## \$209,540,000 Erie County Industrial Development Agency School Facility Refunding Revenue Bonds (City School District of the City of Buffalo Project) Series 2012A

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The Series 2012A Bonds are being issued by the Erie County Industrial Development Agency (the "Issuer") to refinance the renovation and/or equipping of certain public school facilities for use by the City School District of the City of Buffalo (the "Buffalo CSD") in accordance with Chapter 605 of the Laws of 2000 of the State of New York, as amended (the "Buffalo Schools Act").

The Series 2012A Bonds will be issued, pursuant to an Amended and Restated Indenture of Trust (Series 2004 Project) dated as of April, 1, 2012 (the "Series 2012A Indenture"), between the Issuer and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as trustee (the "Series 2012A Trustee"), and will be special limited obligations of the Issuer payable from amounts due from the Buffalo CSD under an Amended and Restated Installment Sale Agreement (Series 2004 Project) dated as of April 1, 2012 (the "2012A Installment Sale Agreement"). The Buffalo CSD's obligations to pay installment purchase payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement is executory only to the extent of New York State building and operating aid ("State Aid") appropriated and available to the Buffalo CSD.

Payment of State Aid to the Buffalo CSD is subject to annual appropriation of the State of New York (the "State"). Pursuant to an Amended and Restated State Aid Trust Agreement, dated as of December 1, 2004, as amended (the "State Aid Trust Agreement"), among the Buffalo CSD, each Series Trustee (hereinafter defined), the City of Buffalo (the "City") and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as depository (the "Depository"), all State Aid made payable to the Buffalo CSD will be deposited into a State Aid Depository Fund with the Depository and, upon appropriation by the Buffalo CSD, such State Aid will be disbursed for the payment of principal and interest on the Series 2012A Bonds, other bonds issued in accordance with the Buffalo Schools Act and other purposes of the Buffalo CSD.

The Series 2012A Bonds are payable solely from (i) the payment of installment purchase payments by the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and (ii) the pledge of certain funds, including a bond fund, under the Series 2012A Indenture. In the event the Buffalo CSD fails to make an installment purchase payment under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, it is provided in the Buffalo Schools Act and the Series 2012A Indenture that, upon receipt by the New York State Comptroller (the "State Comptroller") of a certificate from the Series 2012A Trustee on behalf of the Issuer as to the amount of such failed payment, the State Comptroller shall withhold any State Aid from the Buffalo CSD payable thereto to the extent of the amount so stated in such certificate as not having been made, and shall immediately pay over to the Series 2012A Trustee on behalf of the Issuer the amount so withheld. The obligations of the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement to pay installment purchase payments are not general obligations of the Buffalo CSD or the City and neither the full faith and credit nor the taxing powers of the Buffalo CSD or the City are pledged to the payment of installment purchase payments under such agreement. The obligation of the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement to pay installment purchase payments in any fiscal year of the Buffalo CSD constitutes a current expense of the Buffalo CSD for such fiscal year and shall not constitute an indebtedness or moral obligation of the Buffalo CSD, the City or the State within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision or other laws of the State. The only source of moneys available for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Series 2012A Bonds is installment purchase payments made by the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement to the extent of State Aid appropriated by the State and available to the Buffalo CSD and appropriated by the Buffalo CSD to make such payments, and the intercept by the State Comptroller of State Aid lawfully appropriated by the State and available therefor from time to time for the benefit of the Buffalo CSD. The Series 2012A Bonds are neither a general obligation of the Issuer, nor a debt or indebtedness of Erie County or the State and neither Erie County nor the State shall be liable thereon. See "SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE SERIES 2012A BONDS."

The Series 2012A Bonds will be issued in fully registered form registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"). See "THE SERIES 2012A BONDS—Registration and Payment —Book-Entry System."

The Series 2012A Bonds will bear interest payable semiannually on the first day of May and the first day of November of each year commencing November 1, 2012 and are subject to redemption prior to maturity as described herein. See "THE SERIES 2012A BONDS—Redemption of the Series 2012A Bonds."

In the opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, New York, New York, Bond Counsel to the Issuer, under existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance with the tax covenants referred to herein, (i) interest on the Series 2012A Bonds is excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and (ii) interest on the Series 2012A Bonds is not treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations under the Code; such interest, however, is included in the adjusted current earnings of certain corporations for purposes of calculating the alternative minimum tax imposed on such corporations. In addition, in the opinion of Bond Counsel to the Issuer, under existing statutes, interest on the Series 2012A Bonds is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York). See "TAX MATTERS."

The Series 2012A Bonds are offered when, as, and if issued and received by the Underwriters, subject to the approval of legality by Bond Counsel to the Issuer. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Issuer by its counsel, Harris Beach PLLC, Buffalo, New York; for the Underwriters by their co-counsel, Hiscock & Barclay, LLP, Buffalo, New York and Winston & Strawn LLP, New York, New York; for the Joint Schools Construction Board by its counsel, Harter Secrest & Emery LLP, Buffalo, New York; and for the Buffalo CSD and the City by the Corporation Counsel of the City of Buffalo. Capital Markets Advisors, LLC serves as independent financial advisor to the Buffalo CSD and the City. It is expected that the Series 2012A Bonds will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC in New York, New York on or about April 19, 2012.

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#### \$209,540,000 ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY SCHOOL FACILITY REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS (CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO PROJECT) SERIES 2012A

				CUSIP					CUSIP
<u>May 1</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Coupon</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Numbers<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>May 1</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Coupon</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Numbers<sup>1</sup></u>
2013	\$14,055,000	1%	0.31%	29509PHS1	2020	\$17,760,000	5%	2.26%	29509PHZ5
2014	4,945,000	5	0.58	29509PHT9	2021	18,675,000	5	2.51	29509PJA8
2015	5,200,000	5	0.83	29509PHU6	2022	19,630,000	5	2.70	29509PJB6
2016	5,465,000	5	1.14	29509PHV4	$2023^{2}$	20,635,000	5	2.88	29509PJC4
2017	15,285,000	5	1.42	29509PHW2	$2024^{2}$	21,695,000	5	3.02	29509PJD2
2018	16,075,000	5	1.70	29509PHX0	$2025^{2}$	22,810,000	5	3.14	29509PJE0
2019	16,895,000	5	1.98	29509PHY8	$2026^{2}$	10,415,000	5	3.25	29509PJF7

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Priced at the stated yield to the May 1, 2022 optional redemption date at a redemption price of 100%.

No dealer, broker, salesperson or other person has been authorized by the Issuer or the Underwriters to give any information or to make any representations with respect to the Series 2012A Bonds, other than the information and representations contained in this Official Statement. If given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by any of the foregoing.

This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be a sale of the Series 2012A Bonds by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation or sale.

The Series 2012A Bonds have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Series 2012A Indenture has not been qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, in reliance upon exemptions contained in such acts. The registration or qualification of the Series 2012A Bonds in accordance with applicable provisions of securities laws of the states in which the Series 2012A Bonds have been registered or qualified and the exemption from registration or qualification in other states cannot be regarded as a recommendation thereof. Neither these states nor any of their agencies have passed upon the merits of the Series 2012A Bonds or the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement. Any representation to the contrary may be a criminal offense.

Certain information in this Official Statement has been supplied by the Issuer, the Joint Schools Construction Board ("JSCB"), LPCiminelli, Inc., the Buffalo CSD, the City and other sources that the Issuer and the Underwriters believe are reliable. Neither the Issuer nor the Underwriters guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information, and such information is not to be construed as a representation of the Issuer or the Underwriters. The information and expressions of opinions contained herein are subject to change without notice and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Issuer, the JSCB, LPCiminelli, Inc., the Buffalo CSD or the City since the date hereof.

The Issuer assumes no responsibility as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this Official Statement, other than that appearing under the captions "THE ISSUER" and "NO LITIGATION" (but only with respect to the Issuer), all of which other information has been furnished by others.

The Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority ("BFSA") has provided the information contained under the caption "PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS – The Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority." The BFSA makes no representation as to the accuracy, completeness or fairness of any other information included in this Official Statement.

The Underwriters have reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with their responsibilities to investors under the securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Underwriters do not guaranty the accuracy or completeness of such information.

References in this Official Statement to the Act, the Buffalo Schools Act, the Series 2012A Indenture, the State Aid Trust Agreement, the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and the Amended 2004 Ground Lease (each as herein defined) do not purport to be complete. Reference is made to the Act, the Buffalo Schools Act, the Series 2012A Indenture, the State Aid Trust Agreement, the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement Sale Agreement and the Amended 2004 Ground Lease (each as Ground Lease for full and complete details of their respective provisions. Copies of the Series 2012A Indenture, the State Aid Trust Agreement, the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and the Amended 2004 Ground Lease are on file with the Series 2012A Trustee.

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

The contents of this Official Statement are not to be construed as legal, business or tax advice. Prospective investors should consult their own attorneys and business and tax advisors as to legal, business and tax advice. In making an investment decision, prospective investors must rely on their own examination of the terms of the offering

of the Series 2012A Bonds, including the merits and risks involved. This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or agreement between the Issuer and the purchasers or holders of any Series 2012A Bonds.

This Official Statement contains forecasts, projections and estimates that are based on expectations and assumptions which existed at the time such forecasts, projections and estimates were prepared. In light of the important factors that may materially affect economic conditions in the State and the Buffalo CSD and the amount of State Aid paid to the Buffalo CSD, the inclusion in this Official Statement of such forecasts, projections and estimates should not be regarded as a representation by the Issuer, the Underwriters or the Buffalo CSD that such forecasts, projections and estimates will occur. Such forecasts, projections and estimates are not intended as representations of fact or guarantees of results.

If and when included in this Official Statement, the words "expects," "forecasts," "projects," "intends," "anticipates," "estimates" and analogous expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements and any such statements inherently are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, general economic and business conditions, changes in political, social and economic conditions, regulatory initiatives and compliance with governmental regulations, litigation and various other events, conditions and circumstances, many of which are beyond the control of the Buffalo CSD. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Official Statement. The Issuer, the Underwriters and the Buffalo CSD disclaim any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement contained herein to reflect any change in the Buffalo CSD's expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFERING OF THE SERIES 2012A BONDS, THE UNDERWRITERS MAY OVERALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICES OF THE SERIES 2012A BONDS AT LEVELS ABOVE THOSE WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

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# \$209,540,000 ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY School Facility Refunding Revenue Bonds (City School District of the City of Buffalo Project) Series 2012A

#### **INTRODUCTION**

#### General

This Official Statement sets forth certain information concerning the issuance and sale by the Erie County Industrial Development Agency (the "Issuer") of \$209,540,000 aggregate principal amount of its School Facility Refunding Revenue Bonds (City School District of the City of Buffalo Project), Series 2012A (the "Series 2012A Bonds"). The Series 2012A Bonds will be secured by and issued pursuant to an Amended and Restated Indenture of Trust (2004 Project) dated as of April 1, 2012 (the "Series 2012A Indenture") between the Issuer and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as Trustee (the "Series 2012A Trustee").

#### Authorization

The Series 2012A Bonds will be issued pursuant to the Issuer's enabling legislation, constituting Title I of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "State"), as amended (enacted into law as Chapter 1030 of the Laws of 1969 of the State), and Chapter 293 of the Laws of 1970 of the State, as amended (collectively, the "Act"); and Chapter 605 of the Laws of 2000 of the State, as amended by Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2003 of the State, as amended by Chapter 421 of the Laws of 2004 of the State, as amended by Chapter 283 of the Laws of 2006 of the State, as amended by Chapter 403 of the Laws of 2008 of the State, as amended by Chapter 492 of the Laws of 2008 of the State, as amended by Chapter 497 of the Laws of 2008 of the State and as amended by Chapter 209 of the Laws of 2009 of the State (collectively, as the same may further be amended, the "Buffalo Schools Act"); and resolutions of the Issuer adopted September 11, 2002, as amended on October 16, 2002 and on June 11, 2003, and as amended and restated on November 10, 2004, and as further amended on June 11, 2007, on January 17, 2008, on October 19, 2009, on May 16, 2011, and on March 26, 2012.

#### **Purpose of the Series 2012A Bonds**

The Series 2012A Bonds are being issued under the Series 2012A Indenture for the purpose of (i) refunding all of the outstanding Erie County Industrial Development Agency School Facility Revenue Bonds (City School District of the City of Buffalo Project), Series 2004, originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$310,125,000 (the "Series 2004 Bonds"), of which \$262,130,000 principal amount is currently outstanding; and (ii) financing certain costs of issuance of the Series 2012A Bonds. The Series 2004 Bonds were originally issued pursuant to an Indenture of Trust (Series 2004 Project), dated as of December 1, 2004, as amended (the "Series 2004 Indenture"), between the Issuer and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as Trustee (the "2004 Trustee"). The Series 2012A Bonds are payable from amounts due from the Buffalo CSD pursuant to an Amended and Restated Installment Sale Agreement (Series 2004 Project) dated as of April 1, 2012 between the Issuer and the Buffalo CSD (the "2012A Installment Sale Agreement"). See "PLAN OF FINANCING."

## The Program

The Series 2012A Bonds are being issued to refinance a portion of the costs of a comprehensive redevelopment program of the Buffalo CSD's public schools (the "Program"). Prior to the commencement of the Program, the facilities of the Buffalo CSD had not been updated or improved in a number of years. The Buffalo Schools Act was enacted to encourage the City of Buffalo (the "City") and the Buffalo CSD to cooperatively undertake new and innovative ways of renovating, building and financing public schools within the City. The Joint Schools Construction Board (the "JSCB") was created by resolutions of the Board of Education of the Buffalo CSD (the "Board of Education"), the Common Council of the City (the "Common Council") and an amendment to the City Charter. Pursuant to the provisions of the Buffalo Schools Act and the Comprehensive Program Packaging and Development Services Provider Agreement between the JSCB and LPCiminelli, Inc. (formerly known as Louis P. Ciminelli Management Co. Inc.) (the "Program Provider") dated June 5, 2002 (the "PPDS Agreement"), the Program Provider was selected as the JSCB's Program Packaging and Development Services Provider (the "PPDS Provider") to implement the Program. Pursuant to the Buffalo Schools Act, the JSCB was given additional powers with respect to construction of new school buildings, and was authorized to manage the acquisition, design, construction and financing of new public educational facilities and certain limited functions with respect to the reconstruction, renovation and financing of existing public educational facilities in the City, and to create, coordinate efforts to enable compliance with, and monitor and report on, a program-wide diversity plan for the Program.

On September 16, 2003, the Issuer issued the School Facility Revenue Bonds (City School District of the City of Buffalo Project), Series 2003 (the "Series 2003 Bonds") to fund the first phase ("Phase I") of the Program. The Series 2003 Bonds were refunded in whole from the proceeds of the issuance and sale of the Series 2011B Bonds (herein defined). On December 22, 2004, the Issuer issued the School Facility Revenue Bonds (City School District of the City of Buffalo Project), Series 2004 (the "Series 2004 Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of \$310,125,000 to fund a portion of the costs of the second phase ("Phase II") of the Program. The Series 2004 Bonds are being refunded in whole from the proceeds of the issuance and sale of the Series 2012A Bonds. See "PLAN OF FINANCING." On August 23, 2007, the Issuer issued the School Facility Revenue Bonds (City School District of the City of Buffalo Project), Series 2007A (the "Series 2007A Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of \$180,000,000 to fund the balance of the costs of Phase II and a portion of the costs of the third phase ("Phase III") of the Program. On February 28, 2008, the Issuer issued the School Facility Revenue Bonds (City School District of the City of Buffalo Project), Series 2008A (the "Series 2008A Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of \$173,225,000 to fund the balance of the costs of Phase III of the Program. On November 19, 2009, the Issuer issued the School Facility Revenue Bonds (City School District of the City of Buffalo Project), Series 2009A (the "Series 2009A Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of \$294,905,000 to fund the costs of the fourth phase ("Phase IV") of the Program. On June 15, 2011, the Issuer issued the School Facility Revenue Bonds (City School District of the City of Buffalo Project), Series 2011A (the "Series 2011A Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of \$165,315,000 to fund the costs of the fifth phase ("Phase V") of the Program. On July 1, 2011, the Issuer issued the School Facility Refunding Revenue Bonds (City School District of the City of Buffalo Project), Series 2011B (the "Series 2011B Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of \$112,560,000 to refund all of the outstanding Series 2003 Bonds. The Series 2004 Bonds, which are anticipated to be refunded in whole with the proceeds of the Series 2012A Bonds, the Series 2007A Bonds, the Series 2008A Bonds, the Series 2009A Bonds, the Series 2011A Bonds, the Series 2011B Bonds and the Series 2012A Bonds are referred to collectively herein as the "Project Bonds."

Excluding the effect of the refunding of the Series 2004 Bonds and the issuance of the Series 2012A Bonds, \$1,156,285,000 aggregate principal amount of Project Bonds is currently outstanding. Upon the refunding of the Series 2004 Bonds and the issuance of the Series 2012A Bonds there are anticipated to be \$1,103,695,000 of Project Bonds outstanding. The Project Bonds have been issued, or, in the case of the Series 2012A Bonds will be issued, by the Issuer pursuant to separate indentures of trust (each, including the Series 2012A Indenture, being a "Series Indenture," and the trustee under each Series Indenture, including the Series 2012A Trustee, being a "Series Trustee"). All facilities financed by the Project Bonds have been made subject to a separate ground lease or a ground sublease and a separate lease agreement or an installment sale agreement or similar instrument (each such lease agreement or installment sale agreement").

#### Structure

Pursuant to an Amended and Restated Ground Lease (Series 2004 Project) dated as of April 1, 2012 (the "Amended 2004 Ground Lease"), the City and the Buffalo CSD will lease to the Issuer all public school buildings, improvements, real property, equipment, fixtures and machinery related thereto which constituted Phase II of the Program and which were undertaken as the Series 2004 Project. The Amended 2004 Ground Lease will be entered into concurrently with the issuance of the Series 2012A Bonds. The Amended 2004 Ground Lease provides for a term terminating not earlier than the date that the Series 2012A Bonds (or any later series of Additional Bonds issued under the Series 2012A Indenture) shall remain outstanding.

The Issuer will sell its leasehold interest in the Series 2004 Facilities under the Amended 2004 Ground Lease to the Buffalo CSD pursuant to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. Base Installment Purchase Payments due from the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement equal principal and interest due on the Series 2012A Bonds. Under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, the Buffalo CSD is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the Series 2004 Facilities.

Pursuant to the Series 2012A Indenture, the Issuer will issue the Series 2012A Bonds for the benefit of the Buffalo CSD to refund all of the Series 2004 Bonds, and reserves the right, upon request of the Buffalo CSD, to issue a series of Additional Bonds under the Series 2012A Indenture. To accomplish the refunding, a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Series 2012A Bonds will be deposited into a special trust fund created under a refunding escrow trust agreement (the "Refunding Escrow Trust Agreement") to be entered into among the Issuer, the Buffalo CSD and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as Escrow Agent. See "PLAN OF FINANCING."

## **Security for the Series 2012A Bonds**

Principal of and interest on the Series 2012A Bonds will be secured by (i) installment purchase payments made by the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and (ii) the pledge of certain funds, including the Bond Fund, under the Series 2012A Indenture. In the event the Buffalo CSD fails to make an installment purchase payment under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, the Buffalo Schools Act and the Series 2012A Indenture provide that, upon receipt by the New York State Comptroller (the "State Comptroller") of a certificate from the Series 2012A Trustee, on behalf of the Issuer as to the amount of such failed payment, the State Comptroller shall withhold from the Buffalo CSD, New York State building and operating aid ("State Aid") payable to the Buffalo CSD to the extent of the amount so stated in such certificate as not having been made, and shall immediately pay over to the Series 2012A Trustee on behalf of the Issuer the amount so withheld. See "SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE SERIES 2012A BONDS —State Aid" and "—State Aid Intercept." The Buffalo Schools Act further provides that (x) any amount of State Aid so paid by the State Comptroller

shall not obligate the State to make, nor entitle the Buffalo CSD to receive, any additional amounts of State Aid, (y) nothing contained in the Buffalo Schools Act shall be deemed to prevent the State from modifying, reducing or eliminating any program or programs of State Aid, and (z) the State shall not be obligated by the terms of the Buffalo Schools Act to maintain State Aid at any particular level or amount.

The Buffalo CSD's obligation to pay installment purchase payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement is executory only to the extent of State Aid appropriated and available to the Buffalo CSD, and appropriated by the Buffalo CSD to the payment of installment purchase payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, and no liability on account thereof shall be incurred by the Buffalo CSD beyond the amount of such State Aid so available and appropriated; provided, however, that failure of the Buffalo CSD, for any reason (including a failure by the State or the Buffalo CSD to appropriate State Aid), to make an installment purchase payment under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement is nevertheless deemed a failure to make a payment thereunder for purposes of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, as well as the Buffalo Schools Act and the State Aid intercept implementing provisions of the Series 2012A Indenture. Payment of State Aid to the Buffalo CSD is subject to annual appropriation of the State. Except to the extent limited as provided above, the obligation of the Buffalo CSD to pay installment purchase payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and to perform its obligations thereunder shall be absolute and unconditional; and such installment purchase payments and other amounts shall be payable without any rights of set-off, or recoupment or counterclaim or deduction and without any right of suspension, deferment, diminution or reduction it might otherwise have against the Issuer or the Series 2012A Trustee (as applicable), any purchaser of any Series 2012A Bond or any other person and whether or not any or all of the facilities financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Series 2012A Bonds are used or occupied by the Buffalo CSD or available for use or occupancy by the Buffalo CSD. See "SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE SERIES 2012A BONDS," "BONDHOLDERS' RISKS -Additional Series of Project Bonds" and APPENDIX D -- "Summary of Certain Provisions of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement."

The Buffalo CSD, the City, each Series Trustee, and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as depository bank (the "Depository"), have entered into an Amended and Restated State Aid Trust Agreement dated as of December 1, 2004, as amended by a First Amendment to Amended and Restated State Aid Trust Agreement dated as of June 28, 2005 (collectively, the "State Aid Trust Agreement"). In accordance with the State Aid Trust Agreement, the Comptroller of the City (the "City Comptroller") and the Buffalo CSD have instructed the State Comptroller to pay all State Aid directly to a designated fund (the "State Aid Depository Fund") held with the Depository. Provided the Buffalo CSD has made an appropriation for the payment of installment purchase payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, amounts in the State Aid Depository Fund will be transferred periodically to the Bond Fund established under the Series 2012A Indenture (and to each equivalent fund under each other Series Indenture), on a Ratable Basis, toward the payment of the Series 2012A Bonds and other series of Project Bonds outstanding under each other Series Indenture, and to the extent of any deficiencies therein, into the Debt Service Reserve Fund established under certain Series Indentures (no such Debt Service Reserve Fund is being established under the Series 2012A Indenture), on a Ratable Basis, and any balance remaining will be transferred to the Buffalo CSD. Amounts in the State Aid Depository Fund will be transferred by the Depository to each Bond Fund periodically on a Ratable Basis from each December 1 until each March 31 of each Fiscal Year (the "Collection Period") and will be credited against the Buffalo CSD's obligation to pay its annual installment purchase payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement due on April 1 of each year. Although the State Aid Trust Agreement requires an immediate transfer of State Aid from the State Aid Depository Fund to each Bond Fund during the Collection Period, amounts held in the State Aid Depository Fund are not subject to the lien of the Series 2012A Indenture, and are not pledged as security for the payment of the Series 2012A Bonds until such amounts have been

transferred by the Depository to the Series 2012A Trustee and deposited in the Bond Fund under the Series 2012A Indenture.

