ (169,372)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:	
Commodities consumed	38,753
Depreciation	11,263
Change in assets and liabilities:	
Inventories	150
Accounts payable	(3,909)
Salaries and benefits payable	2,299
Net pension liability	13,898
Deferred outflows of resources	(10,748)
Deferred inflows of resources	(7,673)
Unearned revenue	5,854
Total OPEB liability	4,019
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (115,466)

**Non-cash investing, capital and related financing activities:**

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the District received \$38,753 of federal commodities.

VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2024

**(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The Van Meter Community School District is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa and operates public schools for children in grades kindergarten through twelve and special education kindergarten. The geographic area served includes the city of Van Meter, Iowa and the predominately agricultural territory in a portion of Dallas and Madison Counties. The District is governed by a Board of Education whose members are elected on a non-partisan basis.

The District's financial statements are prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

**A. Reporting Entity**

For financial reporting purposes, Van Meter Community School District has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities. The District has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the District are such that exclusion would cause the District's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the District to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the District. The District has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

Jointly Governed Organizations - The District participates in a jointly governed organization that provides services to the District but do not meet the criteria of a joint venture since there is no ongoing financial interest or responsibility by the participating governments. The District is a member of the Dallas and Madison County Assessor's Conference Board.

**B. Basis of Presentation**

Government-wide Financial Statements - The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by tax and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from Business type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for service.

The Statement of Net Position presents the District's non-fiduciary assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Net position is reported in the following categories:

*Net investment in capital assets* consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization and reduced by outstanding balances for bonds, notes and other debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

*Restricted net position* results when constraints placed on net position use are either externally imposed or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Unrestricted net position* consists of net position not meeting the definition of the preceding categories. Unrestricted net position is often subject to constraints imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segments are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants, contributions and interest that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property tax and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements - Separate financial statements are provided for governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor governmental funds. Combining schedules are also included for the Capital Projects Fund accounts.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. All general tax revenues and other revenues not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating expenditures, including instructional, support and other costs.

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for all resources used in the acquisition and construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

The Debt Service Fund is utilized to account for property tax and other revenues to be used for the payment of principal and interest on the District's general long-term debt.

The District reports the following non-major proprietary fund:

The Enterprise, School Nutrition Fund is used to account for the District's food service operations.

#### C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide, proprietary and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property tax is recognized as revenue in the year for which it is levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been satisfied.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year end.

Property tax, intergovernmental revenues (shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments) and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, principal and interest on long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences are recognized as expenditures only when payment is due. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under terms of grant agreements, the District funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the District's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs and then general revenues.

When an expenditure is incurred in governmental funds which can be paid using either restricted or unrestricted resources, the District's policy is generally to first apply the expenditure toward restricted fund balance and then to less-restrictive classifications - committed, assigned and then unassigned fund balances.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District's Enterprise Fund is charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for Enterprise Funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

#### D. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Equity/Net Position

The following accounting policies are followed in preparing the financial statements:

Cash, Pooled Investments and Cash Equivalents - The cash balances of most District funds are pooled and invested. Investments are stated at fair value except for the investment in the Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust which is valued at amortized cost.

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, all short-term cash investments that are highly liquid are considered to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and, at the day of purchase, they have a maturity date no longer than three months.

Property Tax Receivable - Property tax in the governmental funds is accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Property tax receivable is recognized in these funds on the levy or lien date, which is the date the tax asking is certified by the Board of Education. Delinquent property tax receivable represents unpaid taxes for the current and prior years. The succeeding year property tax receivable represents taxes certified by the Board of Education to be collected in the next fiscal year for the purposes set out in the budget for the next fiscal year. By statute, the District is required to certify its budget in April of each year for the subsequent fiscal year. However, by statute, the tax asking and budget certification for the following fiscal year becomes effective on the first day of that year. Although the succeeding year property tax receivable has been recorded, the related revenue is reported as a deferred inflow of resources in both the government-wide and fund financial statements and will not be recognized as revenue until the year for which it is levied.

Property tax revenue recognized in these funds become due and collectible in September and March of the fiscal year with a 1½% per month penalty for delinquent payments; is based on January 1, 2022 assessed property valuations; is for the tax accrual period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and reflects the tax asking contained in the budget certified to the County Board of Supervisors in April 2023.

Due from Other Governments - Due from other governments represents amounts due from the State of Iowa, various shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments.

Inventories - Inventories are valued at cost using the first-in, first-out method for purchased items and government commodities. Inventories of proprietary funds are recorded as expenses when consumed rather than when purchased or received.

Capital Assets – Capital assets are tangible and intangible assets, which include property, furniture and equipment are reported in the applicable governmental or business type activities columns in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost (except for intangible right-to-use lease assets, the measurement of which is discussed under “Leases” below) if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value. Acquisition value is the price that would have been paid to acquire a capital asset with equivalent service potential. The costs of normal maintenance and repair that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Intangible assets follow the same capitalization policies as tangible capital assets and are reported with tangible assets in the appropriate capital asset class. Reportable capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost in excess of the following thresholds and estimated useful lives in excess of two years.

Asset Class	Amount
Land	\$ 5,000
Buildings	5,000
Land improvements	5,000
Intangibles	5,000
Right-to-use leased assets	5,000
Machinery and equipment:	
School Nutrition Fund equipment	500
Other machinery and equipment	5,000

Land and construction in progress are not depreciated. The other tangible and intangible property, plant, equipment and the right-to-use leased assets are depreciated/amortized using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Lives
Buildings	40 years
Land improvements	20-40 years
Intangibles	2+ years
Right-to-use leased assets	2+ years
Machinery and equipment	
School Nutrition Fund equipment	12 years
Other machinery and equipment	5-20 years

Leases - Van Meter Community School District is the lessee for a noncancellable lease of equipment. The District has recognized a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease equipment (lease asset) in the government-wide financial statements. The District recognized leases with an initial, individual value of \$5,000 or more.

At the commencement of the lease, the District initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of the lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how Van Meter Community School District determines the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, lease term and lease payments.

Van Meter Community School District uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the District generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.



The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments, as well as any purchase option price included in the agreement that the District would be reasonably certain to exercise.

The District monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability.

Lease assets are reported with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

Deferred Outflows of Resources - Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position applicable to a future year(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. Deferred outflows of resources consist of unrecognized items not yet charged to pension and OPEB expense, the unamortized portion of the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments and contributions from the District after the measurement date but before the end of the District's reporting period.

Salaries and Benefits Payable - Payroll and related expenditures for teachers with annual contracts corresponding to the current school year, which are payable in July and August, have been accrued as liabilities.

Unearned Revenue - Unearned revenues are monies collected for lunches that have not yet been served. Patrons will either be reimbursed or served lunches. The lunch account balances are reflected on the Statement of Net Position in the Proprietary, School Nutrition Fund.

Long-term Liabilities - In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities column in the Statement of Net Position.