Notwithstanding the April 1 installment purchase payment date under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement provides that, if the Buffalo CSD fails to appropriate by November 1, 2012 (or by any subsequent November 1 that the Series 2012A Bonds remain Outstanding), State Aid Revenues in an amount sufficient to pay the installment purchase payment due on the immediately succeeding April 1 (less any amounts on deposit in the Bond Fund and available on such November 1), then: (y) the Buffalo CSD shall promptly deliver written notice of such failure to appropriate to the Issuer and the Series 2012A Trustee, and (z) the next succeeding April 1 payment date for the annual installment purchase payment shall instead be the November 15 immediately preceding such April 1 payment date as if that November 15 were the originally scheduled annual installment purchase payment date; and if for any reason the annual installment purchase payment due on such November 15 is not made by such date, any such failed payment shall constitute a failure to make a payment under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement for purposes thereof, and under the Buffalo Schools Act and the State Aid intercept implementing provisions of the Series 2012A Indenture.

The aggregate of maximum annual installment purchase payments for all Project Bonds outstanding (including the Series 2012A Bonds and excluding the Series 2004 Bonds being refunded), is \$103,010,675. The amount of State Aid for all funds received by the Buffalo CSD in fiscal year 2010-11 was \$625.9 million, and over the past five fiscal years from fiscal year 2006-07 through and including fiscal year 2010-11, the amount of State Aid received for all funds by the Buffalo CSD has averaged approximately \$598.3 million per year.

For the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, the Buffalo CSD has budgeted \$637.4 million in State Aid receipts for all funds, and as of December 31, 2011 expects to receive approximately \$633.8 million by the close of the 2011-12 fiscal year. No assurance can be given that such amounts of State Aid will continue, or be appropriated by the State in such amounts in future fiscal years. See "SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE SERIES 2012A BONDS –State Aid –*Enacted State Budget*" and "PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS –The Buffalo CSD and Board of Education –*Approval of the 2012-13 Budget of the Buffalo CSD*."

The amount of State Aid paid to the Buffalo CSD is also dependent, in part, upon the financial condition of the State. The economic downturn and global financial crisis have had and are anticipated to continue to have an adverse impact on the State's financial condition and may adversely affect the amount and timing of payments of State Aid to school districts in the State, including the Buffalo CSD. See "BONDHOLDERS' RISKS —The State's Financial Condition, Reduced State Aid, Delayed Payment" and "-Competing Claims to State Aid." See also APPENDIX A "-Audited Financial Statements of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Buffalo for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011."

Pursuant to the Series 2012A Indenture, the Issuer has assigned to the Series 2012A Trustee substantially all of its rights under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, including the right to receive and collect the installment purchase payments payable by the Buffalo CSD thereunder. Pursuant to the Series 2012A Indenture, the Issuer has also pledged and assigned to the Series 2012A Trustee, for the benefit of the holders of the Series 2012A Bonds, substantially all of its right, title and interest in and to State Aid and the funds, monies or securities held under the Series 2012A Indenture, including amounts held in the Bond Fund established therefor.

The Series 2012A Bonds are subject to optional redemption in accordance with the provisions of the Series 2012A Indenture. See "THE SERIES 2012A BONDS –Redemption of the Series 2012A Bonds."

THE SERIES 2012A BONDS ARE SPECIAL LIMITED OBLIGATIONS OF THE ISSUER PAYABLE SOLELY FROM STATE AID PAYABLE BY THE BUFFALO CSD UNDER THE 2012A INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT, AND THE PLEDGE OF CERTAIN FUNDS INCLUDING THE BOND FUND UNDER THE SERIES 2012A INDENTURE. IN THE EVENT THE BUFFALO CSD FAILS TO MAKE AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE PAYMENT UNDER THE 2012A INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT, IT IS PROVIDED IN THE BUFFALO SCHOOLS ACT AND THE SERIES 2012A INDENTURE THAT, UPON RECEIPT BY THE STATE COMPTROLLER OF A CERTIFICATE FROM THE SERIES 2012A TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE ISSUER, AS TO THE AMOUNT OF SUCH FAILED PAYMENT, THE STATE COMPTROLLER SHALL WITHHOLD ANY STATE AID FROM THE BUFFALO CSD PAYABLE THERETO TO THE EXTENT OF THE AMOUNT SO STATED IN SUCH CERTIFICATE AS NOT HAVING BEEN MADE, AND SHALL IMMEDIATELY PAY OVER TO THE SERIES 2012A TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE ISSUER THE AMOUNT SO WITHHELD. THE OBLIGATION OF THE BUFFALO CSD UNDER THE 2012A INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT TO PAY INSTALLMENT PURCHASE PAYMENTS IS NOT A GENERAL OBLIGATION OF THE BUFFALO CSD OR THE CITY, AND NEITHER THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT NOR THE TAXING POWERS OF THE BUFFALO CSD OR THE CITY ARE PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF INSTALLMENT PURCHASE PAYMENTS UNDER THE 2012A INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT. THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE BUFFALO CSD UNDER THE 2012A INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT TO PAY INSTALLMENT PURCHASE PAYMENTS IN ANY FISCAL YEAR OF THE BUFFALO CSD CONSTITUTE A CURRENT EXPENSE OF THE BUFFALO CSD FOR SUCH FISCAL YEAR AND SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE INDEBTEDNESS OR A MORAL OBLIGATION OF THE BUFFALO CSD, THE CITY OR THE STATE WITHIN THE MEANING OF ANY CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY PROVISION OR OTHER LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. THE ONLY SOURCE OF MONEYS AVAILABLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE SERIES 2012A BONDS IS INSTALLMENT PURCHASE PAYMENTS MADE BY THE BUFFALO CSD UNDER THE 2012A INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT, TO THE EXTENT OF STATE AID APPROPRIATED BY THE STATE AND AVAILABLE TO THE BUFFALO CSD AND APPROPRIATED BY THE BUFFALO CSD TO MAKE SUCH PAYMENTS, AND THE INTERCEPT BY THE STATE COMPTROLLER OF STATE AID LAWFULLY APPROPRIATED BY THE STATE AND AVAILABLE THEREFOR FROM TIME TO TIME FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BUFFALO CSD.

Certain capitalized terms used in this Official Statement which are not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in APPENDIX B — "Certain Definitions."

Brief descriptions of the Issuer, the Series 2012A Bonds, the security for the Series 2012A Bonds, the Program, the refunding of the Series 2004 Bonds, the Buffalo CSD, the City, the JSCB, the BFSA and the Program Provider are set forth below, or in the Appendices hereto. Summaries of certain financing documents are set forth below or in the Appendices hereto. The summaries do not purport to be complete or definitive, each such summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to each such document for a complete description of all of the terms and provisions thereof, copies of which are on file with, and are available at the offices of the Series 2012A Trustee, and no part of such summaries are to be construed as a representation or a guarantee of the accuracy or completeness by the Issuer, other than the information under the captions, "THE ISSUER" and "NO LITIGATION" (but only with respect to the Issuer).

The Form of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement for the Series 2012A Bonds is set forth in APPENDIX F. The Form of Opinion of Bond Counsel is set forth in APPENDIX E.

## THE PROGRAM

#### Authorization

The Program has been developed by the JSCB in conjunction with the Program Provider pursuant to the Buffalo Schools Act, the resolutions of the Board of Education and the Common Council, and the Charter of the City, and encompasses a comprehensive redevelopment program for the reconstruction of existing public schools and the construction of new public schools for the Buffalo CSD. Prior to the Program, few new public schools had been built in the City during the past 30 years and many elementary and secondary schools in the City were in need of substantial improvement, renovation and reconstruction. The Buffalo Schools Act was enacted to encourage the City and the Buffalo CSD to cooperatively undertake new and innovative ways of renovating, building and financing public schools within the City.

#### **Program Overview**

The Program Provider has implemented a comprehensive redevelopment of the physical plant for the Buffalo CSD's public schools (the "Program"). While in generally sound structural condition, many of the school buildings were inadequate to meet current instructional requirements of delivering a 21st century education. To date, \$1,303,905,000 aggregate principal amount of Project Bonds (excluding Project Bonds issued for refunding purposes) have been issued and are dedicated to the Program. Phase I and Phase II of the Program have been completed, Phase III has been substantially completed, and Phase IV and Phase V are expected to be completed by June 2012 and June 2014, respectively.

In September 2003, the Issuer issued its Series 2003 Bonds to provide funds for Phase I of the Program (the "Series 2003 Project"). The Series 2003 Project provided for the general reconstruction of nine school facilities and included site work, exterior and interior building improvements, mechanical and electrical upgrades, and the renovation and improvement of Buffalo CSD's telecommunications system and an energy program on a district-wide basis. Phase I was completed in April 2005. The Series 2003 Bonds were refunded in whole from proceeds of the sale of the Series 2011B Bonds.

In December 2004, the Issuer issued its Series 2004 Bonds to provide funds for a portion of the cost of Phase II of the Program (the "Series 2004 Project"). The Series 2004 Project provided for the reconstruction of 13 existing schools, continued the construction of the district-wide technology and energy upgrades to create a state of the art educational environment, and renovation of an outdoor sports facility for use district-wide. A portion of the proceeds of the Series 2007A Bonds was applied to finance additional costs relating to Phase II of the Program. Phase II of the Program was completed in July 2008. The Series 2004 Bonds will be refunded in whole from proceeds of the sale of the Series 2012A Bonds. See "PLAN OF FINANCING –The Refunding of the Series 2004 Bonds."

In August 2007, the Issuer issued its Series 2007A Bonds to provide funds for a portion of the cost of Phase II of the Program and a portion of the cost of Phase III of the Program (the "Series 2007 Project"). The Series 2007 Project provided for the general reconstruction of four school facilities, including site work, exterior and interior building improvements, and continuation of the construction of the technology and energy upgrades begun with the Series 2003 Project. The technology portion of the Series 2004 Project and of the Series 2007 Project included an ongoing program known as E-RATE to renovate and improve the Buffalo CSD's telecommunications system on a district-wide basis.

In February 2008, the Issuer issued its Series 2008A Bonds to provide funds for the balance of the cost of Phase III of the Program (the "Series 2008 Project"). The Series 2008 Project provided for the general reconstruction of five school facilities including site work, exterior and interior building improvements and continuation of the construction of the technology and energy upgrades. The technology portion of the Series 2008 Project included E-RATE to renovate and improve the Buffalo CSD's telecommunications system on a district-wide basis. These improvements are designed to deliver the flexible educational spaces, instructional technology and social support necessary to enhance student achievement. Phase III of the Program is substantially completed.

In November 2009, the Issuer issued its Series 2009A Bonds to provide funds for Phase IV of the Program (the "Series 2009 Project"). The Series 2009 Project provided for the general reconstruction of 10 school facilities, including site work, exterior and interior building improvements and continuation of the construction of the technology and energy upgrades. The technology portion of the Series 2009 Project includes expanded security cameras and an access control system on a district-wide basis. These improvements were designed to deliver the flexible educational spaces, instructional technology and social support necessary to enhance student achievement. Phase IV of the Program is expected to be completed by June 2012.

In May 2011, the Issuer issued its Series 2011A Bonds to provide funds for Phase V of the Program (the "Series 2011 Project"). The Series 2011 Project provided for the general reconstruction of 10 school facilities, including site work, exterior and interior building improvements and continuation of the construction of the technology and energy upgrades. The technology portion of the Series 2011 Project includes the creation of data server hubs for the Buffalo CSD at two school locations and improved network technology and access on a district-wide basis. Phase V of the Program is expected to be completed by June 2014.

#### **State Comptroller Report**

In a May 2004 report of the State Comptroller (the "2004 Comptroller's Report"), the State Comptroller reviewed the JSCB's progress in implementing its financing and construction plans under the Program, as well as meeting its diversity goals, and determined that, despite its being in its earliest stages, the Program appeared to be operating effectively and could become a financing and construction model successfully used in other large cities. Based on the Series 2003 Project, the 2004 Comptroller's Report provided recommendations regarding various aspects of the Program going forward, including the Office of the State Comptroller conducting an audit of the performance of the JSCB for the Series 2003 Project. In its June 2006 audit report (the "2006 Comptroller's Report"), the State Comptroller found that the renovation work performed under Phase I of the Program was acceptable and in compliance with both industry standards and SED (herein defined) approved plans. However, the 2006 State Comptroller's Report called upon the JSCB, the Buffalo CSD and the Program Provider to strengthen oversight after state auditors found lax management and noted that more needed to be done to meet long-term diversity goals. In response to the 2006 Comptroller's Report, the management of the Program was reorganized by the Buffalo CSD and overall responsibility for the Program was assigned to the Chief Financial Officer of the Buffalo CSD. Furthermore, the Buffalo CSD has instituted more aggressive management and monitoring of the Program through, among other things, requiring withholding and retainage of payments to the Program Provider for project components; requiring the delivery of additional Program progress reports from the Program Provider; and creating and circulating to the JSCB and the Buffalo CSD reports relating to the Program.

## **PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS**

## The City

The City was incorporated in 1832 and operates under a Charter adopted in 2001 that was based on a substantial revision of a Charter adopted in 1927 pursuant to the home rule laws of the State. In its Charter, the City adopted the strong Mayor-Council form of government. The Mayor, as chief executive officer, is the head of the Executive Department and oversees all administrative functions. The Common Council performs all legislative duties.

The City is responsible for and maintains police, fire, sanitation and water services, streets and several parks and playgrounds. Although the City is also responsible, in large measure, for the financing of local primary and secondary educational expenditures, the Board of Education of the Buffalo CSD, comprised of independently elected members, administers the City's school system.

The Mayor, elected by general election for a four-year term and eligible to succeed himself, has the power to appoint and remove the non-elected heads of City departments, boards, commissions and agencies.

The fiscal affairs of the City are the responsibility of the City Comptroller, who is elected by the general electorate to a four-year term and is eligible to succeed himself. The City Comptroller supervises the debt management function and the temporary investment of monies for both the City and the Buffalo CSD. The City Comptroller has the power to veto any additions to the adopted operating or capital budget of the City by refusing to sign the required certification of necessity.

The legislative body of the City is the Common Council. In addition to the legislative power to adopt local laws, ordinances and resolutions, the Common Council has the specific power to override the Mayor's veto of any ordinance or local law approved by the Common Council, and to review and approve the operating and capital budgets and most mayoral appointments.

The City Charter requires that the Mayor, on or before May 1 of each year, submit a proposed budget to the Common Council which must be in balance and prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). In addition, on or before May 1, under the BFSA Act, the City and the Buffalo CSD, as a Covered Organization (as such terms are defined below) are each required to submit a balanced budget and four-year financial plan to the BFSA for its review and approval. See "–The Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority –*BFSA Approval of Financial Plans and Budgets*" below.

## The Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority

In May 2003, the State declared a state of fiscal crisis with respect to the City and on July 3, 2003, the Governor signed into law Chapter 122 of the Laws of 2003 of the State, as amended from time to time (the "BFSA Act"), creating the BFSA. The BFSA is a corporate governmental agency and instrumentality of the State constituting a public benefit corporation with a broad range of financial control and oversight powers over the City. Such oversight includes reviewing and commenting on the terms of any proposed borrowing by the City and certain non-exempted "Covered Organizations" (as defined in the BFSA Act including, among others, the Buffalo CSD and the JSCB) and, during a "control period" (described below), approving all new borrowings, not including the Series 2012A Bonds, which are refunding bonds only. In addition, the BFSA has certain powers under the BFSA Act to control, oversee and monitor the City's finances and those of the non-exempted Covered Organizations.

The BFSA has the power during a "control period" to issue its bonds and notes for various City purposes, including the restructuring of a portion of the City's outstanding debt. Pursuant to the BFSA Act, such bonds or notes are payable from City tax revenues, Buffalo CSD tax revenues and state aid revenues. City tax revenues consist of the portion of the net collections from sales and compensating use taxes, penalties and interest authorized by the State and imposed by the County that are payable to the City under the local sales tax agreement among the City, the County and the cities of Lackawanna and Tonawanda authorized by Section 1262(c) of the State Tax Law (a rate of no less than 3% for the period ending June 30, 2037 plus certain additional amounts as provided by law) on the sale and use of tangible personal property and services in the County (the "Local Sales Tax"). Buffalo CSD tax revenues consist of the portion of the County's net collections from the Local Sales Tax that is payable to the Buffalo CSD by the County pursuant to Section 1262(a) of the State Tax Law. The Buffalo CSD presently receives a pro rata share, on the basis of average daily attendance of public school pupils who are residents of the County, of an amount equal to 29% of the net collections from such 3%, which amount is shared among all school districts with territory in the County. State aid revenues consist of all general purpose local government aid, emergency financial assistance to certain cities, emergency financial assistance to eligible municipalities, supplemental municipal aid, and any successor type of aid and any new aid appropriated by the State as local government assistance for the benefit of the City, which are paid or payable to the BFSA pursuant to the BFSA Act, except as otherwise prescribed by the State Legislature. BFSA bonds and notes are not secured by or payable from State Aid and the BFSA has no lien on or right to receive State Aid. The BFSA last issued bonds on behalf of the City and the Buffalo CSD on May 3, 2007. The BFSA has issued five series of bonds on behalf of the City and Buffalo CSD in a total aggregate principal amount of \$156.6 million, of which \$91.2 million is outstanding as of March 1, 2012.

The BFSA is governed by a board of nine directors, seven of which are appointed by the Governor of the State. Of the seven directors appointed by the Governor, one must be a resident of the City, one is to be appointed following the recommendation of the State Comptroller, and one is to be appointed on the joint recommendation of the Temporary President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly. The Mayor of the City and the County Executive serve as ex officio directors. The Governor designates the Chairperson and Vice Chair from among the directors. Five directors constitute a quorum.

The BFSA Act provides that the BFSA shall have different financial control and oversight powers depending upon whether the City's financial condition causes it to be in a "control period" or an "advisory period." The BFSA is currently operating with control period powers. Pursuant to the BFSA Act, an advisory period may not begin until the BFSA has determined that: "(a) for each of the three immediately preceding City fiscal years, the City has adopted and adhered to budgets covering all expenditures, other than capital items, the results of which did not show a deficit, without the use of any BFSA assistance as provided for within the BFSA Act, and (b) the City Comptroller and the State Comptroller jointly certify that securities were sold by the City during the immediately preceding City fiscal year in the general public market from such date through the end of the next succeeding City fiscal year in amounts that will satisfy substantially all of the capital and cash flow requirements of the City during that period in accordance with the four-year financial plan then in existence." In 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 the State Legislature passed legislation that would have statutorily shortened the control period and provided for the onset of an advisory period. Such legislation was, however, vetoed each year by the then sitting Governor.

Under the BFSA Act, the BFSA began its existence during a City control period, which means that the BFSA commenced operation with its maximum authorized complement of financial control and oversight powers. In the event that the BFSA were to transition to an advisory period mode as contemplated by the BFSA Act, the BFSA would operate with a reduced set of financial oversight powers and responsibilities. After an advisory period has been established, a control period can be reimposed on the City upon a determination that a fiscal crisis is imminent or that any of the following events has occurred or that there is a substantial likelihood and imminence of its occurrence: (a) the City shall have failed to adopt a balanced budget, financial plan or budget modification as required by Sections 3856 and 3857 of the BFSA Act; (b) the City shall have failed to pay the principal of or interest on any of its bonds or notes when due; (c) the City shall have incurred an operating deficit of one percent or more in the aggregate results of operations of any major fund of the City or a Covered Organization during its fiscal year assuming all revenues and expenditures are reported in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, subject to the provisions of the BFSA Act; (d) the chief fiscal officer's certification at any time, at the request of the BFSA or on the chief fiscal officer's initiative, which certification shall be made from time to time as promptly as circumstances warrant and reported to the BFSA, that on the basis of facts existing at such time such officer could not make the certification described in subdivision one of Section 3851 of the BFSA Act; or (e) the City shall have violated any provision of the BFSA Act.

During a control period, the BFSA is empowered, among other things, (i) to approve or disapprove contracts, including collective bargaining agreements to be entered into by the City or any Covered Organization, binding or purporting to bind the City or any Covered Organization; (ii) to approve or disapprove the terms of borrowings by the City and Covered Organizations; (iii) to approve, disapprove or modify the City's financial plans and take any action necessary in order to implement the financial plan should the City or any Covered Organization fail to comply with any material action necessary to fulfill the plan, including issuing binding orders to the appropriate local officials; (iv) to set a maximum level of spending for any proposed budget of any Covered Organization; (v) to impose a wage or hiring freeze, or both, with respect to employees of the City or any Covered Organization; (vi) to review the operation, management, efficiency and productivity of the City and any Covered Organization; and (vii) upon a determination that no condition exists which would permit imposition of a control period to terminate the control period.

During an advisory period, the BFSA is empowered, among other things, (i) to review the operation, management, efficiency and productivity of City operations and of any Covered Organization's operations, and to make reports and recommendations thereon; (ii) to review and comment on the City's financial plan; (iii) to audit compliance with the City's financial plans; (iv) to review and comment on the terms of any proposed borrowing, including the prudence of each proposed issuance of bonds or notes by the City; (v) to assess and comment on the impact of any collective bargaining agreement to be entered by the City; and (vi) to impose a control period upon making one of the statutory findings.

# BFSA Oversight Actions relating to the City's 2011-12 Fiscal Year

On May 2, 2011, the City and the non-exempted Covered Organizations submitted to the BFSA their respective 2011-12 budgets and 2012-15 four-year financial plans for review and approval. On June 10, 2011, the City submitted a revised budget for 2011-12 and the related four-year financial plan for 2012-15 to the BFSA for approval. The Buffalo CSD submitted a revised 2011-12 budget and 2012-15 four-year financial plans to BFSA on May 31, 2011 based upon the 2011-12 budget adopted by the Board of Education. The Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency (BURA) also submitted a revised 2011-12 budget and 2012-15 four-year financial plan to the BFSA on June 9, 2011. The Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority (BMHA) did not submit a revised budget. The BFSA approved such budgets and financial plans for the City and the three Covered Organizations on June 15, 2011. On October 3, 2011, the BFSA approved a budget modification for the City in the amount of \$1.8 million for the construction of a Court detention facility, to be funded from reserved fund balance for capital outlays, and a budget modification for the Joint Schools Construction Board in the amount of \$8.7 million related to the Phase III reconstruction

work. On such date the BFSA also approved a collective bargaining agreement between the City and Local 17 Operating Engineers, representing approximately 23 individuals City-wide. Also on October 3, 2011, the BFSA approved a collective bargaining agreement between the Buffalo CSD and the AFSCME Local 264, representing approximately 320 Food Service Workers and Summer Food Service Workers. On December 7, 2011, the BFSA approved a request by the City to redesignate efficiency incentive grant funding to new projects, which redesignation resulted in a modification to the financial plan with respect to the three out-years and affected the City's anticipated programs to eliminate the budget gap by \$2.0 million. Also on December 7, 2011, the BFSA approved (i) the issuance and sale by the BMHA of senior housing revenue bonds for various purposes related to a low-income senior housing facility located in the City of Buffalo, and (ii) a collective bargaining agreement between the Buffalo CSD and the Professional, Clerical, and Technical Employees' Association, representing approximately 450 filled positions. This collective bargaining agreement required both a budget modification and financial plan modification as costs for the collective bargaining agreement were not reflected in the original budget or related four-year financial plan. The BFSA approved the budget modification in the amount of \$5.7 million for 2011-12 to be funded from Assigned Fund Balance, and for an additional \$12.5 million in the remaining three outvears of the Financial Plan.

In accordance with the BFSA Act, for so long as a Control Period shall remain in effect, the City and the non-exempted Covered Organizations are required to submit budget modifications to the BFSA to address changing expenditures and revenue projections. Such modifications are regularly requested by the City and all non-exempted Covered Organizations over the course of a fiscal year and are reviewed and acted upon by the BFSA in a timely manner.

## BFSA Oversight Actions relating to the City's 2010-11 Fiscal Year

On May 3, 2010, the City and the non-exempted Covered Organizations submitted to the BFSA their respective 2010-11 budgets and 2011-14 four-year financial plans for review and approval. On May 31, 2010, the City submitted a revised budget for 2010-11 and the four-year financial plan for 2011-14 to the BFSA for approval. The Buffalo CSD submitted a revised 2010-11 budget and 2011-14 four-year financial plan to BFSA on June 18, 2010 based upon the 2010-11 budget adopted by the Board of Education. The Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority (BMHA) and the Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency (BURA) did not submit revised budgets. The BFSA approved such budgets and financial plans for the City and the three Covered Organizations on June 22, 2010. On February 17, 2011, the BFSA approved a collective bargaining agreement between BURA and the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 815, representing approximately 51 individuals. BFSA also approved BURA's proposal to extend the same terms to approximately 27 unrepresented exempt employees. No budget or financial plan modifications were required as the incremental costs associated with this collective bargaining agreement had been previously reflected within the BFSA-approved 2010-11 budget and 2011-14 four-year financial plan. On March 9, 2011, the BFSA disapproved a memorandum of agreement amending the previous collective bargaining agreement between the BMHA and the International Union of Engineers, Local 17, thus causing the agreement to be renegotiated. In the event the BFSA continues to exercise control period powers at the time that the parties reach a revised agreement, the BFSA will be required to approve the revised agreement. On May 11, 2011, the BFSA passed a resolution which ordered that any increase in wages or other benefits provided in the arbitration panel opinion and awarded to the Buffalo Professional Firefighters Association Inc., Local 282 for the period beginning July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2004, not be paid for any period prior to July 1, 2007. On May 11, 2011, the BFSA also approved (i) a retirement incentive which had been negotiated between the Buffalo CSD and the Buffalo Teachers Federation, and (ii) a collective bargaining agreement between the Buffalo CSD and the Transportation Aides, representing 594 school bus aides. On June 15, 2011, the

BFSA approved a budget modification in the amount of \$2,582,000 for various judgments and claims to be paid by the City.

#### BFSA Oversight Actions relating to the City's 2009-10 Fiscal Year

On May 1, 2009, the City and the non-exempted Covered Organizations submitted to BFSA their respective 2009-10 budgets and 2010-13 four-year financial plans for review and approval. On May 13, 2009, the BFSA disapproved a collective bargaining agreement between the BMHA and AFSCME Local 264 on the basis that (i) salary increases were excessive relative to the market, and (ii) the risk associated with labor concessions contained in the BMHA and AFSCME Local 264 collective bargaining agreements was high and thus inconsistent with the financial plan. As a result, the BMHA and AFSCME Local 264 had to submit a revised collective bargaining agreement to the BFSA for approval. On May 27, 2009, the City and the Buffalo CSD submitted revised budgets for 2009-10 and four-year financial plans for 2010-13 to the BFSA for approval and on June 5, 2009, the BMHA and BURA submitted revised budgets for 2009-10 and four-year financial plans for 2010-13 for approval. The BFSA approved such budgets and financial plans for all four governmental units on June 10, 2009. On July 29, 2009, the BFSA approved a collective bargaining agreement between the Buffalo CSD and the Substitutes United of Buffalo NEA/NY, representing approximately 770 substitute teachers. A financial plan modification was not required as the overall financial impact of this agreement was beneficial to the Buffalo CSD over the term of the collective bargaining agreement. On October 23, 2009, the BFSA approved the issuance by the Issuer of the Series 2009A Bonds covering Phase IV of the Program, subject to certain pricing benchmarks. On December 9, 2009, the BFSA approved a revised collective bargaining agreement between the BMHA and AFSCME Local 264, which had been renegotiated after the initial collective bargaining agreement was disapproved by the BFSA on June 5, 2009, and involved approximately 219 represented employees. Also on December 9, 2009, the BFSA approved the reinstatement of parks and recreation positions transferred from the County due to the termination of the 2004 City-County Inter-Municipal Parks Agreement, and the creation of the position of Deputy Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, noting a budget transfer of \$904,077 was necessary to cover such additional expenses for the parks system through the remainder of the fiscal year. On March 22, 2010, the BFSA approved a budget modification for capital outlay for the Department of Parks and Recreation. On May 12, 2010, the BFSA approved a series of budget modifications for various purposes including: funding of certain police department positions; acquisition of an emergency vehicle; proceeds to be made available to various organizations in the City; increases for various operational expenditures includes injured-on-duty payments, VOIP telephones, and demolitions; and reimbursement to police benevolent association members for certain healthcare contributions. Also on May 12, 2010, the BFSA approved a renegotiated wage and benefit package for non-represented employees of the BMHA, effecting approximately 24 employees; such agreement was originally disapproved by the BFSA on June 5, 2009.

## BFSA Approval of Financial Plans and Budgets

The BFSA Act requires that, commencing with the City's 2004-05 fiscal year, for so long as a control period shall exist, the Mayor shall submit to the BFSA a four-year financial plan and the Mayor's proposed City budget on or before May 1 of each year. It is currently anticipated that the City and the Buffalo CSD will submit their respective fiscal year 2012-13 proposed budgets and new four-year financial plans to the BFSA on or before May 1, 2012. Such financial plans must provide that the major operating funds of the City will be balanced in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Not more than 20 days after submission by the City of a financial plan or more than 15 days after the submission of a financial plan modification, the BFSA is to determine whether such plan or modification is complete and complies with the BFSA Act, and shall submit its recommendations with respect to the financial plan. Upon approval by the City of a budget in accordance with the City Charter, the Mayor

must submit such approved budget and financial plan to the BFSA accompanied by expenditure, revenue, and cash flow projections on a quarterly basis and the Mayor must certify that such budget is consistent with the financial plan. Although past City budgets and past four-year financial plans have been approved by the BFSA, no assurance can be given that the BFSA will approve future budgets and four year plans. Failure of the BFSA to approve future four year plans and budgets could result in (i) withholding of BFSA funding to the City and (ii) the BFSA imposing maximum spending limits and formulating and imposing financial plans on the City.

## Litigation Regarding Wage Freeze Imposed by BFSA

As a result of the fiscal-related actions taken by the BFSA, a number of affected collective bargaining units representing employees of the City and certain non-exempted Covered Organizations initiated legal proceedings in federal and state courts challenging certain of the BFSA actions, including the BFSA's imposition of the wage freeze on April 21, 2004. These bargaining units sought reversal of those actions, in particular the imposition of the wage freeze. These challenges were litigated by the bargaining units and were ultimately unsuccessful. On June 5, 2007, the BFSA adopted a resolution lifting the wage freeze effective July 1, 2007. By the same resolution, the BFSA approved the City's and Buffalo CSD's financial plan providing a one-step increase on employees' salary schedules effective July 1, 2007. Certain bargaining units challenged this action, claiming entitlement to three additional steps as of July 1, 2007, *i.e.*, the three additional salary steps employees would have received but for the wage freeze. On March 29, 2011, the New York State Court of Appeals, the State's highest court, ruled in favor of the BFSA, the City, and the Buffalo CSD. In June 2011, the Buffalo Teachers Federation moved in Federal District Court to reopen the case in which the wage freeze had been found to be constitutional. The motion was a result of the decision by the Court of Appeals of New York, finding that the steps and increments did not accrue during the wage freeze. The BFSA opposed the motion, which was denied on February 10, 2012. The Buffalo Teachers Federation, et al., filed a Notice of Appeal on March 7, 2012. The BFSA, together with the Buffalo CSD and the City, expect to continue to formally oppose the Buffalo Teachers Federation, et al., in this litigation. The Union representing the Police commenced an action in Federal District Court on July 21, 2011 seeking a declaration that the statute creating the BFSA is unconstitutional based upon the imposition of the freeze and the lifting of the freeze. Both BFSA and the City moved to dismiss the complaint and the motion is pending. On July 15, 2011, the Buffalo Professional Firefighters Association, Inc. brought a proceeding to declare a resolution enacted by the BFSA on May 11, 2011 to be invalid. The resolution ordered the City of Buffalo to not pay any increases in wages or benefits provided under a recent arbitration award for the period beginning July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2004. BFSA and the City moved to dismiss the proceeding, the motion was granted and a notice of appeal has been filed by the Buffalo Professional Firefighters Association, Inc. The BFSA and the City shall oppose the appeal in this matter.

The BFSA has provided the information contained in this section of the Official Statement entitled "THE BUFFALO FISCAL STABILITY AUTHORITY." The BFSA has not reviewed nor makes any representation as to the accuracy, completeness or fairness of any other information included in this Official Statement.

## The Buffalo CSD and Board of Education

The Buffalo CSD is dependent on funding from the City, the County, the State and the Federal government. It is governed by an independently elected nine-member Board of Education and operates pursuant to the New York State Education Law (the "Education Law"). The administration of the schools is the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools, who is appointed by the Board of Education. The Buffalo CSD currently operates 17 secondary schools, 38 elementary and intermediate schools, and two

special schools. There are 16 charter schools that operate independently from the Buffalo CSD. All charter schools receive the State-set per pupil tuition rate for Buffalo resident pupils, regardless of their location.

The following table sets forth information relating to the size of the school system.

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	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u> <sup>(4)</sup>
Enrollment School Buildings <sup>(1)</sup> Instructional Staff <sup>(2)</sup> Administrative Personnel <sup>(2)</sup> Non-Certified Personnel <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	36,536 73 3,384 193 1,702	35,677 73 3,515 196 1,748	34,478 73 3,537 203 1,740	34,528 71 3,565 207 1,721	33,543 70 3,439 201 1,539	32,816 69 3,389 198 1,462

## SIZE OF BUFFALO SCHOOL SYSTEM Fiscal Year Ended June 30

Source: Buffalo CSD Finance Office.

(1) Includes active schools (with student enrollment), swing schools (with temporary enrollment) and schools under reconstruction.

Paid from Buffalo CSD General, Grants and Food Service Funds.
Includes clarical custodial transportation maintenance instruments.

(3) Includes clerical, custodial, transportation, maintenance, instructional aides, exempt personnel and other full-time non-certified personnel.
(4) Determine of December 21, 2011

 $^{(4)}$  Data as of December 31, 2011.

#### Charter Schools

Pursuant to the Charter Schools Act, the Buffalo CSD is required to pay a State-set tuition rate to charter schools that enroll students residing in the City. Charter school enrollment of City resident pupils increased from 3,100 students in the 2003-04 school year, to 6,794 students in the 2010-11 school year and is projected to be 7,352 students in the 2011-12 school year. This increase is attributable to new seats made available through continued growth of enrollment in existing charter schools including growth from the establishment of additional grade levels at existing charter schools. In 2003-04, the amount of charter school funding was \$8,434 per student for a total of approximately \$26.4 million. In fiscal year 2010-11, charter school funding was approximately \$12,505 per student for a total of approximately \$92.6 million for tuition payments. As of December 31, 2011, the Buffalo CSD expects that for fiscal year 2011-12, charter school payments will be approximately \$12,505 per student for a total of approximately \$91.9 million.

In 2007, the State raised the statewide cap on the number of charter schools which may be established in the State. Accordingly charter school enrollment is expected to continue to increase, but it is difficult to project the magnitude of such increase beyond fiscal year 2011-12. New charter schools are not subject to Buffalo CSD approval, and while the cap on the number of charter schools has been raised statewide, additional requirements were added to the charter school approval process. It is unclear how these requirements will be interpreted by the Board of Regents (the body vested with responsibility for determining and formulating State educational policy) and what effect such requirements will have on the establishment of additional charter schools. See "—New York State Education Department" below and "BONDHOLDERS' RISKS —Competing Claims to State Aid —*Contingent Claims* —<u>Charter School Delinquencies</u>."

#### Revenues

The Buffalo CSD completed its fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 with revenues and other financing sources exceeding expenditures and other financing uses by \$23.6 million determined in accordance with GAAP. This compares with \$42.3 million in 2010 and \$50.6 million in 2009. The Buffalo CSD implemented GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definition*, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. GASB Statement No. 54 requires the Buffalo CSD to change its fund balance classifications and accordingly the following fund balance classifications for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 are different from fund balance classifications for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2011 are different for fund balance classifications for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 described below. At June 30, 2011, the non-spendable fund balance for inventory was \$0.8 million; the restricted fund balance for judgments and claims, unemployment insurance and stabilization was \$30.1 million; the assigned fund balance of \$159.1 million consists of amounts appropriated for next year's budget, capital needs, prior year claims, other post employment benefits and encumbrances. There is no committed fund balance. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, unassigned fund balance is \$45.7 million.

For the years ending June 30, 2010 and 2009, the Reserved Fund Balance for inventory, judgments and claims, unemployment insurance, stabilization and encumbrances was \$43.3 and \$31.6 million respectively. The Unreserved Fund Balance was \$168.9 million for the year ended June 30, 2010, of which \$36.3 million was undesignated. The Unreserved Fund Balance of the Buffalo CSD was \$138.2 million for the year ended June 30, 2009, of which \$42.6 million is unreserved undesignated fund balance. See APPENDIX A — "Audited Financial Statements of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Buffalo for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011."

Buffalo CSD State Aid receipts for all funds was \$625.9 million for fiscal year 2010-11 and \$619.0 million for fiscal year 2009-10. The Buffalo CSD's General Fund operations for fiscal year 2010-11 were funded 81.7% from State Aid, 9.6% from the City, 4.7% from an allotment of County sales tax revenues and 4% from other sources of revenue.

For fiscal year 2011-12, the Buffalo CSD budgeted \$637.4 million in State Aid for all funds, and as of December 31, 2011 expects receipt of approximately \$633.8 million in fiscal year 2011-12. For fiscal year 2011-12, the Buffalo CSD budgeted General Fund operations at 79.6% from State Aid, 9.3% from the City, 4.5% from an allotment of County sales tax, and 6.6% from other sources of revenue.

See generally, "PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS –The Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority," "–The Buffalo CSD and Board of Education –*Approval of the 2012-13 Budget of the Buffalo CSD*," "SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE SERIES 2012A BONDS –State Aid" and "BONDHOLDERS' RISKS –BFSA Approval of Financial Plans and Budgets."

## Pensions and Post-Retirement Obligations

The Buffalo CSD provides post-retirement healthcare benefits to former employees. These benefits are funded on a pay as you go basis. Under the requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 45, "Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions" (GASB 45), all governmental entities are required to report the estimated cost of the accrued liability for such post-retirement benefits.

Under GASB 45, based on actuarial valuation, an annual required contribution (ARC) will be determined for each municipality. The ARC is the sum of (a) the normal cost for the year (the present value of future benefits being earned by current employees) plus (b) amortization of the unfunded accrued

liability (benefits already earned by current and former employees but not yet provided for), using an amortization period of not more than 30 years. If a municipality contributes an amount less than the ARC, a net other post employment benefits (OPEB) obligation will result, which is required to be recorded as a liability on its financial statements. GASB 45 does not require that the unfunded liability actually be amortized nor that it be advance funded, only that the municipality account for its unfunded accrued liability and compliance in meeting ARC. The Buffalo CSD had an actuarial evaluation performed in accordance with GASB 45 that disclosed an accrued OPEB liability of \$1.7 billion as of June 30, 2011. The ARC for the Buffalo CSD is \$158.9 million. There is no current requirement to fund the future OPEB obligation; however, the Buffalo CSD has designated \$30 million of fund balance in fiscal year 2010-11 for such obligation.

Actuarial valuations will be required every two years since the Buffalo CSD has OPEB plans with more than 200 members.

#### Approval of the 2012-13 Budget of the Buffalo CSD

Under State law, the Buffalo CSD is required to adopt a balanced budget for each fiscal year ending June 30. In addition, the City and the Buffalo CSD are each subject to oversight by the BFSA. Under the BFSA Act, on or before May 1 of each fiscal year and subsequent to the preparation and delivery of its budget to the City's Budget Division, the Buffalo CSD, as a Covered Organization under the BFSA Act, and the City, are each required to submit their proposed budgets and four-year financial plans through fiscal year 2015-16 to the BFSA for its approval. Each financial plan must provide that major operating funds are balanced in accordance with GAAP. It is currently anticipated that the City and the Buffalo CSD will submit their respective fiscal year 2012-13 proposed budgets and four-year financial plans to the BFSA on or before May 1, 2012. The BFSA has 20 days from the date of submission of such financial plans (and not more than 15 days after submission of any modification, as may be required) to determine whether the financial plan, or subsequent modification, is complete and in compliance with the BFSA Act.

#### The JSCB

The Joint Schools Construction Board, or the JSCB, was created by resolutions of the Board of Education and the Common Council and by amendment of the City Charter, and was granted additional powers with respect to construction of new school buildings by the Buffalo Schools Act, as well as certain limited functions with respect to the reconstruction of existing school buildings. The JSCB has been authorized under the Buffalo Schools Act to manage the acquisition, design, construction, reconstruction, renovation and financing of new public educational facilities in the City, and to create and coordinate efforts to enable compliance with, monitor and report on, a program-wide diversity plan for the Program. The JSCB has been authorized by resolution of the Board of Education to assist in the acquisition, renovation, reconstruction, improvement, equipping and furnishing of public educational facilities in the City.

The JSCB is comprised of the Mayor, the City Comptroller, the Buffalo CSD Superintendent of Schools, a designee of the Common Council of the City, the New York State Regent for the Eighth District of the City and two designees of the Board of Education. The Regent voluntarily resigned to prevent the appearance of a conflict of interest and the JSCB has appointed him as an ex-officio, non-voting member.

## **The Program Provider**

The Ciminelli Construction Companies, including the Program Provider and its affiliated companies, are the largest construction group in Western New York and consist of a team of specialists versed in all aspects of the construction industry. They provide program management, construction management, general contracting, design/build, consulting and related services.

The Ciminelli Construction Companies are headquartered in 2421 Main Street in Buffalo, New York. They have approximately 170 full-time employees and in 2011 completed construction projects worth \$387 million.

The Program Provider is obligated to prepare and submit all necessary or appropriate reports to SED, as herein defined, including all filings to maximize State Building Aid reimbursement to the Buffalo CSD with regard to the school facilities constructed or reconstructed under the Program. See "SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE SERIES 2012A BONDS —State Aid —*State Building Aid.*"

#### **New York State Education Department**

The management, regulation and funding of the Buffalo CSD is subject to the review of the New York State Education Department (the "SED"). The SED has also determined State Building Aid reimbursement for improvements to school facilities undertaken in accordance with the Program. The SED is the administrative agency of the Board of Regents (the "Board of Regents") of the University of the State of New York (the "University"). The Board of Regents was established by an act of the State Legislature in 1784 and is vested with constitutional responsibility for determining and formulating State educational policy. The University, over which the Board of Regents presides, is a corporation authorized to charter, review and regulate educational institutions and activities within the State.

The University encompasses all State educational programs, from kindergarten through graduate and professional schools and includes libraries, museums and other related cultural and educational institutions as may be admitted to the University or incorporated by the Regents. It consists of almost 6,000 elementary and secondary public and private schools and 250 independent and public colleges and universities.

## THE ISSUER

Erie County Industrial Development Agency is a corporate governmental agency constituting a body corporate and politic and a public benefit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State. The Series 2012A Bonds are authorized and issued by the Issuer under the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State, particularly the Act and the Buffalo Schools Act.

The Issuer is comprised of 19 members Directors of the Issuer as of March 26, 2012:

> John J. LaFalce – Chair Bryon W. Brown Anthony F. Caruana James F. Doherty Dennis W. Elsenbeck Richard A. Fontana Betty Jean Grant Michael Hoffert Mary F. Holtz

Chris Johnston Thomas A. Loughran Brenda W. McDuffie Frank B. Mesiah Andrew J. Rudnick Mark C. Poloncarz Henry M. Sloma Richard Vogan Barry Weinstein

THE SERIES 2012A BONDS ARE NEITHER A GENERAL OBLIGATION OF THE ISSUER NOR A DEBT OR INDEBTEDNESS OF ERIE COUNTY OR THE STATE OF NEW YORK, AND NEITHER ERIE COUNTY NOR THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL BE LIABLE THEREON. THE SERIES 2012A BONDS ARE SPECIAL LIMITED OBLIGATIONS OF THE ISSUER PAYABLE SOLELY FROM STATE AID PAYABLE BY THE BUFFALO CSD UNDER THE 2012A INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT, AND THE PLEDGE OF CERTAIN FUNDS INCLUDING THE BOND FUND UNDER THE SERIES 2012A INDENTURE. IN THE EVENT THE BUFFALO CSD FAILS TO MAKE AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE PAYMENT UNDER THE 2012A INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT, IT IS PROVIDED IN THE BUFFALO SCHOOLS ACT AND IN THE SERIES 2012A INDENTURE THAT, UPON RECEIPT BY THE STATE COMPTROLLER OF A CERTIFICATE FROM THE SERIES 2012A TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE ISSUER AS TO THE AMOUNT OF SUCH FAILED PAYMENT, THE STATE COMPTROLLER SHALL WITHHOLD ANY STATE AID FROM THE BUFFALO CSD PAYABLE THERETO TO THE EXTENT OF THE AMOUNT SO STATED IN SUCH CERTIFICATE AS NOT HAVING BEEN MADE, AND SHALL IMMEDIATELY PAY OVER TO THE SERIES 2012A TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE ISSUER THE AMOUNT SO WITHHELD. THE ISSUER HAS NOT VERIFIED, REVIEWED OR APPROVED, AND DOES NOT REPRESENT IN ANY WAY, THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF ANY OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT OTHER THAN INFORMATION SET FORTH UNDER "THE ISSUER" AND "NO LITIGATION" (BUT ONLY WITH **RESPECT TO THE ISSUER) HEREIN.** 

## PLAN OF FINANCING

The Series 2012A Bonds are being issued, and the proceeds used, for the purpose of (i) refunding all of the outstanding Erie County Industrial Development Agency School Facility Revenue Bonds (City School District of the City of Buffalo Project), Series 2004, originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$310,125,000, of which \$262,130,000 principal amount is outstanding; and (ii) financing certain costs of issuance of the Series 2012A Bonds.

The Series 2004 Bonds being refunded from the proceeds of the Series 2012A Bonds will mature, or be redeemed prior to maturity, in the respective principal amounts on the redemption dates and at the redemption prices as set forth below:

The Issuer is comprised of 19 members. The following are the members of the Board of

Maturity <u>Date</u>	Principal <u>Amount</u>	Redemption Date	Redemption Price	
May 1, 2012	$$10,620,000^{1}$			
May 1, 2013	$11,165,000^{1}$			
May 1, 2014	$11,735,000^{1}$			
May 1, 2015	12,385,000	May 1, 2014	100%	
May 1, 2016	13,120,000	May 1, 2014	100	
May 1, 2017	13,895,000	May 1, 2014	100	
May 1, 2018	14,720,000	May 1, 2014	100	
May 1, 2019	15,590,000	May 1, 2014	100	
May 1, 2020	16,510,000	May 1, 2014	100	
May 1, 2021	17,490,000	May 1, 2014	100	
May 1, 2022	18,525,000	May 1, 2014	100	
May 1, 2023	19,620,000	May 1, 2014	100	
May 1, 2024	20,785,000	May 1, 2014	100	
May 1, 2025	22,015,000	May 1, 2014	100	
May 1, 2026	43,955,000	May 1, 2014	100	
<sup>1</sup> Bonds paid at maturity				

The refunding of all of the Series 2004 Bonds will achieve debt service savings for the Buffalo CSD. In order to accomplish the refunding of the Series 2004 Bonds, a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Series 2012A Bonds will be deposited into a special trust fund (the "Escrow Fund") created by a refunding escrow trust agreement (the "Refunding Escrow Trust Agreement") to be entered into on the date of issuance of the Series 2012A Bonds among the Issuer, the Buffalo CSD and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as Escrow Agent. Pursuant to the Refunding Escrow Trust Agreement, the entire amount held in the Debt Service Reserve Fund under the Series 2004 Indenture, together with a portion of the amount held in the Bond Fund under the Series 2004 Indenture, will be deposited into the Escrow Fund. The remaining balance in the Bond Fund under the Series 2004 Indenture will be deposited in the Interest Account of the Bond Fund under the Series 2012A Indenture. The moneys so deposited in the Escrow Fund will be held in cash and used to acquire Defeasance Obligations (as defined in the Series 2004 Indenture<sup>†</sup>), the principal of and interest on which when due, together with the amount held in cash and uninvested, will provide moneys sufficient for the payment of the principal or Redemption Price of, as the case may be, and the interest accrued and to accrue when due on the Series 2004 Bonds to be refunded.