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 Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS) and additions to/deductions from IPERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by IPERS. 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. The net pension liability attributable to the governmental activities will be paid primarily by the General Fund.

Total OPEB Liability - For purposes of measuring the total OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB and OPEB expense, information has been determined based on the District's actuary report. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The total OPEB liability attributable to the governmental activities will be paid primarily by the General Fund.

Deferred Inflows of Resources - Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position applicable to a future year(s) which will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Although certain revenues are measurable, they are not available. Available means collected within the current year or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. Deferred inflows of resources in the governmental fund financial statements represent the amount of assets that have been recognized, but the related revenue has not been recognized since the assets are not collected within the current year or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. Deferred inflows or resources in the fund financial statements consist of property tax receivable and other receivables not collected within sixty days after year end and succeeding year property tax receivable that will not be recognized as revenue until the year for which it is levied.

Deferred inflows of resources in the Statement of Net Position consist of succeeding year property tax receivable that will not be recognized until the year for which it is levied and unrecognized items not yet charged to pension and OPEB expense.

Fund Equity - Board Policy number 701.04 describes the District's fund balance designations. In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

Restricted - Amounts restricted to specific purposes when constraints placed on the use of the resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors or state or federal laws or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Assigned - Amounts are not available for appropriation but are set aside for a specific purpose by the District.

Unassigned - All amounts not included in the preceding classifications.

#### E. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as Required Supplementary Information.

#### (2) **Cash and Pooled Investments**

The District's deposits in banks at June 30, 2024 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to ensure there will be no loss of public funds.

The District is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Board of Education; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

At June 30, 2024, the District had investments in the Iowa School Joint Investment Trust (ISJIT) Direct Government Obligations Portfolio which are valued at an amortized cost of \$5,333,979. There were no limitations or restrictions on withdrawals of the ISJIT investments. The investments in ISJIT were rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's Financial Services.

#### (3) **Interfund Transfers**

The detail of interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

Transfer to	Transfer from	Amount
Debt Service	Capital Projects: Statewide Sales, Services and Use Tax	\$ 574,217
Student Activity	General	15,106
Total		<u>\$ 589,323</u>

The transfers from the Capital Projects: Statewide Sales, Services and Use Tax Fund to the Debt Service Fund were for principal and interest payments on the District's revenue bonded and computer loan indebtedness.

The transfers from the General Fund to the Student Activity Fund were for a reimbursement of expenditures for protective equipment.

#### (4) Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

	Balance Beginning of Year	Increases	Decreases	Balance End of Year
<b>Governmental activities:</b>				
Capital assets not being depreciated/amortized:				
Land	\$ 801,592	-	-	801,592
Construction in progress	39,473	1,214,967	78,945	1,175,495
Total capital assets not being depreciated/amortized	841,065	1,214,967	78,945	1,977,087
Capital assets being depreciated/amortized:				
Buildings	20,994,598	99,277	-	21,093,875
Land improvements	2,995,654	9,960	-	3,005,614
Machinery and equipment	2,586,436	147,656	173,100	2,560,992
Right-to-use leased assets	519,821	-	519,821	-
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized	27,096,509	256,893	692,921	26,660,481
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization for:				
Buildings	7,351,214	518,887	-	7,870,101
Land improvements	725,768	81,840	-	807,608
Machinery and equipment	1,833,249	173,652	173,100	1,833,801
Right-to-use leased assets	259,910	259,911	519,821	-
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	10,170,141	1,034,290	692,921	10,511,510
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized, net	16,926,368	(777,397)	-	16,148,971
Governmental activities capital assets/amortized, net	\$ 17,767,433	437,570	78,945	18,126,058
<b>Business type activities:</b>				
Machinery and equipment	\$ 206,532	3,576	-	210,108
Less accumulated depreciation	126,525	11,263	-	137,788
Business type activities capital assets, net	\$ 80,007	(7,687)	-	72,320

Depreciation/amortization expense was charged to the following functions:

Governmental activities:	
Instruction:	
Regular	\$ 267,428
Other	41,057
Support services:	
Administration	4,359
Operation and maintenance of plant	14,918
Transportation	105,801
	433,563
Unallocated depreciation/amortization	600,727
Total governmental activities depreciation/amortization expense	\$ 1,034,290
Business type activities:	
Food service operations	\$ 11,263

#### (5) Construction Commitment

The District entered into contracts totaling \$1,378,374 for an elementary roof project and building remodel project. As of June 30, 2024, costs of \$1,175,495 had been incurred against the contract. The balance remaining on the contract will be paid as work on the projects progresses.

## (6) Long-Term Liabilities

A summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

	Balance Beginning of Year	Additions	Reductions	Balance End of Year	Due Within One Year
<b>Governmental activities:</b>					
General obligation bonds	\$ 4,880,000	-	1,195,000	3,685,000	515,000
Revenue bonds	2,460,000	-	385,000	2,075,000	395,000
Computer loan	243,732	-	120,749	122,983	122,983
Termination benefits	358,738	-	92,192	266,546	44,659
Net pension liability	2,801,522	573,803	-	3,375,325	-
Total OPEB liability	685,953	78,005	-	763,958	-
Total	<u>\$ 11,429,945</u>	<u>651,808</u>	<u>1,792,941</u>	<u>10,288,812</u>	<u>1,077,642</u>
<b>Business type activities:</b>					
Net pension liability	\$ 60,971	13,898	-	74,869	-
Total OPEB liability	35,344	4,019	-	39,363	-
Total	<u>\$ 96,315</u>	<u>17,917</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>114,232</u>	<u>-</u>

### General Obligation Bonds

Details of the District's June 30, 2024 general obligation indebtedness are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Bonds issued July 1, 2013			
	Interest Rate	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	3.00 %	\$ 515,000	112,275	627,275
2026	3.00	530,000	96,825	626,825
2027	3.00	550,000	80,925	630,925
2028	3.00	565,000	64,425	629,425
2029	3.00	580,000	47,475	627,475
2030-2031	3.00-3.50	945,000	42,150	987,150
Total		<u>\$ 3,685,000</u>	<u>444,075</u>	<u>4,129,075</u>

In addition to the scheduled payments of \$500,000 in principal and \$151,600 in interest, the District called \$425,000 in principal of the Series 2013 bonds originally maturing May 1, 2032, and \$270,000 in principal of the Series 2013 bonds originally maturing May 1, 2031 with proceeds from an additional debt service levy collected during the year ended June 30, 2024. The interest cost savings resulting from the early extinguishment is \$185,150.