The accuracy of the arithmetical computations of the adequacy of the amounts of maturing principal of and interest on the Defeasance Obligations, together with the amount held in cash and uninvested, to pay when due the principal and Redemption Price of, as the case may be, and interest on the Series 2004 Bonds to be refunded will be verified by Causey Demgen & Moore Inc., certified public accountants and consultants. In the opinion of Bond Counsel, and in reliance upon such verification of mathematical computations, upon making such deposit with the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Series 2004 Indenture and upon the issuance of certain irrevocable instructions to the 2004 Trustee, the Series 2004 Bonds to be refunded will, under the terms of the Series 2004 Indenture, be deemed to have been paid, and the covenants, agreements, and other obligations of the Issuer to the holders of the Series 2004 Bonds to be refunded will be discharged and satisfied.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> The Series 2004 Indenture defines "Defeasance Obligations" as follows: (1) cash, (2) non-callable direct obligations of the United States of America ("Treasuries"), (3) evidences of ownership of proportionate interests in future interest and principal payments on Treasuries held by a bank or trust company, as custodian, under which the owner of the investment is the real party in interest and has the right to proceed directly and individually against the obligor and the underlying Treasuries are not available to any person claiming through the custodian or to whom the custodian may be obligated, (4) pre-refunded municipal obligations rated "AAA" and "Aaa" by S&P and Moody's, respectively, or (5) securities eligible for "AAA" defeasance under then existing criteria of S&P or any combination thereof.

# SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

#### **Sources of Funds**

Series 2012A Bonds Principal Amount of Series 2012A Bonds Original Issue Premium	\$209,540,000.00 34,928,436.25
Other Monies <sup>(1)</sup>	60,428,778.49
Total Sources of Funds	<u>\$304,897,214.74</u>
Uses of Funds	
Escrow Fund Deposit Interest Account Deposit Costs of Issuance <sup>(2)</sup>	\$295,987,334.34 5,287,893.33 <u>3,621,987.07</u>
Total Uses of Funds	\$304,897,214.74

(1) Includes funds from release of Debt Service Reserve Fund and from release of Bond Fund, each established under the Series
2004 Indenture, and other funds related thereto.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes fees and expenses of New York State bond issuance charge, underwriters' discount and certain other costs.

## THE SERIES 2012A BONDS

## General

The Series 2012A Bonds will be issued in fully-registered form without coupons. The Series 2012A Bonds will be dated, mature on the respective dates and in the respective principal amounts, and bear interest payable on the dates and at the respective annual rates, as set forth on the inside cover page.

Interest on the Series 2012A Bonds will be payable on each Interest Payment Date and will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the interest rate borne by the Series 2012A Bonds will not exceed the maximum permitted by, or enforceable under, applicable law.

The principal or Redemption Price of the Series 2012A Bonds will be payable at the principal corporate trust office of the Series 2012A Trustee, in Buffalo, New York. Interest on the Series 2012A Bonds will be payable to the person whose name appears on the registration books of the Series 2012A Trustee as the registered owner thereof on the Record Date next preceding the Interest Payment Date (i) by check or draft mailed on the Interest Payment Date to the registered owner or (ii) by wire transfer on the Interest Payment Date to any owner of at least \$1,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Series 2012A Bonds, upon written notice provided by the owner to the Series 2012A Trustee not later than five (5) days prior to the Record Date for such interest payment (which request will remain in effect until revoked); except that, if and to the extent there exists a default in the payment of the interest due on any Interest Payment Date with respect to the Series 2012A Bonds, the defaulted interest will be paid to the owners in whose names the Series 2012A Bonds are registered at the close of business on a special record date to be fixed by the Series 2012A Trustee, which date will not be more than fifteen (15) nor less than

ten (10) days next preceding the date of payment of the defaulted interest. Interest payments made by check or draft will be mailed to each owner at his or her address as it appears on the registration books of the Series 2012A Trustee on the Record Date or at such other address as he or she may have filed with the Series 2012A Trustee for that purpose and appearing on the registration books of the Series 2012A Trustee on the applicable Record Date. Wire transfer payments of interest will be made at such wire transfer address as the owner will specify in his or her notice requesting payment by wire transfer.

## **Exchange of Series 2012A Bonds**

The holders of any Series 2012A Bonds may surrender the same at the principal corporate trust office of the Series 2012A Trustee in exchange for an equal aggregate principal amount of Series 2012A Bonds of any of the authorized denominations of the same maturity and maturities as the Series 2012A Bond or Series 2012A Bonds so surrendered, subject to the conditions and upon payment of the charges provided in the Series 2012A Indenture. However, the Series 2012A Trustee will not be required to (i) transfer or exchange any Series 2012A Bonds during the period between a Record Date and the following Interest Payment Date or during the period of fifteen (15) days next preceding any day for the selection of Series 2012A Bonds to be redeemed, or (ii) transfer or exchange any Series 2012A Bonds selected, called or being called for redemption in whole or in part.

## **Transfer of Series 2012A Bonds**

Each of the Series 2012A Bonds is transferable, as provided in the Series 2012A Indenture, only upon the books of the Issuer kept for that purpose at the principal corporate trust office of the Series 2012A Trustee by the registered owner thereof in person, or by his duly authorized attorney-in-fact, upon surrender of such Series 2012A Bond (together with a written instrument of transfer in the form appearing on such Series 2012A Bond duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized attorney-in-fact with a guaranty of the signature thereon by a member of the Stock Exchanges Medallion Program or the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. Medallion Signature Program in accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 17Ad-15), and thereupon a new fully registered Series 2012A Bond in the same aggregate principal amount and maturity and same Series will be issued to the transfere in prescribed. The Issuer, the Buffalo CSD, the Bond Registrar, and the Series 2012A Trustee may deem and treat the person in whose name a Series 2012A Bond is registered as the absolute owner thereof for the purpose of receiving payment of, or on account of, the principal or Redemption Price thereof and interest due thereon and for all other purposes whatsoever.

## **Redemption of the Series 2012A Bonds**

The Series 2012A Bonds maturing on or prior to May 1, 2022 are not subject to redemption prior to the maturity thereof.

#### **Optional Redemption**

The Series 2012A Bonds maturing on or after May 1, 2023 are subject to redemption, in whole or in part, at any time on or after May 1, 2022 (but if in part in integral multiples of \$5,000), at the option of the Issuer (which option will be exercised upon the giving of notice by the Buffalo CSD of its intention to prepay installment purchase payments due under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement), at the Redemption Price equal to 100% plus in each case accrued interest to the redemption date.

## **Redemption Procedures**

If any of the Series 2012A Bonds are to be called for redemption, the Series 2012A Indenture requires a copy of the redemption notice to be mailed at least thirty (30) days prior to such redemption date to the registered owner of each Series 2012A Bond to be redeemed at the address for such owner shown on the registration books. All Series 2012A Bonds so called for redemption will cease to bear interest after the date fixed for redemption if funds for their redemption are on deposit at the place of payment at that time. If notice of redemption will have been given as aforesaid, the Series 2012A Bonds called for redemption will become due and payable on the redemption date, provided, however, that with respect to any optional redemption as described above, such notice will state that such redemption will be conditional upon the receipt by the Series 2012A Trustee on or prior to the date fixed for such redemption of moneys sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Series 2012A Bonds to be redeemed, and that if such moneys will not have been so received said notice will be of no force and effect and the Issuer will not be required to redeem the Series 2012A Bonds. In the event that such notice of redemption contains such a condition and such moneys are not so received, the redemption will not be made and the Series 2012A Trustee will within a reasonable time thereafter give notice, in the manner in which the notice of redemption was given, that such moneys were not so received. If a notice of redemption will be unconditional or, if the conditions of a conditional notice of redemption will have been satisfied, then upon presentation and surrender of Series 2012A Bonds so called for redemption at the place or places of payment, such Series 2012A Bonds will be redeemed.

So long as the Securities Depository is effecting book-entry transfers of the Series 2012A Bonds, the Series 2012A Trustee will provide the notices specified in the paragraph above only to the Securities Depository. It is expected that the Securities Depository will, in turn, notify its Participants and that the Participants, in turn, will notify or cause to be notified the Beneficial Owners. Any failure on the part of the Securities Depository or a Participant, or failure on the part of a nominee of a Beneficial Owner of a Series 2012A Bond (having been mailed notice from the Series 2012A Trustee, the Securities Depository, a Participant or otherwise), to notify the Beneficial Owner of the Series 2012A Bond so affected will not affect the validity of the redemption of such Series 2012A Bond.

#### **Registration and Payment - Book-Entry System**

Beneficial ownership interests in the Series 2012A Bonds will be available in book-entry-only form, in the principal amount of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. Purchasers of beneficial ownership interests in the Series 2012A Bonds will not receive certificates representing their interests in the Series 2012A Bonds purchased.

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the Series 2012A Bonds. The Series 2012A Bonds will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One or more fully-registered Bond certificates will be issued for each principal amount of Series 2012A Bonds maturing on a specified date and bearing interest at a specified interest rate, each in the aggregate principal amount of such quantity of Series 2012A Bonds, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and

non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation 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 Standard & Poor 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 <u>www.dtcc.org</u>.

Purchases of the Series 2012A Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Series 2012A Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Series 2012A Bond ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchases. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transactions, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Series 2012A Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct or Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive bond certificates representing their ownership interests in the Series 2012A Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Series 2012A Bonds is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Series 2012A Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co. or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of the Series 2012A Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other nominee effect no change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Series 2012A Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Series 2012A Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct or Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of the Series 2012A Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Series 2012A Bonds, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Series 2012A Bond documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of the Series 2012A Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Series 2012A Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Redemption notices will be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Series 2012A Bonds are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such series to be redeemed. Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor such other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Series 2012A Bonds. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Series 2012A Trustee 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 Series 2012A Bonds, are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal, redemption, distributions, and interest payments on the Series 2012A Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from Issuer or the Series 2012A Trustee, on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the Series 2012A Trustee, or Issuer, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest and redemption proceeds to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Series 2012A Trustee, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of DTC, and Indirect Participants.

When reference is made to any action which is required or permitted to be taken by the Beneficial Owners, such reference will only relate to those permitted to act (by statute, regulation or otherwise) on behalf of such Beneficial Owners for such purposes. When notices are given, they will be sent by the Series 2012A Trustee to DTC only.

The Issuer and the Series 2012A Trustee may treat DTC (or its nominee) as the sole and exclusive registered owner of the Series 2012A Bonds registered in its name for the purpose of payment of the principal of, or interest on such Series 2012A Bonds, giving any notice permitted or required to be given to registered owners under the Series 2012A Indenture, registering the transfer of the Series 2012A Bonds, or other action to be taken by registered owners and for all other purposes whatsoever. The Issuer and the Series 2012A Trustee will not have any responsibility or obligation to any Participant, any person claiming a beneficial ownership interest in the Series 2012A Bonds under or through DTC or any Participant, or any other person which is not shown on the registration books of the Issuer (kept by the Series 2012A Trustee) as being a registered owner, with respect to: the accuracy of any records maintained by DTC or any Participant; the payment by DTC or any Participant of any amount in respect of the principal or interest on the Series 2012A Bonds; any notice which is permitted or required to be given to registered owners thereunder or under the conditions to transfers or exchanges provided in the Series 2012A Indenture; or other action taken by DTC as a registered owner. The Series 2012A Trustee will forward interest and principal payments to DTC, or its nominee. Disbursement of such payments to the Participants is the responsibility of DTC and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners is the responsibility of the Participants or the Indirect Participants.

SO LONG AS CEDE & CO., AS NOMINEE OF DTC, IS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF ALL OF THE SERIES 2012A BONDS, REFERENCES HEREIN TO THE OWNERS, HOLDERS OR BONDHOLDERS OF THE SERIES 2012A BONDS WILL MEAN CEDE & CO. AND WILL NOT MEAN THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS.

For every transfer and exchange of beneficial ownership of the Series 2012A Bonds, a Beneficial Owner may be charged a sum sufficient to cover any tax, fee or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the Series 2012A Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Issuer or the Series 2012A Trustee. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor securities depository is not obtained, Series 2012A Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The Issuer may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry/only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Series 2012A Bond certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

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

Each person for whom a Participant acquires an interest in the Series 2012A Bonds, as nominee, may desire to make arrangements with such Participant to receive a credit balance in the records of such Participant, and may desire to make arrangements with such Participant to have all notices of redemption or other communications of DTC, which may affect such persons, to be forwarded in writing by such Participant and to have notification made of all interest payments. NONE OF THE ISSUER, THE UNDERWRITERS, OR THE SERIES 2012A TRUSTEE WILL HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATION TO SUCH PARTICIPANTS OR THE PERSONS FOR WHOM THEY ACT AS NOMINEES WITH RESPECT TO THE SERIES 2012A BONDS.

NEITHER THE ISSUER, THE BUFFALO CSD NOR THE SERIES 2012A TRUSTEE WILL HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATIONS TO THE PARTICIPANTS OR THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS WITH RESPECT TO (1) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC OR ANY PARTICIPANT; (2) THE PAYMENT BY DTC OR ANY PARTICIPANT OF ANY AMOUNT DUE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER IN RESPECT OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, REDEMPTION PRICE OF OR INTEREST ON THE SERIES 2012A BONDS; (3) THE DELIVERY BY DTC OR ANY PARTICIPANT OF ANY NOTICE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER WHICH IS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE SERIES 2012A INDENTURE TO BE GIVEN TO HOLDERS OF THE SERIES 2012A BONDS; OR (4) THE SELECTION OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS TO RECEIVE PAYMENT IN THE EVENT OF ANY PARTIAL REDEMPTION OF THE SERIES 2012A BONDS.

## **SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE SERIES 2012A BONDS**

## General

The City and the Buffalo CSD will lease the Series 2004 Facilities to the Issuer pursuant to the Amended 2004 Ground Lease, as described below. The Issuer will sell its leasehold interest in the Series 2004 Facilities under the Amended 2004 Ground Lease to the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. Pursuant to the Series 2012A Indenture, the Issuer will assign to the 2012A Trustee substantially all of its right, title and interest in and to State Aid and in and to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, including all rights to receive installment purchase payments thereunder.

Under the State Aid Trust Agreement, the City, the Buffalo CSD, the Depository and the Series Trustees have agreed to direct the State Comptroller to pay all State Aid directly to the State Aid Depository Fund established and held under the State Aid Trust Agreement, all for the benefit on a Ratable Basis of the Series 2012A Bonds and each other series of Project Bonds outstanding, including the Series 2007A Bonds, the Series 2008A Bonds, the Series 2009A Bonds, the Series 2011A Bonds and the Series 2011B Bonds. In the event the Buffalo CSD fails to make an installment purchase payment under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, the Buffalo Schools Act and the Series 2012A Indenture provide that, upon receipt by the State Comptroller of a certificate from the Series 2012A Trustee on behalf of the Issuer as to the amount of such failed payment, the State Comptroller will withhold any State Aid from the Buffalo CSD payable thereto to the extent of the amount so stated in such certificate as not having been made, and will immediately pay over to the Series 2012A Trustee on behalf of the Issuer is withheld. See "–State Aid Intercept" below.

#### The Amended 2004 Ground Lease

Pursuant to the Amended 2004 Ground Lease, the City and the Buffalo CSD will lease to the Issuer the Series 2004 Facilities constituting Phase II of the Program, which were undertaken as part of the Series 2004 Project. The Amended 2004 Ground Lease will be entered into concurrently with the issuance of the Series 2012A Bonds, and will be for a term terminating not earlier than the date that all bonds issued under the Series 2012A Indenture, including the Series 2012A Bonds, and any series of Additional Bonds issued under the Series 2012A Indenture, will cease to be Outstanding. Ground rent under the Amended 2004 Ground Lease is nominally equal to one dollar (\$1.00) payable upon execution, and all obligations of the Issuer under the Amended 2004 Ground Lease are assumed by the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.

## The 2012A Installment Sale Agreement

The Issuer will sell its leasehold interest under the Amended 2004 Ground Lease in the Series 2004 Facilities to the Buffalo CSD pursuant to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. The 2012A Installment Sale Agreement provides the Buffalo CSD with the right to use, occupy and operate the Series 2004 Facilities and obligates the Buffalo CSD to maintain and manage the Series 2004 Facilities and pay all costs related to the Series 2004 Facilities.

#### **Installment Sale Agreement Payments**

Installment Purchase Payments due under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement will equal principal and interest due on the Series 2012A Bonds, and are payable on each April 1. Notwithstanding the April 1 installment purchase payment date under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement provides that if the Buffalo CSD fails to appropriate by November 1, 2012 (or by any subsequent November 1 that the Series 2012A Bonds remain Outstanding), State Aid Revenues in an amount sufficient to pay the installment purchase payment due on the immediately succeeding April 1 (less any amounts on deposit in the Bond Fund or the Series 2012A Indenture, and available on such November 1), then: (y) the Buffalo CSD will promptly deliver written notice of such failure to appropriate to the Issuer and the Series 2012A Trustee and (z) the next succeeding April 1 payment date as if that November 15 were the originally scheduled annual installment purchase payment date; and if for any reason the installment purchase payment due on such November 15 is not made by such date, any such failed payment will constitute a failure to make a payment under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement for purposes of the 2012A Installment Sale

Agreement, the Buffalo Schools Act and the State Aid intercept implementing provisions of the Series 2012A Indenture.

Except for funds, investments and other amounts held under the Series 2012A Indenture, the Issuer has pledged no other assets to the payment of the Series 2012A Bonds, and except for the intercept of State Aid by the State Comptroller as herein described, it is anticipated that the Issuer's sole source of payment for the Series 2012A Bonds will be derived from installment purchase payments made by the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. The Buffalo CSD's obligation to pay installment purchase payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement is executory only to the extent of State Aid appropriated by the State and available to the Buffalo CSD, and appropriated by the Buffalo CSD to the payment of installment purchase payments under the 2012 Installment Sale Agreement. In the event State Aid is not appropriated by the State to the Buffalo CSD, the Buffalo CSD will not be obligated to pay any amounts due under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement; provided, however, the failure of the Buffalo CSD for any reason (including a failure by the State or the Buffalo CSD to appropriate State Aid) to make an installment purchase payment under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement is nevertheless deemed a failure to make a payment thereunder for purposes of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, the Buffalo Schools Act, and the State Aid intercept implementing provisions of the Series 2012A Indenture. In the event State Aid is appropriated by the State to the Buffalo CSD and the Buffalo CSD does not appropriate such State Aid to make such installment purchase, the Series 2012A Trustee on behalf of the Issuer will direct the State Comptroller to intercept State Aid for the payment of such installment purchase payments. Subject to the foregoing limitation, the obligation of the Buffalo CSD to pay installment purchase payments under the Series 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, and to perform its obligations thereunder, will be absolute and unconditional, and such installment purchase payments and other amounts will be payable without any rights of set-off, recoupment or counterclaim or deduction and without any right of suspension, deferment, diminution or reduction it might otherwise have against the Issuer, the Series 2012A Trustee, any purchaser of the Series 2012A Bonds, or any other person, and whether or not any or all of the Series 2004 Facilities are used or occupied by the Buffalo CSD or are available for use or occupancy by the Buffalo CSD. See "BONDHOLDERS' RISKS - The State's Financial Condition, Reduced State Aid, Delayed Payment" and "-Appropriation of Installment Purchase Payments by the Buffalo CSD."

In order to protect the priority of the rights of the Series 2012A Trustee to State Aid under the Buffalo Schools Act, the Buffalo CSD has covenanted and agreed in the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement that it will not in the future enter into any agreement, indenture or other instrument, including any Series Facilities Agreement in connection with a Series of Project Bonds under a Series Indenture, which will have the effect, directly or indirectly, of providing a greater priority or preference to the intercept of State Aid under the Buffalo Schools Act than the pledge effected pursuant to the Series 2012A Indenture. The foregoing covenant will not be deemed (y) to limit or deny the ability of the issuer of a Series of Project Bonds to pledge State Aid on a parity with the pledge effected by the Issuer under the Series 2012A Indenture, or (z) to require that any Series of Project Bonds issued under a Series Indenture have the same payment dates or amortize principal on a schedule comparable to that of the Bonds Outstanding under the Series 2012A Indenture, or that any payment dates under a Series Facilities Agreement be the same as provided for in the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.

In order to provide for its obligation to make payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, the Buffalo CSD has agreed that its proposed expense budget for each ensuing Fiscal Year will include, either as a separate unit of appropriation or as an expenditure within a unit of appropriation, the amount of installment purchase payments due under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement to come due in such next Fiscal Year, *provided, however*, that any such appropriation will only be payable by the

Buffalo CSD to the extent State Aid is available therefor <u>and</u> is appropriated by the Buffalo CSD for such purpose, *provided*, *however*, the failure of the Buffalo CSD for any reason to make an installment purchase payment under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement is nevertheless deemed a failure to make a payment thereunder for purposes of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, the Buffalo Schools Act and the State Aid intercept implementing provisions of the Series 2012A Indenture. In addition, in furtherance of the foregoing, the Buffalo CSD has agreed, pursuant to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, to comply with all requirements necessary to ensure receipt of State Aid over the term of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. See "BONDHOLDERS' RISKS —Appropriation of Installment Purchase Payments by the Buffalo CSD," "—Competing Claims to State Aid" and "—The State's Financial Condition, Reduced State Aid, Delayed Payment."

Upon the occurrence of an Event of Nonappropriation (*i.e.*, failure of the Buffalo CSD to appropriate moneys sufficient to pay the installment purchase payments coming due under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement in the next Fiscal Year), or an "event of default" under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, there is no acceleration of the obligation of the Buffalo CSD to pay all future installment purchase payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. However, as described above, the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement provides that if the Buffalo CSD fails to appropriate by November 1, 2012 (or by any subsequent November 1 that the Series 2012A Bonds remain Outstanding) State Aid Revenues in an amount sufficient to pay the installment purchase payment due on the immediately succeeding April 1, then, in that event, the installment purchase payment date for the next succeeding April 1 payment date as if that November 15 were the originally scheduled annual installment purchase payment date.

## **State Aid Intercept**

In the event the Buffalo CSD fails to make an installment purchase payment under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement as a result of an Event of Nonappropriation or otherwise (whether such payment is due on April 1 of each year, or if applicable, November 15 of each year), pursuant to the Series 2012A Indenture, the Issuer has appointed the Series 2012A Trustee, as its agent, and the Issuer (acting through such Trustee) will, in accordance with the Buffalo Schools Act, and the Series 2012A Indenture, certify such nonpayment to the State Comptroller. Such certification will specify the amount by which such installment purchase payment will have been deficient. The Buffalo Schools Act and the Series 2012A Indenture each provides that the State Comptroller will, upon receipt of such certification, withhold from the Buffalo CSD any State Aid otherwise payable to the Buffalo CSD to the extent of the amount so stated in such certification as not being made, and will immediately pay over to the Series 2012A Trustee, on behalf of the Issuer, the amount so withheld. Such amounts will be applied by the Series 2012A Trustee to the payment of installment purchase payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement in the priority set forth below under "The Series 2012A Indenture." It is further provided in the Buffalo Schools Act that (x) any amount of State Aid so paid by the State Comptroller will not obligate the State to make, nor entitle the Buffalo CSD to receive, any additional amounts of State Aid, (y) nothing contained in the Buffalo Schools Act will be deemed to prevent the State from modifying, reducing or eliminating any program or programs of State Aid and (z) the State will not be obligated by the terms of the Buffalo Schools Act to maintain State Aid at any particular level or amount. See "BONDHOLDERS' RISKS - The State's Financial Condition, Reduced State Aid, Delayed Payment."

Statutory provisions currently exist or may hereafter be enacted which permit State Aid otherwise payable to the Buffalo CSD to be diverted or intercepted and applied in satisfaction of indebtedness or obligations issued or incurred for school purposes or otherwise. In addition, at the present time, other than as provided in the State Aid Trust Agreement with respect to Project Bonds, there is no stated priority for the various multiple State Aid diversion and intercept claims. See "BONDHOLDERS' RISKS —Competing Claims to State Aid."

## The Series 2012A Indenture

Pursuant to the Series 2012A Indenture, the Issuer has assigned to the Series 2012A Trustee substantially all of its right, title and interest in and to State Aid and the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, including all rights to receive installment purchase payments to pay the principal of and interest on the Series 2012A Bonds, as the same become due, all to be made by the Buffalo CSD pursuant to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and the State Aid Trust Agreement, and all executory only to the extent of State Aid, as provided above under the subheading, "The 2012A Installment Sale Agreement."

The Series 2012A Bond proceeds will be deposited in the Series 2012A Bonds Account of the Project Fund held under the Series 2012A Indenture, substantially all of which will be immediately transferred by the Series 2012A Trustee to the Escrow Fund established under the Refunding Escrow Trust Agreement for the purpose of defeasing the Series 2004 Bonds. The Series 2012A Trustee is authorized to disburse the remaining amounts from the Series 2012A Bonds Account of the Project Fund for the payment of Costs of Issuance and any other Project Costs relating to the Series 2012A Bonds. Pursuant to the Series 2012A Indenture and the Refunding Escrow Trust Agreement, certain monies held in the Bond Fund under the Series 2004 Indenture will be deposited in the Interest Account of the Bond Fund under the Series 2012A Indenture.

Notwithstanding the occurrence of an Event of Default under the Series 2012A Indenture, in no event will the Series 2012A Bonds be accelerated or declared due and payable in advance of their final stated maturity.

In the event the amount of State Aid received by the Series 2012A Trustee pursuant to the State Aid intercept will be insufficient to pay the full amount not paid by the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, such amount will be ratably applied in accordance with the Series 2012A Indenture in the following order of priority:

*first,* to deposit in the Interest Account of the Bond Fund established under the Series 2012A Indenture to the extent of any deficiency therein,

*second,* to deposit in the Principal Account of the Bond Fund established under the Series 2012A Indenture to the extent of any deficiency therein,

*third,* to deposit in the Redemption Account of the Bond Fund established under the Series 2012A Indenture to the extent of any deficiency therein,

*fourth,* to satisfy any indemnification obligations of the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, and

*fifth,* to satisfy any other obligations of the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.
## The Pledge to the Series 2012A Trustee

In order to protect the pledge of State Aid by the Issuer to the Series 2012A Trustee pursuant to the Series 2012A Indenture, except with respect to the issuance of Project Bonds under a Series Indenture, the Issuer has covenanted in the Series 2012A Indenture not to create or suffer to be created, or incur or issue any evidences of indebtedness secured by, any lien or charge upon or pledge of the Trust Estate, except the lien, charge and pledge created in the case of the Trust Estate with respect to the Series 2012A Bonds, by the Series 2012A Indenture, the Amended 2004 Ground Lease and the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. The Issuer further covenants and agrees pursuant to the Series 2012A Indenture, that it will enter into no agreement, indenture or other instrument, including any Series Indenture or Series Facilities Agreement in connection with the issuance of a Series of Project Bonds under a Series Indenture which will have the effect, directly or indirectly, of providing a greater priority or preference to the intercept of State Aid under the Buffalo Schools Act than the pledge effected pursuant to the Series 2012A Indenture; provided, however, that nothing contained in the Series 2012A Indenture will be deemed (y) to limit or deny the ability of the Issuer or any other public entity, in connection with the issuance of another Series of Project Bonds, to pledge State Aid under the Buffalo Schools Act on a parity with the pledge effected under the Series 2012A Indenture, or (z) to require that any Series of Project Bonds issued under any other Series Indenture have the same payment dates or amortize principal on a schedule comparable to that of the Bonds Outstanding under the Series 2012A Indenture, or that any payment dates under a Series Facilities Agreement be the same as those under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.

#### **Additional Bonds**

So long as the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement is in effect and no Event of Default exists thereunder, one or more series of Additional Bonds may be issued, authenticated and delivered upon original issuance under the Series 2012A Indenture for the purpose of (i) financing School Facilities in connection with the Program, (ii) providing funds to repair, relocate, replace, rebuild or restore an affected Facility in the event of damage, destruction or taking by eminent domain, (iii) providing extensions, additions, improvements or facilities to one or more Facilities, the purpose of which will be to constitute a "project" and an "educational facility" within the meaning of the Act and the Buffalo Schools Act, or (iv) refunding Outstanding Bonds. Such series of Additional Bonds under the Series 2012A Indenture will be payable from the Base Installment Purchase Payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. Prior to the issuance of a series of Additional Bonds under the Series 2012A Indenture, and the execution of a Supplemental Indenture in connection therewith, the City, the Buffalo CSD and the Issuer will enter into an amendment to the Amended 2004 Ground Lease to subject the additional facilities, as applicable, to the leasehold estate thereof, and the Issuer and the Buffalo CSD will enter into an amendment to the Series 2012A Installment Sale Agreement to subject such additional facilities thereto, and to provide, among other things, that the Base Installment Purchase Payments payable under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement will be increased and computed so as to amortize in full the principal of and interest on the bonds outstanding under the Series 2012A Indenture, including such series of Additional Bonds. In addition, the Buffalo CSD and the Issuer will enter into an amendment to the Tax Compliance Certificate.

#### State Aid Trust Agreement

To facilitate the collection of State Aid and payment of installment purchase payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, the Depository, the City, the Series 2012A Trustee, as a Series Trustee, and the Buffalo CSD have entered into the State Aid Trust Agreement. In accordance with the State Aid Trust Agreement, the City and the Buffalo CSD have instructed the State Comptroller to pay all State Aid directly to the State Aid Depository Fund held by the Depository under the State Aid Trust

Agreement. The State Aid Trust Agreement provides for the payment of State Aid to the Series 2012A Trustee and each other Series Trustee on a Ratable Basis pursuant to which Project Bonds are outstanding under a Series Indenture.

On or before July 15 of each Fiscal Year, the City and the Buffalo CSD will prepare and deliver to the Depository and each Series Trustee a certificate (the "State Aid Payment Certificate") setting forth (i) a statement that the Buffalo CSD has appropriated an amount of State Aid necessary to fund the Aggregate Facilities Payment Obligations of the Buffalo CSD for such Fiscal Year, (ii) the total amount of State Aid expected to be received during the next Collection Period and the Collection Percentage applicable to each month of such Collection Period (as such terms are defined in APPENDIX G hereof) and (iii) a statement, developed with the assistance of the Financial Advisor to the Buffalo CSD or a nationally recognized municipal securities underwriting firm, setting forth the long-term debt rating of each provider of a Qualified Debt Service Reserve Fund Investment Agreement by each of Fitch Ratings, Moody's and S&P. However, in the event that the Buffalo CSD will not have appropriated such amount of State Aid in its adopted budget for such Fiscal Year, the State Aid Payment Certificate for such Fiscal Year will set forth a statement to such effect and will not include any information regarding the collection of State Aid during the Collection Period. Thereafter and not later than the end of the third business day immediately preceding March 31 of such Fiscal Year, if circumstances warrant, the City and the Buffalo CSD will from time to time prepare and deliver to the Depository a revised State Aid Payment Certificate setting forth, as appropriate, (i) a statement that the Buffalo CSD has, subsequent to adoption of its budget for such Fiscal Year, appropriated an amount of State Aid necessary to fund the Aggregate Facilities Payment Obligations of the Buffalo CSD for such Fiscal Year, or (ii) a revised total amount of State Aid expected to be received during the next Collection Period for such Fiscal Year and, in either case, if applicable, Collection Percentages or revised Collection Percentages applicable to the remainder of such Collection Period.

On or before November 10 of each Fiscal Year, each Series Trustee will prepare and deliver to the City, the Buffalo CSD and the Depository a certificate (the "Base Facilities Agreement Payment Certificate") setting forth the Net Base Facilities Agreement Payment (computed as of the immediately preceding last business day of October of such Fiscal Year) portion of the Facilities Payment Obligations due on the following April 1.

On or before November 10 of each Fiscal Year, each Series Trustee will, in accordance with the provisions of the related Series Indenture, prepare and deliver to the City, the Buffalo CSD and the Depository a certificate (the "Reserve Payment Certificate") setting forth the Reserve Payment (computed as of the immediately preceding last business day of October of such Fiscal Year) portion of the Facilities Payment Obligations due and the amount of the Debt Service Reserve Deficiency relating to any Project Bonds as of the date of such certificate.

During each Collection Period, if the Depository has received a State Aid Payment Certificate with respect to such Collection Period that sets forth the statements required by clauses (i) and (ii) of the first sentence of the second paragraph under this sub-heading, the Depository will, immediately upon receipt of any payment of State Aid, withdraw such State Aid from the State Aid Depository Fund and cause the amounts so withdrawn to be immediately paid in the following order of priority:

(i) *first*, to each Series Trustee for deposit in the Bond Fund established pursuant to the related Series Indenture until the total amount of such withdrawals during each month of such Collection Period will equal the sum of (A) the product of the Collection Percentage for such month multiplied by the Net Base Facilities Payment due the immediately following April 1 as set forth in the Base Facilities Payment Certificate most recently received by the Depository, plus (B) during the months of January,

February and March, the excess of the amount that should have been deposited in the Bond Fund in the immediately preceding month of the Collection Period pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph, over the amount in fact so deposited;

(ii) *second*, thereafter during each month of such Collection Period, to each Series Trustee for deposit in any Debt Service Reserve Fund established with respect to Project Bonds pursuant to the related Series Indenture until the total amount of such withdrawals is equal to the Reserve Payment due, if any, as set forth in the Reserve Payment Certificate most recently received by the Depository; and

(iii) *third*, thereafter during each month of such Collection Period, to the General Fund.

In the event that any amount on deposit in the State Aid Depository Fund in any month of the Collection Period, at any time, will be less than the amount required to be paid to a Series Trustee under clauses (i) or (ii) above, the Depository will make payment to each Series Trustee on a Ratable Basis, in the priority indicated above. For purposes of the preceding sentence, "Ratable Basis" will be first computed based on amounts payable to each Series Trustee under clause (i) above if there is not enough in the State Aid Depository Fund to pay to each Series Trustee what is payable under clause (i) above, and, if the amounts payable under clause (i) have been paid in full, then computed based on the amount payable to each Series Trustee under clause (i).

Thereafter, from April 1 until the commencement of the next Collection Period, immediately upon receipt of any payment of State Aid, the Depository will withdraw such State Aid from the State Aid Depository Fund and cause the amounts so withdrawn to be immediately paid to the General Fund.

If the Depository has not received with respect to a Collection Period for any reason a State Aid Payment Certificate that includes the statements required by clauses (i) and (ii) of the first sentence of the second paragraph under this sub-heading, the Depository, both during and after such Collection Period until the next Collection Period, will withdraw any State Aid from the State Aid Depository Fund and cause the amounts so withdrawn to be immediately paid to the General Fund.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the State Aid Trust Agreement providing for the flow of State Aid to the Series Trustees, if the Depository receives written instructions from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the City, together with an accompanying monthly payment schedule from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the City indicating that, pursuant to applicable State law and, if applicable, any credit enhancement agreement to which the City is a party, State Aid must be set aside in a special bank account designated in such instructions to be used only for the payment in accordance with such payment schedule of the outstanding revenue anticipation notes issued by the City (the "RAN Repayment Requirement"), then each month the Depository will immediately withdraw from the State Aid Depository Fund all State Aid that is received and cause the amounts so withdrawn to be immediately paid, before any further withdrawal or payment under the State Aid Trust Agreement, to the special bank account until the total amount of such withdrawals is equal to the portion of such RAN Repayment Requirement required, in accordance with such payment schedule, to be withdrawn and paid to such special bank account for such month or any prior month to the extent not paid.

Although the State Aid Trust Agreement requires an immediate transfer of State Aid from the State Aid Depository Fund to the Bond Fund established under the Series 2012A Indenture, during the Collection Period, amounts held in the State Aid Depository Fund are not subject to the lien of the Series 2012A Indenture, and are not pledged as security for the payment of the Series 2012A Bonds, until such amounts have been transferred by the Depository to the Series 2012A Trustee and deposited in the Bond

Fund established under the Series 2012A Indenture. See "BONDHOLDERS' RISKS –State Aid Trust Agreement."

Nothing will prevent the Buffalo CSD, the City, the Depository or the Series Trustees from adopting amendments modifying the procedures for the collection, deposit and disbursement of State Aid as set forth in the State Aid Trust Agreement; *provided, however*, that (i) prior to making any such change, the Buffalo CSD will notify any rating agency then rating the Series 2012A Bonds or any other Series of Project Bonds of such change and that, prior to any such change becoming effective, there will be delivered to the Depository a rating confirmation of such rating agency that the then current unenhanced rating of the Series 2012A Bonds or any other Series of Project Bonds Outstanding will not be withdrawn or reduced as a result of such change and (ii) any change or alteration of the procedure for collection and deposit of State Aid would not result in insufficient State Aid being available to timely pay Facilities Payment Obligations under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement under any other Series Facilities Agreement.

#### **Timing of Payments under State Aid Trust Agreement**

In order to assure the timely payment of debt service on the Series 2012A Bonds, the City and the Buffalo CSD have agreed during each year to certify certain information to the Depository, and the Buffalo CSD has directed the Depository to pay certain amounts to the Series 2012A Trustee in advance of the payment of debt service on the Series 2012A Bonds. On or before July 15 of each Fiscal Year, the City and the Buffalo CSD are required to certify to the Depository under the State Aid Trust Agreement (i) that the Buffalo CSD has appropriated funds necessary to pay the annual installment purchase payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement due on the next succeeding April 1 (which covers the debt service on the Series 2012A Bonds, on the following May 1 and November 1) and (ii) the State Aid expected to be received by the Buffalo CSD during the next succeeding December 1 to March 31. In the event the Buffalo CSD will not have appropriated such amount, the foregoing certificate will state that the appropriation has not been made. On or before November 10 of each year, each Series Trustee will prepare and deliver to the City, the Buffalo CSD and the Depository a certificate setting forth the Net Base Facilities Agreement Payment and/or Reserve Payment (if any) due on the following April 1. On a monthly basis beginning on December 1 through the next succeeding March 31 the Depository will, in accordance with the State Aid Trust Agreement, transfer a portion of State Aid to the Series 2012A Trustee sufficient to pay the annual installment purchase payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement due on the next succeeding April 1. In the event payments made by the Depository to the Series 2012A Trustee during the preceding December 1 to March 31 are not sufficient to pay the annual installment purchase payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement due on April 1, the Series 2012A Trustee will immediately certify such deficiency to the State Comptroller. The State Comptroller is then required to pay such amounts to the Series 2012A Trustee in accordance with the State Aid intercept provisions of the Series 2012A Indenture and the Buffalo Schools Act in order to provide payment of debt service on the Series 2012A Bonds on the next succeeding May 1 and November 1.

#### State Aid

#### Enacted State Budget

On March 30, 2012, New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver announced the passage of the 2012-13 New York State Budget (the "Enacted State Budget"). The Enacted State Budget provides for school aid of approximately \$20 billion, which represents an increase of approximately \$805 million, or 4% in total education spending from the prior fiscal year. Most of this approximately \$805 million increase will be targeted at

high-need school districts. The Enacted State Budget continues a two-year appropriation methodology established in the 2011-12 State fiscal year and limits future school aid increases to growth as measured by the total personal income of residents of the State. Such two-year appropriation provides for an approximately 3% increase in school aid for State fiscal year 2013-14 based on estimated growth of New York State personal income. The Enacted State Budget also continues programs established in the 2011-12 State fiscal year for education performance and efficiency grants, with \$50 million in total appropriations for districts that demonstrate significant student performance improvements, or that undertake long-term structural changes to reduce costs and improve efficiency. The Enacted State Budget also provides for the linking of the provision of additional State Aid to compliance with a new teacher evaluation process which provides that school districts will not be eligible for aid unless they have fully implemented the new teacher evaluation process by January 17, 2013.

The Buffalo CSD depends on substantial financial assistance from the State. In fiscal year 2010-11, the Buffalo CSD received \$625.9 million, of State Aid for all funds. For the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, the Buffalo CSD budgeted \$637.4 million of State Aid receipts for all funds, and as of December 31, 2011, expects to receive approximately \$633.8 million by the close of such fiscal year. The Buffalo CSD currently estimates that it will receive in the aggregate \$671.3 million of State Aid for all funds for its 2012-13 fiscal year. This estimate is based upon the sum of, (i) a \$633.9 million apportionment to the Buffalo CSD for operations and maintenance expenses contained in the Enacted State Budget, (ii) \$36.8 million in projected receipts of State grant funding which is based upon grant funding contained in the Enacted Budget and grant funding received by the Buffalo CSD in the 2011-12 fiscal year and; (iii) \$0.6 million in projected receipt of food service funding based upon food service funding received by the Buffalo CSD in the 2011-12 fiscal. No assurance can be given that State Aid for all funds actually received by the Buffalo CSD in its 2012-13 fiscal year will equal the amounts estimated above; however, the Buffalo CSD believes that the above estimate of State Aid for all funds is reasonable, based prior year State Aid receipts.

The State's continued financial difficulties could result in reduced payments of State Aid to municipalities and school districts in the State, including the Buffalo CSD. In the past, the State's financial and cash flow difficulties often resulted in similar cash flow difficulties and delays in payment of State Aid to school districts, including the Buffalo CSD. See "BONDHOLDERS' RISKS –The State's Financial Condition, Reduced State Aid, Delayed Payment" and "–Possible Future Budget Deficits."

#### State Aid Intercept

As stated above under "State Aid Intercept," in the event the Buffalo CSD fails to make an installment purchase payment under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, the Buffalo Schools Act and the Series 2012A Indenture each provides that upon receipt by the State Comptroller of a certificate from the Series 2012A Trustee on behalf of the Issuer as to the amount of such failed payment, the State Comptroller will withhold any State Aid from the Buffalo CSD payable thereto to the extent of the amount so stated in such certificate as not having been made, and will immediately pay over to the Series 2012A Trustee on behalf of the Issuer the amount so withheld. The Buffalo Schools Act provides that (x) any amount of State Aid paid by the State Comptroller will not obligate the State to make, nor entitle the Buffalo CSD to receive, any additional amounts of State Aid, (y) nothing contained in the Buffalo Schools Act will be deemed to prevent the State from modifying, reducing or eliminating any program or programs of State Aid and (z) the State will not be obligated by the terms of the Buffalo Schools Act to maintain State Aid and an particular level or amount. No assurance can be given that present State Aid levels will be maintained in the future. State budgetary restrictions which eliminate or substantially reduce State Aid (the only source of funds to make the installment purchase payments payable by the Buffalo CSD pursuant to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement) could have a material adverse effect

upon the Buffalo CSD, requiring the Buffalo CSD to either increase revenues from sources other than State Aid or curtail expenditures.

#### State Aid Categories Generally

State Aid for public schools comes primarily from the State's general fund wherein the major revenue source is State income and sales taxes. The balance of State Aid for public schools comes from a special revenue fund account supported by lottery receipts.

The following table sets forth the total amount of State Aid received by the Buffalo CSD for all funds for fiscal years 2006-07 through 2010-11, as well as State Aid funds expected to be received in fiscal years 2011-12.

State Aid (all funds) Buffalo CSD Fiscal Years 2007 through 2012			
	State Aid		
Fiscal Year Ending	Received		
June 30	(\$ in Millions)		
2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	$535.6578.7632.4619.0625.9633.8^{(1)}$		

Source: City of Buffalo Board of Education

<sup>(1)</sup> Projected as of December 31, 2011

The aggregate maximum annual installment purchase payments with respect to all Project Bonds outstanding and the Series 2012A Bonds (after giving effect to the refunding of all of the Series 2004 Bonds) is \$103,010,675.

Over the past five fiscal years commencing with fiscal year 2006-07 through and including fiscal year 2010-11, State Aid received by the Buffalo CSD has averaged approximately \$598.3 million per year. No assurance can be given that the amounts of State Aid received in past years will continue or be available in such amounts in future fiscal years. See "BONDHOLDERS' RISKS –The State's Financial Condition, Reduced State Aid, Delayed Payment," and APPENDIX A —"Audited Financial Statements of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Buffalo for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011."

Beginning with the 2007-08 fiscal year, the majority of State Aid received by the Buffalo CSD has been "Foundation Aid." Foundation Aid was established by the 2007-08 State budget and combined four categorical aid grants with certain other formula aids. Formula aids consist of State Aid determined in accordance with an application submitted to SED, which incorporates required data concerning district enrollment, attendance and approved expenditures. As a result of poor economic conditions affecting the State, no increase in Foundation Aid was received by the Buffalo CSD in fiscal years 2009-10 through and including fiscal year 2011-12 and Foundation Aid to the Buffalo CSD remains at the fiscal year 2008-

09 level of \$432.8 million. While Foundation Aid has not increased over the past three fiscal years, total State Aid received for all funds has increased. No assurance can be given that Foundation Aid will continue at its current level and could well decline in the future. In addition, no assurance can be given that other categories of State Aid will continue at current levels or will increase in the future. See "BONDHOLDERS' RISKS –The State's Financial Condition, Reduced State Aid, Delayed Payment."

The receipt of Foundation Aid is dependent upon, among other factors, satisfaction of certain monitoring and expenditure requirements. In addition, within Foundation Aid there are stipulations that the Buffalo CSD must use a formula-based amount on new programs, or expansion of existing programs, to improve student achievement, as outlined in the Contract for Excellence ("CFE"). For fiscal year 2011-12, the total CFE set-aside is \$13.6 million.

Another State Aid category, Charter School Transitional Aid, was established in the 2007-08 State Budget to help provide relief from the financial drain caused by the significant number of charter school students in certain school districts, including the Buffalo CSD. The Buffalo CSD received Charter School Transitional Aid in the amount of \$4.6 million in fiscal year 2009-10 and \$5.8 million in fiscal year 2010-11. In its fiscal year 2011-12 budget, the Buffalo CSD projected Charter School Transitional Aid in the amount of \$6.1 million. This aid continues on a rolling basis so long as charter school enrollment continues to increase.

The Buffalo CSD receives State Aid for education in several installments paid to the City throughout its fiscal year based on a formula established by SED. These installments of State Aid are paid net of the Buffalo CSD's contribution to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System.

In fiscal year 1999-00, the Buffalo CSD received additional lottery aid in the amount of \$30.0 million, which was provided to the Buffalo CSD to assist in funding the Buffalo Teachers Federation ("BTF") settlement payment. The \$30.0 million comprises two components: the first \$20.0 million was used for the teacher settlement amount paid in July 2001, and the second component of \$10.0 million was to be used as a stabilization reserve for the annual debt service owed to the New York State Municipal Bond Bank Agency for the \$25.0 million advanced to the Buffalo CSD for the BTF settlement. The \$30.0 million in lottery aid took the form of a "lottery advance" from the State. In effect, the \$20 million was a loan from the State which is to be paid back over 30 years. The repayment of this "loan" is captured in annual installments through a reduction in the amount of lottery aid paid to the Buffalo CSD, beginning in fiscal year 2000-01. The Buffalo CSD took an additional advance of \$1.4 million in the 2005-06 fiscal year in accordance with Chapter 465 of the Laws of 2005. This advance is also treated as a "loan" to be repaid over 30 years and the repayment is captured from annual aid installments. The Buffalo CSD records the gross amount of aid with its regular basic State Aid amount and books debt service payments for the amount of the installments withheld by the State. See "BONDHOLDERS' RISKS -Competing Claims to State Aid" and "-Default by the Buffalo CSD"; and "SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE SERIES 2012A BONDS -State Aid Intercept."

Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2005 provided for an apportionment to school districts for public pension accruals required to be accounted for beginning in the 2004-05 school year. Upon application, the apportionment is available to the Buffalo CSD as revenue, and may be used to offset any General Fund deficit resulting from the impact of implementing GASB Technical Bulletin 2004-2. The apportionment is an advance of the subsequent year's general aid payable, and will reduce general aid in such subsequent years. The Buffalo CSD applied for and received an advance of \$11.5 million in each of the fiscal years 2004-05 through 2010-11. The Buffalo CSD intends to apply for an advance in fiscal year 2011-12 and to continue this practice so long as the legislation is renewed.