### Revenue Bonds

Details of the District's June 30, 2024 statewide sales, services and use tax revenue bonded indebtedness are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Bonds issued December 9, 2015			
	Interest Rate	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	2.60 %	\$ 395,000	53,950	448,950
2026	2.60	405,000	43,680	448,680
2027	2.60	415,000	33,150	448,150
2028	2.60	425,000	22,360	447,360
2029	2.60	435,000	11,310	446,310
Total		<u>\$ 2,075,000</u>	<u>164,450</u>	<u>2,239,450</u>

The District has pledged future statewide sales, services and use tax revenues to repay the \$4,885,000 of bonds issued in December 2015. The bonds were issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the costs of school improvement projects. The bonds are payable solely from the proceeds of the statewide sales, services and use tax revenues received by the District and are payable through 2029. The bonds are not a general obligation of the District. However, the debt is subject to the constitutional debt limitation of the District. Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds are expected to require approximately 38% of the statewide sales, services and use tax revenues. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds is \$2,239,450. For the current year \$385,000 in principal and \$63,960 in interest was paid on the bonds and total statewide sales, services and use tax revenues were \$1,178,380.

The resolution providing for the issuance of the statewide sales, services and use tax revenues bonds requires the District to set aside each month an amount equal to 1/6 of the upcoming bi-annual interest payments and 1/12 of the upcoming annual principal payments.

#### Computer Loan

In April 2022, the District obtained financing to purchase computers. During the year ended June 30, 2024, principal and interest paid were \$120,749 and \$4,508, respectively.

Year Ending June 30,	Computer loan			
	Interest Rate	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	1.85 %	\$ 122,983	2,274	125,257

#### Termination Benefits

The District did not offer an early retirement plan during the year ended June 30, 2024. However, the District had remaining obligations from plans offered in prior fiscal years. Early retirement benefits equal either Option 1: 40% of previous year's IPERS covered wages, \$30/day of final sick leave balance and \$500 per month until age 65 or Option 2: \$100 per day of final sick leave balance and \$750 per month until age 65. Employees may continue participation in the District's health plan until age 65 at the employee's expense.

At June 30, 2024, the District had obligations to five individuals with a total liability of \$266,546. Actual early retirement expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2024 totaled \$92,192.

### **(7) Pension Plan**

Plan Description - IPERS membership is mandatory for employees of the District, except for those covered by another retirement system. Employees of the District are provided with pensions through a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS). IPERS issues a stand-alone financial report which is available to the public by mail at P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9117 or at [www.ipers.org](http://www.ipers.org).

IPERS benefits are established under Iowa Code chapter 97B and the administrative rules thereunder. Chapter 97B and the administrative rules are the official plan documents. The following brief description is provided for general information purposes only. Refer to the plan documents for more information.

Pension Benefits - A Regular member may retire at normal retirement age and receive monthly benefits without an early-retirement reduction. Normal retirement age is age 65, any time after reaching age 62 with 20 or more years of covered employment or when the member's years of service plus the member's age at the last birthday equals or exceeds 88, whichever comes first. These qualifications must be met on the member's first month of entitlement to benefits. Members cannot begin receiving retirement benefits before age 55. The formula used to calculate a Regular member's monthly IPERS benefit includes:

- A multiplier based on years of service.
- The member's highest five-year average salary except for members with service before June 30, 2012 will use the highest three-year average salary as of that date if it is greater than the highest five-year average salary.

If a member retires before normal retirement age, the member's monthly retirement benefit will be permanently reduced by an early-retirement reduction. The early-retirement reduction is calculated differently for service earned before and after July 1, 2012. For service earned before July 1, 2012, the reduction is 0.25% for each month the member receives benefits before the member's earliest normal retirement age. For service earned on or after July 1, 2012, the reduction is 0.50% for each month the member receives benefits before age 65.

Generally, once a member selects a benefit option, a monthly benefit is calculated and remains the same for the rest of the member's lifetime. However, to combat the effects of inflation, retirees who began receiving benefits prior to July 1990 receive a guaranteed dividend with their regular November benefit payments.

Disability and Death Benefits - A vested member who is awarded federal Social Security disability or Railroad Retirement disability benefits is eligible to claim IPERS benefits regardless of age. Disability benefits are not reduced for early retirement. If a member dies before retirement, the member's beneficiary will receive a lifetime annuity or a lump-sum payment equal to the present actuarial value of the member's accrued benefit or calculated with a set formula, whichever is greater. When a member dies after retirement, death benefits depend on the benefit option the member selected at retirement.

Contributions - Contribution rates are established by IPERS following the annual actuarial valuation, which applies IPERS' Contribution Rate Funding Policy and Actuarial Amortization Method. State statute limits the amount rates can increase or decrease each year to 1 percentage point. IPERS Contribution Rate Funding Policy requires the actuarial contribution rate be determined using the "entry age normal" actuarial cost method and the actuarial assumptions and methods approved by the IPERS Investment Board. The actuarial contribution rate covers normal cost plus the unfunded actuarial liability payment based on a 30-year amortization period. The payment to amortize the unfunded actuarial liability is determined as a level percentage of payroll based on the Actuarial Amortization Method adopted by the Investment Board.

In fiscal year 2024, pursuant to the required rate, Regular members contributed 6.29% of covered payroll and the District contributed 9.44% of covered payroll, for a total rate of 15.73%.

The District's contributions to IPERS for the year ended June 30, 2024 were \$666,947.

Net Pension Liability, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions - At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$3,450,194 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 and the total net pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. 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 IPERS participating employers. At June 30, 2023, the District's proportion was 0.076439%, which was an increase of 0.000675% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$367,905. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 291,891	14,181
Changes of assumptions	-	55
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on IPERS' investments	319,530	-
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and the District's proportionate share of contributions	243,649	13,538
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	666,947	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,522,017</u>	<u>27,774</u>

\$666,947 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. 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,	Amount
2025	\$ (6,522)
2026	(172,499)
2027	822,882
2028	157,273
2029	26,162
Total	<u>\$ 827,296</u>

There were no non-employer contributing entities at IPERS.

Actuarial Assumptions - The total pension liability in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Rate of inflation (effective June 30, 2017)	2.60% per annum.
Rates of salary increase (effective June 30, 2017)	3.25 to 16.25% average, including inflation. Rates vary by membership group.
Long-term investment rate of return (effective June 30, 2017)	7.00% compounded annually, net of investment expense, including inflation.
Wage growth (effective June 30, 2017)	3.25% per annum, based on 2.60% inflation and 0.65% real wage inflation.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023 valuation were based on the results of a quadrennial experience study covering the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021.

Mortality rates used in the 2023 valuation were based on the PubG-2010 mortality tables with future mortality improvements modeled using Scale MP-2021.

The long-term expected rate of return on IPERS' investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target



asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equity	21.0%	4.56%
International equity	16.5	6.22
Global smart beta equity	5.0	5.22
Core plus fixed income	23.0	2.69
Public credit	3.0	4.38
Cash	1.0	1.59
Private equity	17.0	10.44
Private real assets	9.0	3.88
Private credit	4.5	4.60
Total	100.0%	

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed employee contributions will be made at the contractually required rate and contributions from the District will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, IPERS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on IPERS' investments 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 presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate is 1% lower (6.00%) or 1% higher (8.00%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 7,335,881	3,450,194	193,924

IPERS' Fiduciary Net Position - Detailed information about IPERS' fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued IPERS financial report which is available on IPERS' website at [www.ipers.org](http://www.ipers.org).