Payment of State Aid for education may be withheld due to the failure of the City or the Buffalo CSD to comply with various requirements of State law or the regulations of the Commissioner of Education relating to instructional programs, programs for the handicapped or other matters or the failure of the City to pay debt service on obligations issued for school purposes. The City and the Buffalo CSD believe that they are in material compliance with all other requirements and have made the necessary debt service appropriations.

In addition to State Aid for education, the Buffalo CSD receives federal Medicaid reimbursement for certain health services provided to students. The Buffalo CSD received a total of \$1.3 million for Medicaid reimbursement in fiscal year 2010-11, and in fiscal year 2011-12 budgeted \$2.8 million; however, as of December 31, 2011, the Buffalo CSD expects to receive \$4.0 million in fiscal year 2011-12.

#### State Building Aid

A portion of State Aid received each year by the Buffalo CSD constitutes State Building Aid. State Building Aid is available for certain approved capital outlays and debt service for school buildings housing elementary and/or secondary students, and for school bus garages. A project is not eligible for State Building Aid unless the construction costs of the project are equal to or exceed \$10,000, excluding incidental costs. Consistent with Section 3602, subdivision 6 of the Education Law, construction may include new buildings, additions, alterations and reconstruction of existing facilities.

The purpose of State Building Aid is to assure that each school district provides for suitable and adequate facilities to accommodate the students and programs of the district. To this end, new facilities, new buildings, additions and major alterations must meet specific standards pertaining to the type, size and number of teaching stations, as well as building code requirements. Existing facilities must meet health and safety regulations and reconstruction of existing facilities must meet building code requirements.

The Commissioner of Education must approve plans and specifications for the capital construction projects undertaken by the Buffalo CSD. This charge is administered by the Office of Facilities Planning pursuant to Section 408 of the Education Law and Part 155.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. State Building Aid is eligible for payment the later of 18 months after the SED's approval of a project, substantial completion of that project or when the final cost report and certificate of substantial completion have been received by the SED.

Eligibility for new construction is determined through an assessment of information contained in the Buffalo CSD's long-range plan, and includes educational need, a comparison of pupil enrollment projections, and the rated pupil capacity of existing buildings. In the case of school buildings, State Building Aid is a function of the pupil capacity assigned to the capital construction project.

Currently, State Building Aid reimburses approximately 95% of Phase I, Phase II, Phase III, Phase IV and Phase V projects completed or now under construction. State Building Aid fluctuates from year to year based on a number of factors, including the ratio of the City's wealth to the State's average wealth. In the future, State Building Aid could be more or less than 95% for existing projects.

The State is not obligated to continue to make State Building Aid payments. No assurance can be given that State Building Aid will continue to be received by the Buffalo CSD or, if received, will be in amounts comparable to the amounts of State Building Aid received by the Buffalo CSD in the past. State budgetary restrictions could eliminate or substantially reduce State Building Aid in

# the future. See "BONDHOLDERS' RISKS – The State's Financial Condition, Reduced State Aid, and Delayed Payment."

Pursuant to Chapter 383 of the Laws of 2001 ("Chapter 383"), certain provisions of the Education Law were amended to impose an "assumed amortization schedule" with respect to certain debt incurred by the City related to school construction purposes ("School Debt") and to thereby revise the manner in which State Building Aid is to be paid to the Buffalo CSD with respect to such school debt commencing July 1, 2002. This legislation caused the City to refund and restructure a portion of its outstanding School Debt.

#### **New York State Budget Process**

The following discussion is being included because all payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement will be derived from State Aid, which State Aid is subject to annual appropriation by the State.

The State's budget process is based on an executive budget system under which the Governor is required by the State Constitution to seek and coordinate requests from agencies of State government, develop a "complete" plan of proposed expenditures and the revenues available to support them (a "balanced budget"), and submit a budget to the Legislature along with the appropriation bills and other legislation required to carry out budgetary recommendations. The Governor is also required by the State Finance Law to manage the budget through administrative actions during the fiscal year.

The State's fiscal year begins April 1 and ends on March 31. However, the actual "budget cycle," representing the time between early budget preparation and last-minute disbursements, begins some nine months earlier and lasts approximately 27 months - until the expiration of the State Comptroller's authority to honor vouchers against the previous fiscal year's appropriations:

#### Agency Budget Preparation (June-September/October)

The formal budget cycle begins when the Budget Director issues a policy memorandum - the "call letter"- to agency heads. The call letter outlines, in general terms, the Governor's priorities for the coming year, alerts the agency heads to expected fiscal constraints and informs agencies of the schedule for submitting requests to the Division of the Budget.

#### Division of the Budget Review (September/October-December)

Agencies typically submit their budget requests to the Division of the Budget in September or October, with copies provided to the legislative fiscal committees. Examination units within the Division then analyze the requests of agencies for which they have responsibility. In November, the Budget Director conducts a series of constitutionally authorized "formal" budget hearings, giving agency heads an opportunity to present and discuss their budget requests and giving the staff of the Division of the Budget and the Governor's office an "on-the-record" opportunity to raise critical questions on programs, policies and priorities.

Through late November, the Division's examiners transform agency requests into preliminary budget and personnel recommendations which are reviewed in detail with the Director. The staff also prepares the appropriation bills and any other legislation required to carry out these recommendations. By early December, the Division of the Budget will normally have completed its recommendations on both revenues and expenditures, and presented them to the Governor and the Governor's staff. Budget staff then prepares the tables and the narrative that accompany each agency budget, and the descriptions and forecasts of individual revenue sources.

#### The Governor's Decisions (November-January)

The Governor and staff who are also preparing the annual Message to the Legislature (the "State-of-the-State" message which the Governor presents to the Legislature when it convenes in January) are conversant with the budget throughout its development.

#### Legislative Action (January-March)

The Governor typically submits the Executive Budget to the Legislature in mid-January or following a gubernatorial election year, by February 1, along with the related appropriation, revenue and other budget bills concerning State operations, aid to localities, capital projects and debt service. The State's Five-Year Capital and Financing Plan (the "Financing Plan") is also submitted with the Executive Budget. Within 10 days, the Division of the Budget provides the Legislature with additional financial information supporting the Executive Budget. A three-year financial projection is submitted within 30 days following submission of the Executive Budget, although it can be submitted earlier.

The Legislature, primarily through its fiscal committees - Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means - then analyzes the Executive spending proposals and revenue estimates, holding public hearings on major programs and seeking further information from the staffs of the Division of the Budget and other State agencies. Following that review, the Legislature acts on the appropriation bill submitted with the Executive Budget to reflect its decisions.

The appropriation bills, except for those items which were added by the Legislature and the appropriation for the Legislature and Judiciary, become law without further action by the Governor. The Governor must approve or disapprove all or parts of the appropriation bills covering the Legislature and Judiciary and may use the line item veto to disapprove items added by the Legislature. As provided in the Constitution, the Legislature may override the Governor's veto by the vote of two-thirds of the members of each house. The passage of the appropriation bills provides a legal foundation for the disbursement of funds during the new fiscal year.

#### Budget Execution (March)

At this point the budget process enters a new phase — budget execution. As a first step, the Division of the Budget approves "certificates of allocation" informing the State Comptroller that accounts may be established as specified in the certificates and that vouchers drawn against the accounts may be honored.

In addition, the Division of the Budget keeps a close watch throughout the year on the flow of revenue and the pattern of expenditures against its projections. This information is reflected in quarterly updates of the Financial Plan which are provided to the Legislature, as required by law, in April (or as soon as practicable after budget enactment), July, October and with the Executive Budget for the ensuing year.

#### Possible Delays in Budget Enactment

While the 2012-13 Enacted State Budget was timely adopted, in the past, adoption of State budgets has been significantly delayed beyond the time frames outlined above. Any delay in adoption of the State budget could delay the payment of State Aid to municipalities and school districts in the State,

including the Buffalo CSD, which could, in turn, adversely affect the ability of the Buffalo CSD to make installment purchase payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. See "BONDHOLDERS' RISKS —The State's Financial Condition, Reduced State Aid, Delayed Payment."

#### Limited Obligations of the Issuer

THE SERIES 2012A BONDS ARE SPECIAL LIMITED OBLIGATIONS OF THE ISSUER PAYABLE SOLELY FROM STATE AID PAYABLE BY THE BUFFALO CSD UNDER THE 2012A INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT AND THE PLEDGE OF CERTAIN FUNDS, INCLUDING THE BOND FUND UNDER THE SERIES 2012A INDENTURE. IN THE EVENT THE BUFFALO CSD FAILS TO MAKE AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE PAYMENT UNDER THE 2012A INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT, IT IS PROVIDED IN THE BUFFALO SCHOOLS ACT AND THE SERIES 2012A INDENTURE THAT, UPON RECEIPT BY THE STATE COMPTROLLER OF A CERTIFICATE FROM THE SERIES 2012A TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE ISSUER AS TO THE AMOUNT OF SUCH FAILED PAYMENT, THE STATE COMPTROLLER SHALL WITHHOLD ANY STATE AID FROM THE BUFFALO CSD PAYABLE THERETO TO THE EXTENT OF THE AMOUNT SO STATED IN SUCH CERTIFICATE AS NOT HAVING BEEN MADE, AND SHALL IMMEDIATELY PAY OVER TO THE SERIES 2012A TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE ISSUER THE AMOUNT SO WITHHELD. THE OBLIGATION OF THE BUFFALO CSD UNDER THE 2012A INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT TO PAY INSTALLMENT PURCHASE PAYMENTS IS NOT A GENERAL OBLIGATION OF THE BUFFALO CSD OR THE CITY AND NEITHER THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT NOR THE TAXING POWERS OF THE BUFFALO CSD OR THE CITY ARE PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF INSTALLMENT PURCHASE PAYMENTS UNDER THE 2012A INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT. THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE BUFFALO CSD UNDER THE 2012A INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT TO PAY INSTALLMENT PURCHASE PAYMENTS IN ANY FISCAL YEAR OF THE BUFFALO CSD CONSTITUTE A CURRENT EXPENSE OF THE BUFFALO CSD FOR SUCH FISCAL YEAR AND SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE AN INDEBTEDNESS OR MORAL OBLIGATION OF THE BUFFALO CSD, THE CITY OR THE STATE WITHIN THE MEANING OF ANY CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY PROVISION OR OTHER LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. THE ONLY SOURCE OF MONEYS AVAILABLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE SERIES 2012A BONDS IS INSTALLMENT PURCHASE PAYMENTS MADE BY THE BUFFALO CSD UNDER THE 2012A INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT, TO THE EXTENT OF STATE AID APPROPRIATED BY THE STATE AND AVAILABLE TO THE BUFFALO CSD AND APPROPRIATED BY THE BUFFALO CSD TO MAKE SUCH PAYMENTS, AND THE INTERCEPT BY THE STATE COMPTROLLER OF STATE AID LAWFULLY APPROPRIATED BY THE STATE AND AVAILABLE THEREFOR FROM TIME TO TIME FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BUFFALO CSD.

## ANNUAL INSTALLMENT PURCHASE PAYMENTS

The following table sets forth the annual installment purchase payments due on April 1 of each year pursuant to the respective Series Facilities Agreement with respect to each series of Project Bonds after giving effect to the refunding, in whole, of the Series 2004 Bonds.

Installment Sale	2007A	2008A	2009A	2011A	2011B	2012A	
Payment	Installment	Installment	Installment	Installment	Installment	Installment	Total Installment
Date due	Purchase	Purchase	Purchase	Purchase	Purchase	Purchase	Purchase
	Payments <sup>(1)</sup>	Payments <sup>(1)(2)</sup>					
<u>April 1</u>	Payments	Payments	Payments	Payments	Payments	Payments	Payments
2013	\$14,638,975.00	\$14,015,375.00	\$23,794,975.02	\$19,415,475.00	\$5,328,100.00	\$23,899,525.00	\$101,092,425.02
2014	14,639,475.00	14,013,500.00	23,790,100.02	12,940,600.00	5,324,200.00	14,595,625.00	85,303,500.02
2015	14,639,600.00	14,012,500.00	23,795,100.02	12,940,725.00	13,718,625.00	14,597,000.00	93,703,550.02
2016	14,638,600.00	14,011,625.00	23,788,725.02	12,942,225.00	13,715,250.00	14,595,375.00	93,691,800.02
2017	14,640,600.00	14,015,000.00	23,789,725.02	12,944,350.00	13,714,000.00	23,896,625.00	103,000,300.02
2018	14,640,737.50	14,011,875.00	23,791,475.02	12,941,475.00	13,713,625.00	23,902,625.00	103,001,812.52
2019	14,639,968.75	14,013,318.75	23,792,475.02	12,942,850.00	13,717,750.00	23,898,375.00	103,004,737.52
2020	14,637,893.75	14,015,200.00	23,791,225.02	12,942,600.00	13,720,000.00	23,897,000.00	103,003,918.77
2021	14,637,931.25	14,011,493.75	23,791,100.02	12,939,975.00	13,714,250.00	23,901,125.00	102,995,875.02
2022	14,638,356.25	14,015,618.75	23,795,225.02	12,943,975.00	13,719,000.00	23,898,500.00	103,010,675.02
2023	14,637,443.75	14,015,850.00	23,796,506.27	12,943,600.00	13,717,625.00	23,896,875.00	103,007,900.02
2024	14,638,325.00	14,015,606.25	23,791,137.52	12,942,975.00	7,103,250.00	23,898,625.00	96,389,918.77
2025	14,638,987.50	14,013,162.50	23,794,962.52	12,939,643.75		23,901,000.00	89,287,756.27
2026	13,860,418.75	14,011,650.00	23,794,750.02	12,941,250.00		10,675,375.00	75,283,443.77
2027	13,079,900.00	14,013,912.50	23,794,031.27	12,941,737.50			63,829,581.27
2028	31,922,112.50	14,012,793.75	23,791,437.51	12,939,793.75			82,666,137.51
2029		24,777,443.75	22,228,625.00	12,943,843.75			59,949,912.50
2030			23,791,375.00	12,942,312.50			36,733,687.50
2031			7,272,375.00	12,943,625.00			20,216,000.00
2032				6,470,506.25			6,470,506.25
TOTAL	\$249,169,325.00	\$248,995,925.00	\$433,975,325.31	\$258,843,537.50	\$141,205,675.00	\$ 293,453,650.00	\$1,625,643,437.81

(1) An amount equal to the total principal and interest due on Project Bonds each May 1 and November 1 is due in full on each preceding April 1 pursuant to the respective Series Facilities Agreement.

(2) Interest due on November 1, 2012 with respect to the Series 2012A Bonds installment purchase payments totaling \$5,287,893.33 is not shown because it is funded through a transfer of funds from the Series 2004 Bond Fund.

#### **BONDHOLDERS' RISKS**

The discussion in this section regarding risks to holders of the Series 2012A Bonds is not intended to be dispositive, comprehensive or definitive, nor does the order in which the risks are discussed necessarily reflect their relative importance. The discussion is intended only to summarize certain matters that could affect payment on the Series 2012A Bonds. Holders of the Series 2012A Bonds should be aware that these matters and other potential risks and factors could materially adversely affect receipt by the holders of payments on the Series 2012A Bonds. There can be no assurance that other risks or factors will not become material in the future. Other sections of this Official Statement should be referred to for a more detailed description of the risks described in this section, which descriptions are qualified by reference to any documents discussed therein. Copies of all such documents are available for inspection at the principal corporate trust office of the Series 2012A Trustee.

#### The State's Financial Condition, Reduced State Aid, Delayed Payment

The amount of State Aid paid to the Buffalo CSD is dependent in large measure upon the financial condition of the State. The economic downturn and global financial crisis have had, and are anticipated to continue to have, an adverse impact on the State's financial condition resulting in significant current and future State budget deficits. Such financial difficulties may adversely affect the amount and timing of payment of State Aid to school districts in the State, including the Buffalo CSD. The State regularly publishes its Annual Information Statement relating to its financial condition, as well as quarterly updates and supplements thereto.

On March 30, 2012, New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver announced the passage of the 2012-13 New York State Budget. The Enacted State Budget provides for school aid of approximately \$20 billion, which represents an increase of approximately \$805 million or 4% in total education spending from the prior fiscal year. Most of this approximately \$805 million increase will be targeted at high-need school districts. In addition, the Enacted State Budget continues a two-year appropriation methodology established in the 2011-12 State fiscal year that limits future education aid increases to growth as measured by the total personal income of residents of the State. The Enacted State Budget also continues programs established in the 2011-12 State fiscal year for education performance and efficiency grants available in fiscal year 2013-14, with \$50 million in total appropriations for districts that demonstrate significant student performance improvements, or that undertake long-term structural changes to reduce costs and improve efficiency. The Enacted State Budget also provides for the linking of the provision of additional State Aid to compliance with a new teacher evaluation process which provides that school districts will not be eligible for aid unless they have fully implemented the new teacher evaluation process by January 17, 2013.

Although the Enacted State Budget provides for a 4% increase in school aid, aggregate school aid funding levels for State fiscal year 2012-13 are below funding levels established for State fiscal year 2010-11, which were \$20.9 billion. In addition, the Enacted State Budget continues programs commenced in the 2011-12 State fiscal year to limit growth in school aid. There can be no assurance that implementation of the Enacted State Budget will not be modified, or that other actions affecting State Aid could be proposed or implemented that would limit or reduce State Aid. The Buffalo CSD depends on substantial financial assistance from the State. Buffalo CSD's General Fund operations for fiscal year 2010-2011 were funded 81.7% from State Aid and such General Fund operations for fiscal year 2011-12 are budgeted to be funded 79.6% from State Aid.

The total amount of State Aid for all funds is comprised of Foundation Aid and a number of other State Aid categories. Foundation Aid is the largest component of State Aid for the Buffalo CSD. Due to

poor economic conditions in the State, Foundation Aid to the Buffalo CSD has been held by the State to fiscal year 2008-09 funding levels. Future reductions in Foundation Aid or other aid categories of State Aid to the Buffalo CSD could adversely affect the financial condition of the Buffalo CSD. See "THE SERIES 2012A BONDS –State Aid –*State Aid Categories Generally*."

Principal of and interest on the Project Bonds, including the Series 2012A Bonds, will be paid from State Aid payable through (i) installment purchase payments made by the Buffalo CSD under the Series Facilities Agreements, including the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement or (ii) from the intercept of State Aid by the State Comptroller. Both methods of payment are dependent upon lawful appropriations of State Aid being made each year by the State to the Buffalo CSD. No assurance can be given that present State Aid levels will be maintained in the future. The Buffalo Schools Act provides that (x) any amount of State Aid paid by the State Comptroller pursuant to the State Aid intercept provisions of the Buffalo Schools Act shall not obligate the State to make, nor entitle the Buffalo CSD to receive, any additional amounts of State Aid, (y) nothing contained in the Buffalo Schools Act shall be deemed to prevent the State from modifying, reducing or eliminating any program or programs of State Aid and (z) the State shall not be obligated by the terms of the Buffalo Schools Act to maintain State Aid at any particular level or amount. The State's continued financial difficulties could result in reduced payments of State Aid to municipalities and school districts in the State (including the Buffalo CSD) in future fiscal years. Given the Buffalo CSD's dependence on State Aid (the only source of funds to make the installment purchase payments payable by the Buffalo CSD pursuant to the Series Facilities Agreements, including the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement), substantial reductions in the payment of State Aid, as well as reductions in the rate of growth of State Aid, could materially adversely impact the Buffalo CSD's ability to pay, or timely pay, installment purchase payments under the Series Facilities Agreements, including the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, and accordingly, the payment of debt service on the Project Bonds, including the Series 2012A Bonds.

State financial difficulties may also result in protracted and delayed State budget negotiations which could result in delays in the adoption of the State budget. Delays in adoption of the State budget in future years could result in delayed payment of State Aid to school districts in the State, including the Buffalo CSD. During the State's 2009-10 fiscal year, State budgeting restrictions resulted in delayed payments of State Aid to school districts in the State. In the past, adoption of a State budget has been delayed as long as four and a half months. Given continuing State financial difficulties, there can be no assurance that (y) the State Legislature will continue to adopt State budgets in a timely fashion, or that (z) in the absence of such budget adoption, that the State Legislature will provide on a continuing resolution or other basis State Aid to the Buffalo CSD on an interim basis.

Furthermore, continued State financial difficulties could result in delayed payment of State Aid in the current and future fiscal years, and could affect payment of State Aid to the Buffalo CSD. Delay in the receipt of State Aid by the Buffalo CSD could have a material adverse financial impact on the Buffalo CSD and result in a delay in the application of such State Aid to the payment of installment purchase payments under the Series Facilities Agreements, including the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.

#### Default by the Buffalo CSD

No representations or assurances can be given that the Buffalo CSD will perform its obligations under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. The obligation of the Buffalo CSD to make installment purchase payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement is executory and dependent upon the receipt of State Aid and the appropriation of such State Aid by the Buffalo CSD to the payment of installment purchase payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. In the event State Aid has been appropriated by the State to the Buffalo CSD and the Buffalo CSD has failed to appropriate such State Aid to the payment of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, there is no right to accelerate all

future payments due under the Series 2012A Bonds, as appropriate, and the sole source of payment for the Series 2012A Bonds will be the intercept of State Aid by the State Comptroller. The failure of the Buffalo CSD to appropriate amounts necessary to make installment purchase payments due under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement may result in the failure of the Issuer to make required debt service payments under the Series 2012A Bonds. In such event, the sole remedy available to the Bondholders will be the intercept of State Aid by the State Comptroller. See "SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE SERIES 2012A BONDS —State Aid Intercept."

#### Appropriation of Installment Purchase Payments by the Buffalo CSD

The availability of installment purchase payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement is subject to and dependent upon lawful appropriations of State Aid being made each year to and by the Buffalo CSD for such purposes. The 2012A Installment Sale Agreement is not a general obligation of the Buffalo CSD or the City. The obligations of the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement to pay installment purchase payments in any fiscal year of the Buffalo CSD constitutes a current expense of the Buffalo CSD for such fiscal year and shall not constitute an indebtedness of the Buffalo CSD or the City within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision or other laws of the State. Neither the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, nor any representation by any public employee or officer creates any legal or moral obligation of the Buffalo CSD to appropriate or make moneys available for the purposes of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. The failure of the Buffalo CSD to pay installment purchase payments due under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement may result in the failure of the Issuer to make required debt service payments under the Series 2012A Bonds. In such event, there is no right to accelerate payments due under the Series 2012A Bonds and the sole remedy available to the Bondholders will be the intercept of State Aid by the State Comptroller.

#### **Competing Claims to State Aid**

#### General

Statutory provisions currently exist or may hereafter be enacted which permit State Aid otherwise payable to the Buffalo CSD to be diverted or intercepted and applied in satisfaction of indebtedness or obligations issued or incurred for school purposes or otherwise. In addition, at the present time, other than as provided in the State Aid Trust Agreement with respect to Project Bonds, there is no stated priority for the various multiple State Aid diversion and intercept claims. Furthermore, the impact of the diversion or intercept of State Aid to pay obligations other than Project Bonds will be increased in the event State Aid payments to the Buffalo CSD are reduced as described above.

#### Direct Claims

<u>Revenue Anticipation Notes</u>. Revenue anticipation notes issued by the City in anticipation of the receipt of State Aid are payable in the first instance from the amount of State Aid in anticipation of which such revenue anticipation notes were issued. State law requires that such State Aid received by the City be applied to retire such revenue anticipation notes prior to the application of such State Aid to any other purpose. Currently, there are no City revenue anticipation notes outstanding. The City last issued revenue anticipation notes in 2003 in the amount of \$120 million which notes matured and were paid in 2004. Operating cash flow financing for the City was provided by the BFSA for fiscal years 2005, 2006, and 2007 and therefore no revenue anticipation notes were issued by the City during those fiscal years. The City currently does not anticipate any cash flow financing in the remainder of fiscal year 2011-12 or in 2012-13. The State Aid Trust Agreement provides that, notwithstanding the provisions of the State Aid Trust Agreement provides that to the Series Trustees, upon receipt of written instructions to the Depository from the City, together with an accompanying monthly payment schedule

indicating that, pursuant to applicable State law and, if applicable, any credit enhancement agreement to which the City is a party, State Aid Revenues paid to the Buffalo CSD must be set aside in a special bank account designated in such instructions to be used only for the payment of the RAN Repayment Requirement, then each month the Depository shall immediately withdraw from the State Aid Depository Fund all State Aid that is received and cause the amounts so withdrawn to be immediately paid, before any further withdrawal or payment under the State Aid Trust Agreement, to the special bank account until the total amount of such withdrawals is equal to the portion of such RAN Repayment Requirement required, in accordance with such payment schedule, to be withdrawn and paid to such special bank account for such month or any prior month to the extent not paid. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event the Buffalo CSD shall fail to pay an installment purchase payment under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, the intercept provisions of the Buffalo Schools Act and the Series 2012A Indenture will operate to intercept State Aid prior to the payment of such State Aid to the Buffalo CSD in accordance with the State Aid prior to the payment of such State Aid will be intercepted to pay installment purchase payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, prior to its application by the City to the payment of outstanding revenue anticipation notes of the City.

Expenses for Handicapped Children. The State Comptroller deducts from State Aid to the City amounts required by statute to reimburse the State for certain expenditures made by the State for the education of certain blind, deaf and handicapped children in the City. Such expenditures withheld from Buffalo CSD State Aid for the 2010-11 fiscal year and expected to be withheld for fiscal year 2011-12 do not in each year exceed \$500,000 respectively.

#### Contingent Claims

Section 99-b. In the event of a default in the payment of the principal of and/or interest on outstanding general obligation indebtedness of the City for Buffalo CSD purposes, the State Comptroller is required to withhold, under certain conditions prescribed by Section 99-b of the State Finance Law, State Aid and assistance to the Buffalo CSD and to apply the amount thereof so withheld to the payment of such defaulted principal and/or interest, which requirement constitutes a covenant by the State with the holders from time to time of such general obligation indebtedness for Buffalo CSD purposes. As measured by the State Constitution and the Local Finance Law, as of March 15, 2012, the City had a total of \$111,189,321 of outstanding net indebtedness applicable to the Buffalo CSD, all of which is benefited from the Section 99-b intercept which constitutes approximately 19.0% of its debt limit. Maximum annual debt service with respect to such outstanding net indebtedness is \$16,834,589. The City anticipates that it will issue new money general obligation bonds in April 2012 in the approximate amount of \$27 million, of which approximately \$5 million will be available for purposes of the Buffalo CSD and benefit from the Section 99-b intercept. The City may also issue refunding general obligation bonds at the same time, the amount of which will be dependent upon market conditions.

The Series 2012A Bonds are not general obligation indebtedness of the City and accordingly do not benefit from the Section 99-b intercept.

<u>DASNY Bonds</u>. In the event of a default in the payment of the principal of and/or interest on outstanding general obligation indebtedness of the City for school purposes which is sold to the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York ("DASNY"), the State Comptroller is required pursuant to a separate DASNY intercept to withhold, under certain conditions prescribed by Section 1680 of the Public Authorities Law of the State and a related Memorandum of Understanding among the State Comptroller and DASNY, State Aid and assistance to the Buffalo CSD and to apply the amount thereof so withheld to the payment of such defaulted principal and/or interest. As of March 15, 2012, there were \$33,025,000 of such bonds outstanding and maximum annual debt service with respect to such outstanding DASNY Bonds was \$4,095,868. All DASNY Bonds also qualify for the Section 99-b

intercept described above and (i) the aggregate principal amount of the DASNY Bonds are included within the \$111,189,321 principal amount and (ii) the \$16,834,589 maximum annual debt service amount described above under "Section 99-b." The State Comptroller may at his option intercept State Aid for DASNY bonds pursuant to the Section 99-b intercept instead of utilizing the DASNY intercept to intercept State Aid.

<u>Charter School Delinquencies</u>. Pursuant to the Charter Schools Act, the Buffalo CSD is required to pay a State-set tuition rate to charter schools that enroll students residing in the City. In fiscal year 2010-11, the Buffalo CSD paid \$85.1 million in tuition payments to charter schools that enroll City resident students. In fiscal year 2011-12, \$92.6 million was budgeted for such tuition payments. It is anticipated that spending for charter schools will increase, due to an increase in expected charter school enrollment. The tuition per pupil was frozen at 2010-11 levels by the State for fiscal years 2011-12. In the event the Buffalo CSD fails to make any required payment to charter schools that enroll City resident students, the State Comptroller may deduct delinquent amounts from State Aid otherwise payable to the Buffalo CSD and pay such amounts to the charter schools.

<u>Municipal Bond Bank Agency Special Program Bonds.</u> Pursuant to the Bond Bank Act, the Bond Bank is authorized to issue bonds ("Special Program Bonds") for certain Special Program Municipalities, as defined in the Bond Bank Act, to fund the cost of making payment to such Special Program Municipalities to be applied to the cost of settling litigation involving the city school districts of Special Program Municipalities and the teachers' unions in such Special Program Municipalities. Principal and interest on the Special Program Bonds are payable from annual payments appropriated and made by the Special Program Municipalities to the Bond Bank. In the event that a Special Program Municipality fails to make an annual payment when due and the Bond Bank certifies such failure to the State Comptroller, the State Comptroller is authorized to withhold State Aid and assistance to the Buffalo CSD in such amount so certified by the Bond Bank as necessary to fulfill the Special Program Municipality's annual payment obligation and to immediately pay over to the Bond Bank the amount so withheld. The City is qualified under the Bond Bank Act as a Special Purpose Municipality and Special Program Bonds were issued in May 2001 to finance a \$25 million portion of a litigation settlement involving the Buffalo CSD and certain teachers' unions. As of March 15, 2012, there were \$22,585,000 of such bonds outstanding and maximum annual debt service with respect to such bonds was \$3,646,913.

<u>Failure to Comply with Regulations</u>. Payment of State Aid to education may be withheld due to the failure of the City or the Buffalo CSD to comply with various requirements of State law or the regulations of the Commissioner of Education relating to instructional programs, programs for the handicapped or other matters or the failure of the City to pay debt service on obligations issued for school purposes.

#### Effect on State Aid

Statutory application and intercept of State Aid for any of the above purposes or any other purpose would have the result of diminishing the flow of State Aid to the Buffalo CSD to make installment purchase payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, as well as possibly diminishing State Aid subject to an intercept by the State Comptroller under the Buffalo Schools Act. Furthermore, other State financing programs incorporate similar procedures for the application or withholding of State Aid as security for the repayment of obligations, or the repayment of financial assistance provided to school districts in the State. Moreover, the State has the power to (i) create additional State Aid intercept provisions, (ii) reduce or eliminate State Aid paid to school districts in the State and (iii) create State Aid intercept provisions having a prior right to intercept State Aid senior to the intercept of State Aid provided by the Buffalo Schools Act. If the Buffalo CSD is or becomes a participant in any such State financing program or otherwise pledges its State Aid, the extent to which

State Aid would be available (x) to pay installment purchase payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, or (y) to be intercepted by the State Comptroller and paid to the Series 2012A Trustee, could be adversely affected. No assurance is given that the Buffalo CSD will not participate in any such State financing programs in the future.

In addition to the foregoing, it is important to note that State Aid may, after the payment of Base Installment Purchase Payments, be applied to the payment of Additional Payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement for, among other things, casualty and indemnity obligations of the Buffalo CSD to the Issuer. Accordingly, a significant casualty or indemnity event could substantially reduce State Aid coverage levels in relation to Base Installment Payment obligations of the Buffalo CSD.

#### **Additional Series of Project Bonds**

The Buffalo CSD will finance the refunding, in whole, of the Series 2004 Bonds from the proceeds of the Series 2012A Bonds. The Series 2012A Bonds will each rank on a ratable basis with the claims of any remaining principal amount of the Project Bonds outstanding under the State Aid Trust Agreement, or from the State Comptroller as an intercept of State Aid under the Buffalo Schools Act. See APPENDIX D —"Summary of Certain Provisions of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement" and APPENDIX C —"Summary of Certain Provisions of the Series 2012A Indenture of Trust."

Although no amendments have been introduced for additional Program improvements beyond Phase V, the Buffalo Schools Act could be amended in the future to permit the Buffalo CSD to finance additional costs associated with the acquisition, renovation, reconstruction, improvement, equipping and furnishing of certain public school buildings and the acquisition of certain equipment and fixtures for use by the Buffalo CSD with the issuance of an additional Series of Project Bonds. The authorization and issuance of such additional Series of Project Bonds would further dilute the amount of State Aid available to make installment purchase payments with respect to the Series 2012A Bonds and reduce the amount of State Aid subject to intercept by the State Comptroller and payable to the Series 2012A Trustee. See "SECURITY FOR THE SERIES 2012A BONDS." No limitation exists upon the principal amount of Project Bonds, as may be issued, nor upon their payment dates or rate of amortization. This could result in a reduction in the funds available to make payments of principal of and interest on the Series 2012A Bonds.

#### **BFSA Approval of Financial Plans and Budgets**

Commencing with the City's 2004-05 fiscal year, the BFSA Act requires that the Mayor submit to the BFSA a four-year financial plan and the Mayor's proposed City budget on or before May 1 of each year. Such financial plans must provide that the major operating funds of the City will be balanced in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Not more than 20 days after submission by the City of a financial plan or more than 15 days after the submission of a financial plan modification, the BFSA is to determine whether such plan or modification is complete and complies with the BFSA Act, and shall submit its recommendations with respect to the financial plan. Upon approval by the City of a budget in accordance with the City Charter, the Mayor must submit such approved budget and financial plan to the BFSA accompanied by expenditure, revenue, and cash flow projections on a quarterly basis and the Mayor must certify that such budget is consistent with the financial plan. It is currently anticipated that the City and the Buffalo CSD will submit their respective fiscal year 2012-13 proposed budgets and new four-year financial plans to the BFSA on or before May 1, 2012. Although past City budgets and past four year plans have been approved by the BFSA, no assurance can be given that during a control period the BFSA will approve future budgets and four year plans. Failure of the BFSA to approve future four year plans and budgets could result in (i) withholding of BFSA funding to the City and (ii) the BFSA imposing maximum spending limits and formulating and imposing financial plans on the City, all of which could adversely affect the financial condition of the City and the Buffalo CSD. See "PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS – The Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority," "–The Buffalo CSD and Board of Education –*Approval of the 2012-13 Budget of the Buffalo CSD*" and "SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE SERIES 2012A BONDS –State Aid."

#### **Possible Future Budget Deficits**

Although it is expected that the Buffalo CSD's fiscal year 2011-12 budget will meet its projections by 2011-12 fiscal year end and will be in balance, the Buffalo CSD may experience budget deficits in the future. The Buffalo CSD's existing four-year financial plan, adopted in 2011 in connection with the Buffalo CSD's 2011-12 budget, projects budget deficits of \$52.8 million in fiscal year 2012-13, \$61.8 million in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$76.8 million in fiscal year 2014-15. It is currently anticipated that the Buffalo CSD will submit a new four-year financial plan and fiscal year 2012-13 budget on or before May 1, 2012. By law, the Buffalo CSD must submit a balanced budget and it is expected that the Buffalo CSD's fiscal year 2012-13 will be in balance. Although the Buffalo CSD expects to eliminate the future budget deficits described in its existing four-year plan by utilizing reserves and undertaking certain gap elimination programs, no assurance can be given that future budgetary results will be in balance. There is also no certainty that State Aid levels will not be reduced in future years, which could increase the likelihood of budget deficits in the future. Additionally, federal stimulus funds are set to expire in fiscal year 2011-12 and several labor contracts which expired in 2004 remain unsettled. Future budget deficits could have a material adverse effect upon the financial operations of the Buffalo CSD, requiring the Buffalo CSD to either increase revenues from sources other than State Aid or curtail expenditures. See "PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS – The Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority", "–The Buffalo CSD and Board of Education – Approval of the 2012-13 Budget of the Buffalo CSD" and "SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE SERIES 2012A BONDS -State Aid."

#### Litigation over BFSA Wage Freeze

Litigation by collective bargaining units could impact the Buffalo CSD and the City, deriving from a dispute over a wage freeze instituted by the BFSA in the year 2004. While a number of collective bargaining units have settled their potential claims, there remain potential claims by the collective bargaining units representing teachers, firefighters and police officers (as well as a few other somewhat smaller collective bargaining units). The collective bargaining units had initially commenced an action in federal court to seek reversal of the imposition by BFSA of the wage freeze, but were unsuccessful. Thereafter, in 2007, the BFSA lifted the wage freeze and simultaneously resolved in favor of a one step wage increase on employees' salaries as of July 1, 2007. A dispute arose in which the collective bargaining units claimed that they were entitled to up to three additional wage step increases which, but for the imposition of the wage freeze, would have been paid to members of collective bargaining units. This dispute was litigated in New York State Courts over the course of several years until the New York State Court of Appeals in March of 2011 ultimately ruled in favor of the Buffalo CSD, the City and the BFSA (In the Matter of Robert P. Meegan, Jr., Respondents, v. Byron W. Brown, Appellants).

In May 2011, the Buffalo Teachers Federation filed a motion in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit "to recall the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit mandate affirming dismissal of their contract clause claims" relating to the initial federal court action recited above. In early June of 2011, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit denied the motion. In late June 2011, the Buffalo Teachers Federation filed a motion in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York again seeking relief from the final judgment rendered against the Buffalo Teachers Federation in the initial federal court action (recited above) and seeking to reopen the initial federal court case for the purpose of adjudicating certain "Contract Clause" claims asserted in the initial federal court action. The City and the Buffalo CSD were not parties to the June 2011 motion; only the BFSA/BFSA directors/members were

named defendants. Given the possible impact of an adverse decision, the City and the Buffalo CSD formally sought to intervene to respond to the motion. In early February 2012, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York denied the June 2011 motion of the Buffalo Teachers Federation to reopen the initial federal court case. The Buffalo Teachers Federation filed a Notice of Appeal on March 7, 2012. The City and the Buffalo CSD expect to continue to formally oppose the Buffalo Teachers Federation in this litigation. The total possible exposure in this matter if imposition of the wage freeze is overturned would be in the range of up to approximately \$111 million which could adversely affect the current and future budgets of the Buffalo CSD. The District has currently designated \$74.3 million of fund balances for either the possible loss of this litigation or related settling of the new collective bargaining agreement.

#### **Absence of Title Insurance**

No title insurance policy had been obtained for insuring the 2004 Facilities nor will it be obtained for the 2004 Facilities under the Amended 2004 Ground Lease. In the event the Issuer lacks a valid leasehold in the Series 2004 Facilities under the Amended 2004 Ground Lease, any such defect could put into question the authority of the Issuer: (i) to lease the Series 2004 Facilities from the City and the Buffalo CSD under the Amended 2004 Ground Lease, or (ii) to sell, pursuant to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, such leasehold interest in the Series 2004 Facilities to the Buffalo CSD and thereby jeopardize the basis upon which the Buffalo CSD is obligated to make installment purchase payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and upon which the Issuer (through the Series 2012A Trustee) may make certification to the State Comptroller for intercepting State Aid.

#### **Enforceability of Remedies**

The remedies available to the holders of the Series 2012A Bonds upon an event of default under the Series 2012A Indenture or other documents described herein are in many respects dependent upon judicial actions which are often subject to discretion and delay. Existing constitutional and statutory law and judicial decisions, including Title 11 of the United States Code, affect the payment rights of Bondholders, and the remedies specified by the federal bankruptcy laws, the Series 2012A Indenture, and the various documents referred to herein may not be readily available or may be limited. The legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Series 2012A Bonds will be qualified as to enforceability of the legal instruments by limitations imposed by bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, or other similar laws affecting the rights of creditors generally. In addition, such opinions will state that the availability of remedies may be limited by judicial application of principles of equity which may delay or preclude the exercise of remedies, including mortgage foreclosure.

#### **State Aid Trust Agreement**

Amounts held in the State Aid Depository Fund under the State Aid Trust Agreement are not pledged to the repayment of the Series 2012A Bonds. The State Aid Depository Fund is not a trust fund held under the Series 2012A Indenture, and the Series 2012A Trustee does not and will not have a security interest in amounts held therein. In addition, the obligations of the City, the Buffalo CSD, the Depository and the Series Trustees relating to the collection, deposit and disbursement of State Aid contained in the State Aid Trust Agreement are not statutory obligations but contractual obligations of the Depository, the City, the Buffalo CSD and the Series Trustees and failure of such parties to comply with the provisions of the State Aid Trust Agreement would be actionable solely as a breach of contract matter. See also "–Additional Series of Project Bonds" above.

#### **Statutory Interpretation**

There is currently no statutory authorization under the Buffalo Schools Act to finance school facilities beyond Phase V. The Buffalo CSD is subject to the limitations imposed by State law including, but not limited to, the Education Law, the General Municipal Law and the Local Finance Law. Generally, such laws limit the power of the Buffalo CSD to incur indebtedness, lease or purchase facilities, and enter into installment purchase agreements similar to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. Notwithstanding such limitations, the Corporation Counsel of the City will provide an opinion to be delivered at the closing of the Series 2012A Bonds to the effect that the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement is valid, binding and enforceable against the Buffalo CSD in accordance with its terms subject to certain limitations (bankruptcy, discretion as to remedies, etc.). Such opinions will be based on a number of factors including the Corporation Counsel's interpretation of State Law and the Buffalo Schools Act and the Corporation Counsel's interpretation of State Law and the Buffalo Schools Act. The Buffalo Schools Act has not been subjected to judicial review and the legal authority provided to the Buffalo CSD by the Buffalo Schools Act could be subject to differing interpretation. Reference is hereby made to the form of opinion of Corporation Counsel of the City to be delivered upon issuance of the Series 2012A Bonds, a copy of which will be on file with the Series 2012A Trustee.

#### Limited Obligations of the Issuer

THE SERIES 2012A BONDS ARE SPECIAL LIMITED OBLIGATIONS OF THE ISSUER PAYABLE SOLELY FROM STATE AID PAYABLE BY THE BUFFALO CSD UNDER THE 2012A INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT, AND THE PLEDGE OF CERTAIN FUNDS INCLUDING THE BOND FUND UNDER THE SERIES 2012A INDENTURE. IN THE EVENT THE BUFFALO CSD FAILS TO MAKE AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE PAYMENT UNDER THE 2012A INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT, IT IS PROVIDED IN THE BUFFALO SCHOOLS ACT AND THE SERIES 2012A INDENTURE THAT, UPON RECEIPT BY THE STATE COMPTROLLER OF A CERTIFICATE FROM THE SERIES 2012A TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE ISSUER AS TO THE AMOUNT OF SUCH FAILED PAYMENT, THE STATE COMPTROLLER SHALL WITHHOLD ANY STATE AID FROM THE BUFFALO CSD PAYABLE THERETO TO THE EXTENT OF THE AMOUNT SO STATED IN SUCH CERTIFICATE AS NOT HAVING BEEN MADE, AND SHALL IMMEDIATELY PAY OVER TO THE SERIES 2012A TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE ISSUER THE AMOUNT SO WITHHELD. THE OBLIGATION OF THE BUFFALO CSD UNDER THE 2012A INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT TO PAY INSTALLMENT PURCHASE PAYMENTS IS NOT A GENERAL OBLIGATION OF THE BUFFALO CSD OR THE CITY AND NEITHER THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT NOR THE TAXING POWERS OF THE BUFFALO CSD OR THE CITY ARE PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF INSTALLMENT PURCHASE PAYMENTS UNDER THE 2012A INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT. THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE BUFFALO CSD UNDER THE 2012A INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT TO PAY INSTALLMENT PURCHASE PAYMENTS IN ANY FISCAL YEAR OF THE BUFFALO CSD CONSTITUTE A CURRENT EXPENSE OF THE BUFFALO CSD FOR SUCH FISCAL YEAR AND SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE AN INDEBTEDNESS OR MORAL OBLIGATION OF THE BUFFALO CSD, THE CITY OR THE STATE WITHIN THE MEANING OF ANY CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY PROVISION OR OTHER LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. THE ONLY SOURCE OF MONEYS AVAILABLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE SERIES 2012A BONDS IS INSTALLMENT PURCHASE PAYMENTS MADE BY THE BUFFALO CSD UNDER THE 2012A INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT, TO THE EXTENT OF STATE AID APPROPRIATED BY THE STATE AND AVAILABLE TO THE BUFFALO CSD AND APPROPRIATED BY THE BUFFALO CSD TO MAKE SUCH PAYMENTS, AND THE INTERCEPT BY THE STATE COMPTROLLER OF STATE AID LAWFULLY APPROPRIATED BY THE STATE AND AVAILABLE THEREFOR FROM TIME TO TIME FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BUFFALO CSD.

#### Absence of Public Market for the Series 2012A Bonds

The Buffalo CSD has been advised by the Underwriters that the Underwriters presently intend to make a market in the Series 2012A Bonds. The Underwriters, however, are not obligated to do so, and any market-making activities with respect to the Series 2012A Bonds may be discontinued at any time without notice. No assurance is given that an active public or other market will develop for the Series 2012A Bonds or as to liquidity of or the trading market for the Series 2012A Bonds. If a trading market does not develop or is not maintained, holders of the Series 2012A Bonds may experience difficulty in reselling the Series 2012A Bonds or may be unable to sell them at all. If a market for the Series 2012A Bonds develops, any such market may be discontinued at any time. If a public trading market develops for the Series 2012A Bonds, future trading prices of the Series 2012A Bonds will depend on many factors, including, among other things, prevailing interest rates, State Aid paid to the Buffalo CSD and the market for similar securities. Depending on prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities and other factors, including the financial condition of the Buffalo CSD, the Series 2012A Bonds may trade at a discount from their principal amount.

#### **TAX MATTERS**

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

In the opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, Bond Counsel to the Issuer, under existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance with certain tax covenants described herein, (i) interest on the Series 2012A Bonds is excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and (ii) interest on the Series 2012A Bonds is not treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations under the Code; such interest, however, is included in the adjusted current earnings of certain corporations for purposes of calculating the alternative minimum tax imposed on such corporations. In rendering its opinion, Bond Counsel to the Issuer has relied on certain representations, certifications of fact, and statements of reasonable expectations made by the Issuer and the Buffalo CSD in connection with the Series 2012A Bonds, and Bond Counsel to the Issuer has assumed compliance by the Issuer and the Buffalo CSD in connection with the Series 2012A Bonds, and Bond Counsel to the Issuer has assumed compliance by the Issuer and the Buffalo CSD with certain ongoing covenants to comply with applicable requirements of the Code to assure the exclusion of interest on the Series 2012A Bonds from gross income under Section 103 of the Code.

In addition, in the opinion of Bond Counsel to the Issuer, under existing statutes, interest on the Series 2012A Bonds is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York).

Bond Counsel to the Issuer expresses no opinion regarding any other Federal, state or local tax consequences with respect to the Series 2012A Bonds. Bond Counsel to the Issuer renders its opinion under existing statutes and court decisions as of the issue date, and assumes no obligation to update, revise or supplement its opinion to reflect any action hereafter taken or not taken, or any facts or circumstances that may hereafter come to its attention, or changes in law or in interpretations thereof that may hereafter occur, or for any other reason. Bond Counsel to the Issuer expresses no opinion on the effect of any action hereafter taken or not taken in reliance upon an opinion of other counsel on the exclusion from gross income for Federal income tax purposes of interest on the Series 2012A Bonds, or under state and local tax law.