Payable to IPERS- At June 30, 2024, the District reported payables to IPERS of \$54,271 for legally required District contribution and \$36,162 for legally required employee contributions withheld from employee wages which had not yet been remitted to IPERS.

## (8) Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

Plan Description - The District administers a single-employer benefit plan which provides medical and prescription drug benefits for employees, retirees and their spouses. Group insurance benefits are established under Iowa Code Chapter 509A.13. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75.

OPEB Benefits - Individuals who are employed by the District and are eligible to participate in the group health plan are eligible to continue healthcare benefits upon retirement. Retirees under age 65 pay the same premium for the medical and prescription drug benefits as active employees, which results in an implicit rate subsidy and an OPEB liability.



Retired participants must be age 55 or older at retirement. At July 1, 2022, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	1
Active employees	<u>119</u>
Total	<u><u>120</u></u>

Total OPEB Liability - The District's total OPEB liability of \$803,321 was measured as of June 30, 2024, and was determined by an actuarial valuation dated July 1, 2022.

Actuarial Assumptions - The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and the entry age normal actuarial cost method, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

Rate of inflation	3.00% per annum.
Rates of salary increase	3.00% per annum, including inflation.
Discount rate	3.93% compounded annually, including inflation.
Healthcare cost trend rate	6.00% initial rate decreasing annually to an ultimate rate of 4.00%

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 3.93% which reflects the index rate for 20-year tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher as of the measurement date.

Mortality rates are from the PUB-2010 mortality table with generational scale MP-2021. Retirement rates are based on the IPERS actuarial valuation dated June 30, 2022.

#### Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

	<u>Total OPEB Liability</u>
Total OPEB liability beginning of year	\$ 721,297
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	91,351
Interest	29,359
Changes in assumptions	(22,108)
Benefit payments	<u>(16,578)</u>
Net changes	<u>82,024</u>
Total OPEB liability end of year	<u><u>\$ 803,321</u></u>

Changes of assumptions reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.65% in fiscal year 2023 to 3.93% in fiscal year 2024.

Sensitivity of the District's Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate 1% lower (2.93%) or 1% higher (4.93%) than the current discount rate.

	<u>1% Decrease (2.93%)</u>	<u>Discount Rate (3.93%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (4.93%)</u>
Total OPEB liability	\$ 887,000	803,321	728,000

Sensitivity of the District's Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates - The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates 1% lower (5.00%) or 1% higher (7.00%) than the current healthcare cost trend rates.

	1% Decrease (5.00%)	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate (6.00%)	1% Increase (7.00%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 694,000	803,321	937,000

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB - For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$130,105. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 270,305	304,893
Changes in assumptions	250,958	147,822
Total	<u>\$ 521,263</u>	<u>452,715</u>

The amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized as OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Amount
2025	\$ 9,395
2026	9,395
2027	9,395
2028	9,395
2029	9,394
Thereafter	<u>21,574</u>
Total	<u>\$ 68,548</u>

## (9) Risk Management

The District is a member in the Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan (IGHCP), Iowa Code Chapter 28E organization. IGHCP is a local government risk-sharing pool whose members include various schools throughout the State of Iowa. The Plan provides health coverage and protection.

The District's contributions, which include deficit recovery assessments, to the risk pool are recorded as expenditures from its General Fund at the time of payment to the risk pool. District contributions to IGHCP for the year ended June 30, 2024 were \$627,756.

Van Meter Community School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft; damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance. The District assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

## (10) Area Education Agency

The District is required by the Code of Iowa to budget for its share of special education support, media and educational services provided through the Area Education Agency. The District's actual amount for this purpose totaled \$429,010 for the year ended June 30, 2024 and is recorded in the General Fund by making a memorandum adjusting entry to the cash basis financial statements.

## (11) Tax Abatements

Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 77 defines tax abatements as a reduction in tax revenues that results from an agreement between one or more government and an individual or entity in which (a) one or more governments promise to forgo tax revenues to which they are otherwise entitled and (b) the individual or entity promises to take a specific action after the agreement has been entered into that contributes to economic development or otherwise benefits the governments or the citizens of those governments.

### Tax Abatements of Other Entities

Other entities within the District provide tax abatements for urban renewal and economic development projects pursuant to Chapters 15 and 403 of the Code of Iowa. Additionally, the City of Van Meter offered an urban revitalization tax abatement program pursuant to Chapter 404 of the Code of Iowa. With prior approval by the governing body, this program provides for an exemption of taxes based on a percentage of the actual value added by improvements.

Property tax revenues of the District were reduced by the following amounts for the year ended June 30, 2024 under agreements entered into by the following entity:

Entity	Tax Abatement Program	Amount of Tax Abated
City of Waukee	Urban Renewal and Economic Development Projects	\$ 56,485
City of Van Meter	Chapter 404 Tax Abatement Programs	\$ 255,396

The State of Iowa reimburses the District an amount equivalent to the increment of valuation on which property tax is divided times \$5.40 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation. For the year ended June 30, 2024, this reimbursement amounted to \$30,121.

## (12) Categorical Funding

In accordance with Iowa Administrative Code Section 98.1, categorical funding is financial support from the state and federal governments targeted for particular categories of students, special programs, or special purposes. This support is in addition to school district or area education agency general purpose revenue, for purposes beyond the basic educational program and most often has restrictions on its use. Any portion of categorical funding provided by the state that is not expended by the end of the fiscal year must be carried forward as a restricted fund balance.

The following is a schedule of the categorical funding restricted in the General Fund at June 30, 2024.

Program	Amount
Gifted and Talented Programs	\$ 26,085
Teacher Leadership State Aid	57,929
Four-Year-Old Preschool State Aid	21,028
Teacher Salary Supplement	8,612
Successful Progression for Early Readers	2,769
Professional Development	1,338
Governor's Advisory Council STEM Scale-Up Programs	1,207
Total	<u>\$ 118,968</u>

### (13) Reconciliation of Governmental Fund Balances to Net Position

Reconciliation of certain governmental fund balances to net position is the following:

	Net investment in Capital Assets	Debt Service	Management Levy	Unassigned/ Unrestricted
Fund balance (Exhibit C)	\$ -	89,260	227,404	3,531,524
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization	18,126,058	-	-	-
General obligation bond capitalized indebtedness	(3,685,000)	-	-	-
Revenue bond capitalized indebtedness	(2,075,000)	-	-	-
Indebtedness from computer loan	-	-	-	(122,983)
Accrued interest payable	-	(22,767)	-	-
Income surtax	-	-	-	382,827
Termination benefits	-	-	(227,404)	(39,142)
Pension related deferred outflows	-	-	-	1,488,256
Pension related deferred inflows	-	-	-	(27,171)
Net pension liability	-	-	-	(3,375,325)
Total OPEB liability	-	-	-	(763,958)
OPEB related deferred outflows	-	-	-	495,721
OPEB related deferred inflows	-	-	-	(430,532)
Assigned fund balance	-	-	-	27,230
Net position (Exhibit A)	\$ 12,366,058	66,493	-	1,166,447

### (14) Change in Area Education Agency Funding

The Governor signed House File 2612 on March 27, 2024, which changes the percentage of educational and media services funding generated through local property taxes by Districts which flow through to each Area Education Agency (AEA) beginning July 1, 2024. For fiscal year 2025, 40% of the educational and media services funds generated by the Districts will continue to flow through to each AEA, while 60% of the funding will be retained by the District that generated the funds.

## REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE OF  
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN BALANCES -  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS AND PROPRIETARY FUND  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Funds Actual	Proprietary Fund Actual	Total Actual	Budgeted Amounts		Final to Actual Variance
				Original	Final	
Revenues:						
Local sources	\$ 7,950,691	400,374	8,351,065	8,502,760	8,502,760	(151,695)
State sources	7,657,623	3,039	7,660,662	7,557,133	7,557,133	103,529
Federal sources	182,547	133,753	316,300	365,000	365,000	(48,700)
Total revenues	15,790,861	537,166	16,328,027	16,424,893	16,424,893	(96,866)
Expenditures/Expenses:						
Instruction	8,365,328	-	8,365,328	9,850,000	9,850,000	1,484,672
Support services	4,152,552	7,191	4,159,743	6,032,000	6,032,000	1,872,257
Non-instructional programs	-	541,152	541,152	950,000	950,000	408,848
Other expenditures	3,639,602	-	3,639,602	3,771,831	6,271,831	2,632,229
Total expenditures/expenses	16,157,482	548,343	16,705,825	20,603,831	23,103,831	6,398,006
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures/expenses	(366,621)	(11,177)	(377,798)	(4,178,938)	(6,678,938)	6,301,140
Other financing sources, net	-	-	-	30,000	30,000	(30,000)
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures/expenses	(366,621)	(11,177)	(377,798)	(4,148,938)	(6,648,938)	6,271,140
Balances beginning of year	5,132,600	499,538	5,632,138	4,409,777	4,409,777	1,222,361
Balances end of year	\$ 4,765,979	488,361	5,254,340	260,839	(2,239,161)	7,493,501

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VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - BUDGETARY REPORTING  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

This budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting from not being able to present budgetary comparison for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Board of Education annually adopts a budget following required public notice and hearing for all funds, except Private Purpose Trust and Custodial Funds. The budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures. The District's budget is prepared on a GAAP basis.

Formal and legal budgetary control for the certified budget is based upon four major classes of expenditures known as functions, not by fund. These four functions are instruction, support services, non-instructional programs and other expenditures. Although the budget document presents function expenditures or expenses by fund, the legal level of control is at the aggregated functional level, not by fund. The Code of Iowa also provides District expenditures in the General Fund may not exceed the amount authorized by the school finance formula. During the year, the District adopted one budget amendment, increasing budgeted expenditures by \$2,500,000.

VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY  
IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS\*  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.076439%	0.075764%	0.029335%	0.066882%	0.067045%	0.068148%	0.065356%	0.061283%	0.055640%	0.055523%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,450,194	2,862,493	101,272	4,698,304	3,882,354	4,312,560	4,353,513	3,856,738	2,748,878	2,201,994
District's covered payroll	\$ 6,679,741	6,102,083	5,863,030	5,300,392	5,102,383	5,121,948	4,878,488	4,397,906	3,811,837	3,633,191
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	51.65%	46.91%	1.73%	88.64%	76.09%	84.20%	89.24%	87.69%	72.11%	60.61%
IPERS' net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	90.13%	91.40%	100.81%	82.90%	85.45%	83.62%	82.21%	81.82%	85.19%	87.61%

\* In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, the amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30 of the preceding year.

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VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS  
IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Statutorily required contribution	\$ 666,947	632,247	576,037	553,470	500,357	481,665	457,390	435,649	392,733	340,397
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	(666,947)	(632,247)	(576,037)	(553,470)	(500,357)	(481,665)	(457,390)	(435,649)	(392,733)	(340,397)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District's covered payroll	\$ 7,065,120	6,679,741	6,102,083	5,863,030	5,300,392	5,102,383	5,121,948	4,878,488	4,397,906	3,811,837
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	9.44%	9.44%	9.44%	9.44%	9.44%	9.44%	8.93%	8.93%	8.93%	8.93%

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VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PENSION LIABILITY  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Changes in benefit terms:

There are no significant changes in benefit terms.

Changes in assumptions:

The 2022 valuation incorporated the following refinements after a quadrennial experience study:

- Changed mortality assumptions to the Pub-2010 General Employees Mortality Tables, projected generationally using Scale MP-2021. Rates were modified for each membership group to better reflect observed experience.
- Adjusted retirement rates.
- Lowered disability rates.
- Adjusted the termination rates.

The 2018 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a demographic assumption study dated June 28, 2018:

- Changed mortality assumptions to the RP-2014 mortality tables with mortality improvements modeled using Scale MP-2017.
- Adjusted retirement rates.
- Lowered disability rates.
- Adjusted the probability of a vested Regular member electing to receive a deferred benefit.
- Adjusted the merit component of the salary increase assumption.

The 2017 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of an experience study dated March 24, 2017:

- Decreased the inflation assumption from 3.00% to 2.60%.
- Decreased the assumed rate of interest on member accounts from 3.75% to 3.50% per year.
- Decreased the discount rate from 7.50% to 7.00%.
- Decreased the wage growth assumption from 4.00% to 3.25%.
- Decreased the payroll growth assumption from 4.00% to 3.25%.

VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S  
TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS  
FOR THE LAST SEVEN YEARS  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Service cost	\$ 91,351	109,335	104,189	23,273	22,769	22,851	21,999
Interest cost	29,359	38,322	23,089	7,102	7,042	6,513	6,256
Differences between expected and actual experiences	-	(340,782)	-	346,017	25,398	-	-
Changes in assumptions	(22,108)	(51,885)	(96,253)	321,250	82,132	12,062	(9,576)
Benefit payments	(16,578)	(13,806)	(31,347)	(30,604)	(4,729)	(12,654)	(12,654)
Net change in total OPEB liability	82,024	(258,816)	(322)	667,038	132,612	28,772	6,025
Total OPEB liability beginning of year	721,297	980,113	980,435	313,397	180,785	152,013	145,988
Total OPEB liability end of year	\$ 803,321	721,297	980,113	980,435	313,397	180,785	152,013
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,230,000	3,136,403	5,151,000	5,001,374	4,563,437	4,923,000	4,756,796
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	24.87%	23.00%	19.03%	19.60%	6.87%	3.67%	3.20%

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VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - OPEB LIABILITY  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Changes in benefit terms:

There were no significant changes in benefit terms.

Changes in assumptions:

The 2023 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a new actuarial opinion dated June 30, 2023:

- Retirement rates were updated to the rates from the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System as of June 30, 2022.
- Mortality Projection scale was updated from MP-2020 to MP-2021 to reflect the Society of Actuaries' recent mortality study.

Changes in assumptions and other inputs reflect the effects of changes in the discount rate each period. The following are the discount rates used in each period.

Year ended June 30, 2024	3.93%
Year ended June 30, 2023	3.65%
Year ended June 30, 2022	3.54%
Year ended June 30, 2021	2.16%
Year ended June 30, 2020	2.21%
Year ended June 30, 2019	3.50%
Year ended June 30, 2018	3.87%
Year ended June 30, 2017	3.58%

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2024

	Special Revenue		Total Nonmajor
	Management Levy	Student Activity	
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 227,379	169,511	396,890
Receivables:			
Property tax:			
Delinquent	1,620	-	1,620
Succeeding year	546,998	-	546,998
Accounts	-	5,485	5,485
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 775,997</b>	<b>174,996</b>	<b>950,993</b>
<b>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</b>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ -	24,019	24,019
Salaries and benefits payable	1,595	-	1,595
Total liabilities	1,595	24,019	25,614
Deferred inflows of resources:			
Unavailable revenues:			
Succeeding year property taxes	546,998	-	546,998
Fund balances:			
Restricted for:			
Management levy purposes	227,404	-	227,404
Student activities	-	150,977	150,977
Total fund balances	227,404	150,977	378,381
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 775,997</b>	<b>174,996</b>	<b>950,993</b>

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VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Special Revenue		
	Management	Student	Total
	Levy	Activity	Nonmajor
Revenues:			
Local sources:			
Local tax	\$ 500,375	-	500,375
Other	1	278,420	278,421
State sources	4,045	-	4,045
Total revenues	504,421	278,420	782,841
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	132,810	-	132,810
Special	9,689	-	9,689
Other	-	277,445	277,445
Support services:			
Student	1,208	-	1,208
Administration	37,953	427	38,380
Operation and maintenance of plant	253,776	-	253,776
Transportation	37,203	-	37,203
Total expenditures	472,639	277,872	750,511
Excess of revenues over expenditures	31,782	548	32,330
Other financing sources:			
Transfer in	-	15,106	15,106
Change in fund balances	31,782	15,654	47,436
Fund balances beginning of year	195,622	135,323	330,945
Fund balances end of year	\$ 227,404	150,977	378,381

VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND ACCOUNTS  
JUNE 30, 2024

	Capital Projects			
	Statewide Sales, Services and Use Tax	Physical Plant and Equipment Levy	Construction	Total
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 398,211	271,955	100,153	770,319
Receivables:				
Property tax:				
Delinquent	-	1,771	-	1,771
Succeeding year	-	611,645	-	611,645
Due from other governments	108,428	-	-	108,428
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 506,639</b>	<b>885,371</b>	<b>100,153</b>	<b>1,492,163</b>
<b>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</b>				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 158,152	1,750	-	159,902
Deposits Payable	-	-	100,000	100,000
Total liabilities	158,152	1,750	100,000	259,902
Deferred inflows of resources:				
Unavailable revenues:				
Succeeding year property tax	-	611,645	-	611,645
Fund balances:				
Restricted for:				
School infrastructure	348,487	-	153	348,640
Physical plant and equipment	-	271,976	-	271,976
Total fund balances	348,487	271,976	153	620,616
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 506,639</b>	<b>885,371</b>	<b>100,153</b>	<b>1,492,163</b>

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VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND ACCOUNTS  
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Capital Projects			
	Statewide Sales, Services and Use Tax	Physical Plant and Equipment Levy	Construction	Total
Revenues:				
Local sources:				
Local tax	\$ -	565,906	-	565,906
Other	37,100	95	153	37,348
State sources	1,178,380	4,418	-	1,182,798
Federal sources	52,092	-	-	52,092
Total revenues	1,267,572	570,419	153	1,838,144
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	169,037	196,637	-	365,674
Other	23,945	26,069	-	50,014
Support services:				
Instructional staff	27,379	-	-	27,379
Administration	71,306	-	-	71,306
Operation and maintenance of plant	180,729	4,020	-	184,749
Transportation	9,537	60,356	-	69,893
Capital outlay	779,374	510,401	-	1,289,775
Total expenditures	1,261,307	797,483	-	2,058,790
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	6,265	(227,064)	153	(220,646)
Other financing uses:				
Transfer out	(574,217)	-	-	(574,217)
Change in fund balances	(567,952)	(227,064)	153	(794,863)
Fund balances beginning of year	916,439	499,040	-	1,415,479
Fund balances end of year	\$ 348,487	271,976	153	620,616

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VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Account	Balance Beginning of Year	Revenues	Expenditures	Interfund/ Intrafund Transfers	Balance End of Year
Book Tournament	\$ 79	-	-	(79)	-
District Football	369	-	-	-	369
District Music	387	50	-	-	437
E-sports	201	150	-	96	447
Drama Club	5,155	16,325	12,806	2,372	11,046
Coffee Shop	2,612	-	-	-	2,612
Spanish Club	456	-	-	(456)	-
District Art Fair	-	275	133	-	142
Show Choir	211	300	89	115	537
Heart Association	198	-	-	(198)	-
Cross Country	2,740	205	221	-	2,724
Golf	4,730	97	3,411	-	1,416
Cheerleading	1,128	7,805	6,038	-	2,895
Boys HS Basketball	9,747	6,655	5,632	-	10,770
JH Boys Basketball	116	-	-	-	116
Football	9,940	48,472	36,438	-	21,974
Boys Soccer	488	2,148	-	-	2,636
Baseball	3,639	5,201	8,609	-	231
Boys Track	495	87	-	-	582
Wrestling	174	121	295	-	-
Girls Basketball	5,760	5,759	6,047	-	5,472
Volleyball	5,245	2,525	2,327	-	5,443
Girls Soccer	135	187	-	-	322
Softball	709	2,244	1,418	-	1,535
JH Softball	289	-	-	(289)	-
Girls HS Track	431	975	-	-	1,406
JH Girls Track	23	-	24	1	-
Athletics	14,581	141,509	164,015	19,922	11,997
Student Lead Drama Club	739	-	-	202	941
Third Grade Quilt Club	1	-	-	(1)	-
Puppy Dog Olympics	27	-	-	(27)	-
Prom	-	-	-	18,651	18,651
Class of 2023	184	-	-	(184)	-
Class of 2024	9,789	273	289	(9,773)	-
Class of 2025	2,157	2,811	2,594	(2,374)	-
Class of 2026	1,903	-	-	(1,903)	-
Class of 2027	1,005	-	-	(1,005)	-
Class of 2028	1,025	774	-	(1,799)	-
Class of 2029	697	451	-	(1,148)	-
Class of 2030	-	614	150	(464)	-
Interest	4,063	6,270	427	(8,769)	1,137
National Honor Society	-	270	292	22	-
Student Council	5,235	2,123	4,401	809	3,766
FCCLA	3,650	796	984	946	4,408
FFA	4,919	9,184	10,783	928	4,248
Tech Student Assoc (TSA)	362	-	-	(362)	-
Yearbook	29,297	13,424	10,449	-	32,272
Elementary Yearbook	105	340	-	-	445
Cap & Gown	127	-	-	(127)	-
Total	\$ 135,323	278,420	277,872	15,106	150,977

SEE ACCOMPANYING INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES BY SOURCE AND EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS

	Modified Accrual Basis									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Revenues:										
Local sources:										
Local tax	\$ 5,794,628	5,149,840	4,793,458	4,631,748	4,271,797	4,067,806	3,673,096	3,529,297	3,377,820	3,302,824
Tuition	1,494,354	1,457,901	1,458,974	1,478,545	1,322,597	1,354,851	1,307,935	1,205,559	1,173,831	1,021,395
Other	661,709	513,894	442,444	275,397	341,161	441,277	325,979	375,887	442,716	355,339
State sources	7,657,623	7,366,120	6,332,282	5,555,115	5,233,282	4,899,828	4,338,935	4,268,394	3,794,398	3,814,163
Federal sources	182,547	301,619	450,851	203,350	101,110	121,727	115,689	67,156	69,415	72,543
Total	<u>\$ 15,790,861</u>	<u>14,789,374</u>	<u>13,478,009</u>	<u>12,144,155</u>	<u>11,269,947</u>	<u>10,885,489</u>	<u>9,761,634</u>	<u>9,446,293</u>	<u>8,858,180</u>	<u>8,566,264</u>
Expenditures:										
Instruction:	\$ 8,365,328	7,379,124	7,994,356	6,626,466	6,056,637	5,683,243	5,639,664	5,976,998	5,009,427	4,658,353
Support services:										
Student	299,892	281,829	294,593	269,918	269,233	131,929	117,646	117,145	118,634	133,864
Instructional staff	305,662	267,752	312,612	314,991	308,694	489,568	372,534	358,966	440,369	209,283
Administration	1,461,897	1,274,474	1,165,493	1,011,633	968,158	954,838	931,452	891,908	897,315	691,427
Operation and maintenance of plant	1,495,111	1,470,699	1,093,749	993,665	972,006	1,027,327	961,967	932,688	830,767	731,258
Transportation	589,990	630,069	384,993	363,420	528,793	321,380	494,731	295,648	283,314	384,239
Capital outlay	1,289,775	202,804	299,073	140,454	293,082	286,724	742,142	1,687,215	8,683,844	1,888,235
Long-term debt:										
Principal	1,700,749	1,383,557	1,197,532	1,140,200	706,482	922,061	1,084,890	1,030,000	874,651	723,521
Interest	220,068	258,260	292,018	313,832	330,439	359,369	385,134	403,498	266,085	326,394
Other expenditures:										
AEA flowthrough	429,010	402,623	358,967	337,075	316,261	293,825	262,308	248,081	227,108	228,152
Total	<u>\$ 16,157,482</u>	<u>13,551,191</u>	<u>13,393,386</u>	<u>11,511,654</u>	<u>10,749,785</u>	<u>10,470,264</u>	<u>10,992,468</u>	<u>11,942,147</u>	<u>17,631,514</u>	<u>9,974,726</u>

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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

To the Board of Education of Van Meter Community School District:

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Van Meter Community School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related Notes to Financial Statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 26, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Van Meter Community School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 Van Meter Community School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Van Meter Community School District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of the 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 District'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 and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in Part I of the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2024-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

## Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Van Meter Community School 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 financial statements. 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 which are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance or other matters which are described in Part II of the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the District's operations for the year ended June 30, 2024 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the District. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

## Van Meter Community School District's Responses to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedure on Van Meter Community School District's responses to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. Van Meter Community School District's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

## 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 District'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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of Van Meter Community School District during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.



NOLTE, CORNMAN & JOHNSON, P.C.

February 26, 2025  
Newton, Iowa

VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

**Part I: Findings Related to the Financial Statements:**

**INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:**

No matters were noted.

**INTERNAL CONTROL DEFICIENCIES:**

2024-001 Segregation of Duties

Criteria - Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control. A good system of internal control provides for adequate segregation of duties so no one individual handles a transaction from its inception to completion. In order to maintain proper internal control duties should be segregated so the authorization, custody, and recording of transactions are not under the control of the same employee. This segregation of duties helps prevent losses from employee error or dishonesty and maximizes the accuracy of the District's financial statements.

Condition - One individual has control over one or more of the following areas for the District:

- 1) Receipts - collecting, recording, journalizing, posting and reconciling.
- 2) Payroll - recordkeeping, preparation and posting.
- 3) Financial reporting - preparing and reconciling.
- 4) Computer systems - performing all general accounting functions and controlling all data input and output.

Cause - The District has a limited number of employees and procedures have not been designed to adequately segregate duties or provide compensating controls through additional oversight of transactions and processes.

Effect - Inadequate segregation of duties could adversely affect the District's ability to prevent or detect and correct misstatements, errors, or misappropriations on a timely basis by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Recommendation - We realize that with a limited number of office employees, segregation of duties is difficult; however, the District should review its control procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible utilizing current personnel, including elected officials.

Response - Given the limited number of office employees, it is challenging to fully achieve segregation of duties. However, the District recognizes the importance of internal controls and continues to further utilize existing employees and elected officials to review bank statements and reconciliations, financial reports, contracts, payroll records, etc.

The District also continues to collect more receipts electronically which helps to limit cash handling and create an electronic audit trail. Student fees and most gate admissions are collected electronically via RevTrak, Vanco, and Infinite Campus. All state aid, local property taxes and sales tax receipts are also received electronically.

The District understands the importance of segregating duties to enhance internal controls and will continue to utilize all district resources to obtain as much oversight of accounting transactions and processes as possible.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

**Part II: Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:**

2024-A Certified Budget - Expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2024 did not exceed certified budgeted amounts.

2024-B Questionable Expenditures - We noted during our audit instances of the District paying sales tax on purchases made with District credit cards. The District is a tax-exempt entity, therefore, expenditures for sales tax would not appear to meet public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979.

Recommendation - The District should review their purchasing procedures currently in place and make necessary adjustments to comply with the Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979.

Response - On a few occasions, a minimal amount of sales tax was charged while making a purchase on the District credit card. The District will continue to educate staff that use the credit card that sales tax exempt status needs to be set up with any vendor prior to a purchase being made. If sales tax is noted on a credit card statement at the time of reconciliation, the business office will seek reimbursement from the vendor for any sales tax that was charged.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

2024-C Travel Expense - No expenditures of District money for travel expenses of spouses of District officials or employees were noted. No travel advances to District officials or employees were noted. However, we noted instances of employee reimbursements for mileage below the amount established by Board policy #401.08.

Recommendation - The District should review procedures and implement necessary changes to ensure the mileage reimbursement rate approved by Board policy #401.08 is applied when calculating employee travel reimbursements.

Response - While mileage reimbursements are limited in the District, it was noted during the audit that a mileage reimbursement was paid out at the prior year IRS mileage rate. We will be sure going forward to comply with Board policy #401.08 and check the current IRS mileage rate prior to issuing mileage reimbursement.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

2024-D Business Transactions - Business transactions between the District and District officials and employees are detailed as follows:

Name, Title and Business Connection	Transaction Description	Amount
Sarah Moore, Board Member Substitute teacher and Coach	Services	\$2,580
John Gilliland, Board Member Spouse is a substitute teacher	Services	\$2,940

In accordance with Chapter 279.7A of the Code of Iowa, the above transactions with the District Official do not appear to represent a conflict of interest.

In accordance with an Attorney General's opinion dated November 9, 1976, the above transactions with relatives of District's employees do not appear to represent conflicts of interest.

- 2024-E Restricted Donor Activity - No transactions were noted between the District, District officials or District employees and restricted donors in compliance with Chapter 68B of the Code of Iowa.
- 2024-F Bond Coverage - Surety bond coverage of District officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to ensure the coverage is adequate for current operations.
- 2024-G Board Minutes - We noted no transactions requiring Board approval which have not been approved by the Board.
- 2024-H Certified Enrollment - No variances in the basic enrollment data certified to the Iowa Department of Education were noted.
- 2024-I Supplementary Weighting - No variances regarding supplementary weighting certified to the Iowa Department of Education were noted.
- 2024-J Deposits and Investments - No instances on noncompliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa and the District's investment policy were noted.
- 2024-K Certified Annual Report - The Certified Annual Report was certified timely to the Iowa Department of Education.
- 2024-L Categorical Funding - No instances were noted of categorical funding used to supplant rather than supplement other funds.
- 2024-M Statewide Sales, Services and Use Tax - No instances of non-compliance with the allowable uses of the statewide sales, services and use tax revenue provided in Chapter 423F.3 of the Code of Iowa were noted. Pursuant to Chapter 423F.5 of the Code of Iowa, the annual audit is required to include certain reporting elements related to the statewide sales, services and use tax revenue. Districts are required to include these reporting elements in the Certified Annual Report (CAR) submitted to the Iowa Department of Education. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District reported the following information regarding the Statewide Sales, Services and Use Tax revenue in the District's CAR:

Beginning balance		\$ 916,439
Revenues:		
Sales tax revenues	\$ 1,178,380	
Federal revenues	52,092	
Other local revenues	37,100	1,267,572
Expenditures/transfers out:		
School infrastructure construction	960,103	
Equipment	80,843	
Other	220,361	
Transfers to other funds:		
Debt service fund	574,217	1,835,524
Ending balance		<u>\$ 348,487</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District did not reduce any levies as a result of the moneys received under Chapter 423E or 423F of the Code of Iowa.



## APPENDIX E – FORM OF ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATES

### EXHIBIT A VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, IOWA \$8,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025

#### ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, on behalf of [NAME OF UNDERWRITER] ("Purchaser") hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale and issuance of the above-captioned obligations (the "Bonds").

1. Sale of the General Rule Maturities. As of the date of this certificate, for each Maturity of the General Rule Maturities, the first price at which at least 10% of such Maturity was sold to the Public is the respective price listed in Schedule A.
2. Initial Offering Price of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities.
  - a. Purchaser offered the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities to the Public for purchase at the respective initial offering prices listed in Schedule A (the "Initial Offering Prices") on or before the Sale Date. A copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication for the Bonds is attached to this certificate as Schedule B.
  - b. As set forth in the Terms of Offering, Purchaser has agreed in writing that, (i) for each Maturity of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities, it would neither offer nor sell any of the Bonds of such Maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Maturity during the Holding Period for such Maturity (the "hold-the-offering-price rule"), and (ii) any selling group agreement shall contain the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and any retail distribution agreement shall contain the agreement of each broker-dealer who is a party to the retail distribution agreement, to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule. Pursuant to such agreement, no Underwriter (as defined below) has offered or sold any Maturity of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities at a price that is higher than the respective Initial Offering Price for that Maturity of the Bonds during the Holding Period.
3. Defined Terms.
  - a. General Rule Maturities means those Maturities of the Bonds listed in Schedule A hereto as the "General Rule Maturities."
  - b. Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities means those Maturities of the Bonds listed in Schedule A hereto as the "Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities."
  - c. Holding Period means, with respect to a Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity, the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of (i) the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date (June 12, 2025), or (ii) the date on which Purchaser has sold at least 10% of such Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity to the Public at prices that are no higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity.
  - d. Issuer means Van Meter Community School District.
  - e. Maturity means Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. Bonds with different maturity dates, or Bonds with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate maturities.
  - f. Public means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter. The term "related party" for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.
  - g. Sale Date means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of a Maturity of the Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is June 5, 2025.
  - h. Underwriter means (i) the Purchaser or any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents the Purchaser's interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Issuer with respect to certain

of the representations set forth in the Tax Exemption Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., Bond Counsel, in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Issuer from time to time relating to the Bonds.

UNDERWRITER]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: July 9, 2025

SCHEDULE A  
SALE PRICES OF THE GENERAL RULE MATURITIES AND  
INITIAL OFFERING PRICES OF THE HOLD-THE-OFFERING-PRICE MATURITIES  
(Attached)

SCHEDULE B  
PRICING WIRE OR EQUIVALENT COMMUNICATION

**EXHIBIT A**  
**VAN METER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, IOWA**  
**\$8,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025**

**ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned, on behalf of [NAME OF UNDERWRITER] ("Purchaser"), hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale of the above-captioned obligations (the "Bonds").

1. Reasonably Expected Initial Offering Price.
  - a. As of the Sale Date, the reasonably expected initial offering prices of the Bonds to the Public by Purchaser are the prices listed in Schedule A (the "Expected Offering Prices"). The Expected Offering Prices are the prices for the Maturities of the Bonds used by Purchaser in formulating its bid to purchase the Bonds. Attached as Schedule B is a true and correct copy of the bid provided by Purchaser to purchase the Bonds.
  - b. Purchaser was not given the opportunity to review other bids prior to submitting its bid.
  - c. The bid submitted by Purchaser constituted a firm offer to purchase the Bonds.
2. Defined Terms.
  - a. Maturity means Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. Bonds with different maturity dates, or Bonds with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate Maturities.
  - b. Public means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter. The term "related party" for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.
  - c. Sale Date means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of a Maturity of the Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is June 5, 2025.
  - d. Underwriter means (i) the Purchaser or any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents the Purchaser's interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Issuer with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Tax Exemption Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., Bond Counsel, in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Issuer from time to time relating to the Bonds.

[UNDERWRITER]

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: July 9, 2025

SCHEDULE A  
EXPECTED OFFERING PRICES  
(Attached)

SCHEDULE B  
COPY OF UNDERWRITER'S BID  
(Attached)