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

The Code establishes certain ongoing requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the Series 2012A Bonds in order that interest on the Series 2012A Bonds be and remain excluded from gross income under Section 103 of the Code. These requirements include, but are not limited to, requirements relating to use and expenditure of gross proceeds of the Series 2012A Bonds, yield and other restrictions on investments of gross proceeds, and the arbitrage rebate requirement that certain excess earnings on gross proceeds be rebated to the Federal government. Noncompliance with such requirements may cause interest on the Series 2012A Bonds to become included in gross income for Federal income tax purposes retroactive to their issue date, irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs or is discovered. The Issuer and the Buffalo CSD have each covenanted to comply with certain applicable requirements of the Code to assure the exclusion of interest on the Series 2012A Bonds from gross income under Section 103 of the Code.

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

The following is a brief discussion of certain collateral Federal income tax matters with respect to the Series 2012A Bonds. It does not purport to address all aspects of Federal taxation that may be relevant to a particular owner of a Series 2012A Bond. Prospective investors, particularly those who may be subject to special rules, are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding the Federal tax consequences of owning and disposing of the Series 2012A Bonds.

Prospective owners of the Series 2012A Bonds should be aware that the ownership of such obligations may result in collateral Federal income tax consequences to various categories of persons, such as corporations (including S corporations and foreign corporations), financial institutions, property and casualty and life insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security and railroad retirement benefits, individuals otherwise eligible for the earned income tax credit, and taxpayers deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry obligations the interest on which is excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes. Interest on the Series 2012A Bonds may be taken into account in determining the tax liability of foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax imposed by Section 884 of the Code.

#### **Bond Premium**

In general, if an owner acquires a Series 2012A Bond for a purchase price (excluding accrued interest) or otherwise at a tax basis that reflects a premium over the sum of all amounts payable on the Series 2012A Bond after the acquisition date (excluding certain "qualified stated interest" that is unconditionally payable at least annually at prescribed rates), that premium constitutes "bond premium" on that Series 2012A Bond (a "Premium Bond"). In general, under Section 171 of the Code, an owner of a Premium Bond must amortize the bond premium over the remaining term of the Premium Bond based on the owner's yield over the remaining term of the Premium Bond, determined based on constant yield principles (in certain cases involving a Premium Bond callable prior to its stated maturity date, the amortization period and yield may be required to be determined on the basis of an earlier call date that results in the lowest yield on such bond). An owner of a Premium Bond must amortize the bond premium by offsetting the qualified stated interest allocable to each interest accrual period under the owner's regular method of accounting against the bond premium allocable to that period. In the case of a taxexempt Premium Bond, if the bond premium allocable to an accrual period exceeds the qualified stated interest allocable to that accrual period, the excess is a nondeductible loss. Under certain circumstances, the owner of a Premium Bond may realize a taxable gain upon disposition of the Premium Bond even though it is sold or redeemed for an amount less than or equal to the owner's original acquisition cost. Owners of any Premium Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding the treatment of bond

premium for Federal income tax purposes, including various special rules relating thereto, and state and local tax consequences, in connection with the acquisition, ownership, amortization of bond premium on, sale, exchange, or other disposition of Premium Bonds.

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

Information reporting requirements apply to interest paid on tax-exempt obligations, including the Series 2012A Bonds. In general, such requirements are satisfied if the interest recipient completes, and provides the payor with, a Form W-9, "Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification," or if the recipient is one of a limited class of exempt recipients. A recipient not otherwise exempt from information reporting who fails to satisfy the information reporting requirements will be subject to the "backup withholding," which means that the payor is required to deduct and withhold a tax from the interest payment, calculated in the manner set forth in the Code. For the foregoing purpose, a "payor" generally refers to the person or entity from whom a recipient receives its payments of interest or who collects such payments on behalf of the recipient.

If an owner purchasing a Series 2012A Bond through a brokerage account has executed a Form W-9 in connection with the establishment of such account, as generally can be expected, no backup withholding should occur. In any event, backup withholding does not affect the excludability of the interest on the Series 2012A Bonds from gross income for Federal income tax purposes. Any amounts withheld pursuant to backup withholding would be allowed as a refund or a credit against the owner's Federal income tax once the required information is furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

#### Miscellaneous

Tax legislation, administrative actions taken by tax authorities, or court decisions, whether at the Federal or state level, may adversely affect the tax-exempt status of interest on the Series 2012A Bonds under Federal or state law, or otherwise prevent beneficial owners of the Series 2012A Bonds from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. In addition, such legislation or actions (whether currently proposed, proposed in the future or enacted) and such decisions could affect the market price or marketability of the Series 2012A Bonds.

Prospective purchasers of the Series 2012A Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding the foregoing matters.

#### **APPROVAL OF LEGAL MATTERS**

All legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance and delivery of the Series 2012A Bonds by the Issuer are subject to the approving opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, New York, New York, Bond Counsel to the Issuer. A copy of the opinion of Bond Counsel will be available at the time of delivery of the Series 2012A Bonds, the form of which is set forth in APPENDIX E. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Issuer by its counsel, Harris Beach PLLC, Buffalo, New York. Legal matters pertaining to the JSCB will be passed upon by its counsel, Harter Secrest & Emery LLP, Buffalo, New York, and for the Buffalo CSD and the City by the Corporation Counsel of the City. For purposes of this transaction, Hodgson Russ LLP is serving as counsel to the Depository and to the Series 2012A Trustee. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriters by their co-counsel, Hiscock & Barclay, LLP, Buffalo, New York and Winston & Strawn LLP, New York, New York.

## FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Capital Markets Advisors, LLC (the "Financial Advisor") serves as independent financial advisor to the City and the Buffalo CSD on matters relating to debt management. The Financial Advisor is a financial advisory and consulting organization and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, marketing or trading municipal securities or any other negotiated instruments. The Financial Advisor has provided advice as to the plan of financing and the structuring of the Series 2012A Bonds and has reviewed and commented on certain legal documentation, including this Official Statement. The advice on the plan of financing and the structuring of the Series 2012A Bonds was based on materials provided by the City and the Buffalo CSD and other sources of information believed to be reliable. The Financial Advisor has not audited, authenticated or otherwise verified the information provided by the City or the Buffalo CSD or the information set forth in this Official Statement or any other information available to the City or the Buffalo CSD with respect to the appropriateness, accuracy or completeness of disclosure of such information or other information and no guarantee, warranty or other representation is made by the Financial Advisor respecting the accuracy and completeness of or any other matter related to such information and this Official Statement.

#### **NO LITIGATION**

It is a condition of their acceptance of the Series 2012A Bonds at closing that the Underwriters receive certificates from the Issuer and the Buffalo CSD to the effect that there is no pending or, to the knowledge of the Issuer or the Buffalo CSD, threatened litigation against the Issuer or the Buffalo CSD that in any way questions or affects the validity of the Series 2012A Bonds, the Series 2012A Indenture, the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, the Amended 2004 Ground Lease, the State Aid Trust Agreement, or any proceedings or transactions relating to the issuance, sale or delivery of the Series 2012A Bonds or the execution and delivery of any of such documents or that would materially and adversely affect the refunding of the Series 2004 Bonds.

As of the date of this Official Statement, except as described herein, the Buffalo CSD has certified that it does not know of any fact or set of facts from which liability might arise which individually or collectively would materially and adversely affect the business or operations of the Buffalo CSD or the refunding of the Series 2004 Bonds.

#### VERIFICATION

The accuracy of the mathematical computations of the adequacy of the maturing principal amounts of and interest on the defeasance securities to pay when due all principal or Redemption Price of, as the case may be, and interest on the Series 2004 Bonds will be verified by Causey Demgen & Moore Inc., certified public accountants and consultants.

#### RATINGS

Moody's Investors Service, Inc. has rated the Series 2012A Bonds "Aa3" and Standard & Poor's has rated the Series 2012A Bonds "AA-."

Generally, a rating agency bases its rating on information and materials furnished to it and on investigations, studies and assumptions by such rating agency. There is no assurance that such rating will continue for any given period of time or will not be revised downward, suspended or withdrawn entirely by the rating agency, if, in its judgment, circumstances so warrant. Any such lowering, suspension or withdrawal of the rating might have an adverse effect upon the market price or marketability of the Series 2012A Bonds. The Underwriters, the Issuer and the Buffalo CSD undertake no responsibility after the

issuance of the Series 2012A Bonds to assure the maintenance of the rating or to oppose any revision, suspension or withdrawal thereof.

A securities rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time.

#### UNDERWRITING

Citigroup Global Markets Inc., as representative (the "Representative") of the underwriters (the "Underwriters") under the Purchase Contract for the Series 2012A Bonds (the "Series 2012A Purchase Contract"), among the Issuer, the Buffalo CSD and the Underwriters, has agreed, subject to certain conditions, to purchase the Series 2012A Bonds from the Issuer at a purchase price of \$243,031,752.78 (representing the principal amount of the Series 2012A Bonds of \$209,540,000 plus an original issue premium of \$34,928,436.25 less an underwriters' discount of \$1,436,683.47) and to make a public offering of the Series 2012A Bonds. The Underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the Series 2012A Bonds if any are purchased.

In connection with the public offering of the Series 2012A Bonds, the Underwriters will be receiving compensation in the amount of the underwriters' discount. The Underwriters' obligation under the Series 2012A Purchase Contract to accept delivery of the Series 2012A Bonds is subject to certain terms and conditions, including the approval of certain legal matters by counsel. The public offering prices set forth on the inside cover page hereof may be changed from time to time at the discretion of the Underwriters.

Pursuant to the Series 2012A Purchase Contract, the Buffalo CSD has agreed to indemnify the Underwriters and the Issuer against certain liabilities to the extent permitted by law.

Citigroup Inc., parent company of Citigroup Global Markets Inc., an underwriter of the Series 2012A Bonds, has entered into a retail brokerage joint venture with Morgan Stanley. As part of the joint venture, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. will distribute municipal securities to retail investors through the financial advisor network of a new broker-dealer, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC. This distribution arrangement became effective on June 1, 2009. As part of this arrangement, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. will compensate Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC for its selling efforts with respect to the Series 2012A Bonds.

Lebenthal & Co., an underwriter of the Series 2012A Bonds, has entered into an agreement (the "Distribution Agreement") with Advisors Asset Management, Inc. ("AAM") for the retail distribution of certain municipal securities offerings, including the Series 2012A Bonds. Pursuant to the Distribution Agreement, Lebenthal will compensate AAM for its selling efforts in connection with their respective allocations of the Series 2012A Bonds.

The Underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. Certain of the Underwriters and their respective affiliates have, from time to time, performed, and may in the future perform, various investment banking services for the Issuer for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses.

In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the Underwriters and their respective affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or

related derivative securities) and financial instruments (which may include bank loans and/or credit default swaps) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers and may at any time hold long and short positions in such securities and instruments. Such investment and securities activities may involve securities and instruments of the Issuer.

#### SECONDARY MARKET DISCLOSURE

In order to assist the Underwriters in complying with the provisions of paragraph (b)(5) of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule"), the Buffalo CSD will undertake, pursuant to an agreement, for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Series 2012A Bonds, (the "Continuing Disclosure Agreement") to provide to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"), as the sole nationally recognized securities repository through the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA"), on an annual basis no later than 360 days after the end of each respective Fiscal Year of the Buffalo CSD commencing with the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012, certain financial and operating data concerning the Buffalo CSD of the type included in this Official Statement and as specified in the Continuing Disclosure Agreement. In addition, the Buffalo CSD will undertake, for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Series 2012A Bonds, to provide notice to the MSRB through EMMA, in a timely manner, but in not more than 10 business days after the occurrence of any event enumerated in the Rule. Any filing to be made under the Continuing Disclosure Agreement may be made solely by transmitting such filing to the MSRB through EMMA as provide at <u>http://emma.msrb.org</u>. See APPENDIX F.

Continuing disclosure agreements which were executed by the Buffalo CSD with respect to the each series of Project Bonds outstanding, as well as to be executed in connection with issuance of the Series 2012A Bonds, require the Buffalo CSD to file with each Nationally Recognized Municipal Securities Information Depository ("NRMSIR") audited financial statements and certain financial and operating data of the type contained in the respective official statements relating to each of the respective Project Bonds outstanding and the Series 2012A Bonds no later than 360 days after the end of each respective fiscal year of the Buffalo CSD. Although the Buffalo CSD filed its audited financial statements with the NRMSIRs in a timely manner in compliance with the existing continuing disclosure agreements, the Buffalo CSD failed to file financial and operating data with respect to its 2005 fiscal year until August 8, 2007. The Buffalo CSD has established procedures to insure that future filings of continuing disclosure information will be complete and will be undertaken in a timely manner in compliance with existing such filings to the MSRB through EMMA. Aside from the foregoing, the Buffalo CSD is in compliance with all existing continuing disclosure agreements.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The summaries of and references herein to the Act, the Buffalo Schools Act, the Series 2012A Bonds, the Series 2012A Indenture, the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, the State Aid Trust Agreement, the Amended 2004 Ground Lease and other documents and materials are only brief outlines of certain provisions thereof and do not purport to summarize or describe all the provisions thereof. Reference is hereby made to such documents for the complete provisions thereof, copies of which may be obtained from the Series 2012A Trustee.

The financial statements of the Board of Education (a component unit of the City of Buffalo, New York) for the year ended June 30, 2011 included in this Official Statement have been audited by Freed Maxick & Battaglia, P.C., independent auditors, as stated in their report appearing in APPENDIX A.

Any statements in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion or forecast, whether or not expressly so stated, are intended as such and not as representations of fact. No representation is made that any of the opinions, estimates or forecasts will be realized. This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or an agreement between the Issuer, the Buffalo CSD or the Underwriters and any purchaser of the Series 2012A Bonds.

The appendices hereto are an integral part of this Official Statement and must be read together with all of the foregoing statements.

The Buffalo CSD has reviewed the information contained herein that relates to it, its properties and operations, and has approved all such information for use within this Official Statement.

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The distribution of this Official Statement to prospective purchasers of the Series 2012A Bonds by the Underwriters has been duly authorized by the Issuer and the Buffalo CSD. This Official Statement is made available only in connection with the sale of the Series 2012A Bonds and may not be used in whole or in part for any other purpose.

## ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: /s/ Alfred D. Culliton Authorized Officer

#### CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO

By: /s/ Louis J. Petrucci President Board of Education [THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK]

# APPENDIX A

# AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

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# FINANCIAL SECTION

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Freed Maxick & Battaglia, CPAs, PC

# Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Education of the City of Buffalo, New York

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Board of Education, City of Buffalo, New York (the Board) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, which collectively comprise the Board's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Board's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Board as of June 30, 2011 and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As stated in Note 2, the Board adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 17, 2011 on our consideration of the Board's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis, the schedule of funding progress for the retiree health plan and budgetary comparison schedule on pages 1 through 15, A42 and A43 through A44 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Board's basic financial statements. The schedules, listed in the table of contents as supplemental schedules, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is also presented for purposes of additional analysis, as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audit of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Freed Maxick & Battaglia, CAS, PC

Buffalo, New York October 17, 2011



# Management's Discussion and Analysis Board of Education, City of Buffalo, New York Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2011

As management of the Board of Education, City of Buffalo, New York (the "Board") we offer readers of the Board's financial statements this narrative discussion and analysis of the Board's financial performance during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

### **Financial Highlights**

The 2010-11 fiscal year ended with the Board dealing with continued reductions in State formula aid due to the ongoing economic crisis and continued increases in certain costs, such as charter school payments and employee and retiree benefits. However, the Board received a positive outcome in the wage freeze litigation.

- The Board, along with the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority (the "BFSA") and the City of Buffalo, were notified by the New York State Court of Appeals of a favorable ruling in the four year old wage freeze litigation. This eliminated a potential \$74.0 million liability in the current year.
- Total Fund Balance increased \$46.9 million to \$628.4 million. Unassigned Fund Balance in the general fund was 45.7 million at June 30, 2011.
- There was a \$4.1 million mid-year cut in State formula aid.
- Federal stimulus aid under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("ARRA") of \$9.4 million was received during 2010-11. This was a reduction of \$10.5 million from 2009-10.
- Charter school expenditures continued to grow in 2010-11, increasing \$14.7 million to \$85.1 million as reductions in State Formula aid to the Board were not carried through to charter schools.
- Benefit expenditures grew by \$16.7 million to \$172.1 million in 2010-11 as health insurance and pension costs increased.
- Capital assets, net of depreciation, increased \$105.6 million. The Board completed reconstruction of five schools from Phase IV of the Joint Schools Construction Board ("JSCB") and began work on another nine schools in Phase V.
- JSCB Phase V debt in the amount of \$153.7 million was issued during the fiscal year.
- Net assets decreased \$71.0 million to negative (\$125.0) million, representing all changes in the assets and liabilities of the Board, including long-term assets and liabilities such as other post employment benefits (OPEB).

## **Overview of the Financial Statements**

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

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

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the Board's budget for the year. Figure A-1 shows how the various parts of this annual report are arranged and related to one another.



Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the Board's financial statements, including the portion of the Board's activities they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis highlights the structure and contents of each of the statements.

······································		Fund Financial Statements						
	Government-wide Statements	Governmental Funds	Fiduciary Funds					
Scope	Entire Board (except Fiduciary funds)	The activities of the Board that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as special education and building maintenance	Instances in which the Board administers resources on behalf of someone else, such as scholarship programs and student activities monies					
Required financial statements	Statement of Net Assets     Statement of Activities	<ul> <li>Balance Sheet</li> <li>Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets</li> <li>Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets</li> </ul>					
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial 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; generally no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term; funds do not currently contain capital assets, although they can					
Type of inflow/out- flow information	All revenues and expenditures 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 and payable	All additions and deductions during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid					

## **Government-wide Statements**

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

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

- Over time, increases or decreases in the Board's net assets are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the Board's overall health, you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as the financial condition of the State, changes in the City's property tax base, and the condition of school buildings and other facilities.

In the government-wide financial statements, the Board's activities are shown as governmental activities. Most of the Board's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation and administration. Property taxes and state aid finance most of these activities.

### **Fund Financial Statements**

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

- Some funds are required by state law.
- The Board establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes (such as repaying its long-term debts) or to show that it is properly using certain revenues (such as Federal grants).

The Board has two types of funds:

- Governmental Funds: All of the Board's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets 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 funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Board's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, additional information reported on the Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Assets explains the relationship (or differences) between them.
- Fiduciary Funds: The Board is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others, such as scholarship funds and the student activities funds. The Board is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The Board excludes these activities from the government-wide financial statements because it cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

### Financial Analysis of the Board as a Whole

As previously noted, over time, net assets may serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The Board's liabilities exceeded assets by \$125.0 million at the close of the most recent fiscal year, compared to \$54.0 million in the prior year, for a decline of \$71.0 million in the current year.

The largest portion of the Board's net assets, totaling \$224.4 million is restricted for JSCB projects and represents unspent funds at the end of the fiscal year, mainly related to the unspent Phase IV and V debt issuances in 2009-10 and 2010-11, respectively. The second largest portion of the Board's net assets, an amount totaling \$152.5 million reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, building improvements) less any outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. The Board uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Board's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. \$143.6 million of the Board's net assets are restricted for debt service, while an additional \$32.3 million are subject to external restrictions or State law. The remaining negative balance for unrestricted net assets of \$(677.8) million shows that excess funds are not currently available to meet the Board's ongoing and long term obligations such as OPEB liability.

Figure A-3			
	tement of Net A	ssets	
(in thous	ands of dollars)		
			Total
		nmental	Percentage
	Activities and	Total District	Change
	2011	2010	2010-2011
Current and other assets	\$ 760,953	\$ 699,028	8.9%
Capital assets not being depreciated	166,127	107,486	54.6%
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	922,116	875,137	5.4%
Total assets	\$ 1,849,196	\$ 1,681,651	10.0%
Long-term liabilities	\$ 1,756,959	\$ 1,541,978	13.9%
Other liabilities	217,210	193,711	12.1%
Total liabilities	1,974,169	1,735,689	13.7%
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	152,527	152,753	-0.1%
Restricted for: Capital development fund	1,656	2,134	-22.4%
Debt service	143,596	135,143	6.3%
Endowments	534	531	0.6%
Joint Schools Construction Board projects	224,350	209,287	7.2%
Judgments and claims	18,000	23,500	-23.4%
Stabilization	8,969	8,924	0.5%
Unemployment Insurance	3,156	3,156	0.0%
Unrestricted (deficit)	(677,761)	(589,466)	-15.0%
Total net assets	(124,973)	(54,038)	-131.3%
Total liabilities and			
net assets	\$ 1,849,196	\$ 1,681,651	10.0%

Current and other assets increased \$61.9 million. Contributing to this increase was an increase in cash held by the City of Buffalo of \$27.6 million due to improved cash balances resulting from an operating surplus for the fiscal year. Additionally, there was an increase in restricted cash for JSCB projects of \$12.9 million and an increase in cash restricted for debt service of \$10.7 million related to the \$153.7 million JSCB Phase V debt issuance.

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Capital assets being depreciated increased \$47.0 million due to the completion of several projects in JSCB Phase IV, while capital assets not being depreciated increased \$58.6 million as several projects in Phase IV and V were part of construction in process at June 30, 2011.

Long term liabilities increased \$215.0 million. Serial bonds and other long term obligations increased by \$119.3 million due to the \$153.7 million JSCB Phase V debt issuance, offset by regularly scheduled debt service payments of \$47.0 million. Additionally, the Board issued \$21.8 million in refunding bonds which redeemed \$22.0 in principal of higher rate debt. OPEB liabilities increased \$95.6 million due to the increasing health care cost trend factored with the number of covered individuals and a decrease in the discount rate used.

Other liabilities increased \$23.5 million due to increases in deferred bond premiums of \$9.7 million related to for the JSCB Phase V debt issuance offset by amortization, a \$5.5 million increase in retirement system contributions due to higher rates in effect, and \$6.3 million increase in accounts payable, interest payable and accrued liabilities.

Figure A-4										
_	n Net Assets									
(in thousands of dollars)										
			Total							
	Govern	Percentage								
	Activities and	Total Board	Change							
	2011	2010-2011								
Revenues:										
Contributions from City of Buffalo	\$ 54,833	\$ 53,940	1.7%							
School tax relief reimbursement	15,489	16,382	-5.5%							
Non-property taxes	34,297	32,755	4.7%							
Charges for services	3,410	3,569	-4.5%							
Operating grants and contributions	148,882	149,128	-0.2%							
Use of money and property	7,197	11,757	-38.8%							
Miscellaneous	13,482	12,041	12.0%							
State aid, unallocated	594,029	583,654	1.8%							
Total revenue	871,619	863,226	1.0%							
Expenses:										
General support	81,390	85,410	-4.7%							
Instruction - regular	660,682	626,726	5.4%							
Instruction - charter school payments	85,086	70,403	20.9%							
Pupil transportation	49,809	54,939	-9.3%							
Community service	124	111	11.7%							
Interest on long-term debt and fiscal charges	62,540	55,722	12.2%							
Capital outlay	2,923	3,347	-12.7%							
Total expenses	942,554	896,658	5.1%							
Changes in net assets	(70,935)	(33,432)	112.2%							
Net assets-beginning of year,										
as previously stated	(54,038)	(1,630)	3215.2%							
Prior period adjustment	<b></b>	(18,976)	-100.0%							
Net assets - beginning of year, restated	(54,038)	(20,606)	162.2%							
Net assets - end of year	\$ (124,973)	\$ (54,038)	131.3%							

In considering the viability of the Board, it is important to consider that 85% of all revenues come from formula based state aid and operating grants and contributions. Therefore, continued support from these sources is critical to the financial and educational success of the Board. 79% of all expenses are directed to instruction.

Total revenues of \$871.6 million increased \$8.4 million from 2009-10. Total program revenues of \$152.3 million increased \$0.4 million from 2009-10. Basic formula state aid declined \$1.3 million in 2010-11, while lottery aid increased \$11.6 million. Operating grants revenue was flat in 2010-11 as the \$10.5 million decline in ARRA revenues in the general fund was offset by an increase in federal aid in special projects grants. Use of money and property decreased \$4.6 million due to decreased earnings on lower average JSCB project cash balances in 2010-11.

Total expenses of \$942.5 million increased \$45.9 million from the prior year. Interest on debt and fiscal charges increased \$6.8 million due to additional interest payments for JSCB debt obligations. Charter school payments increased \$14.7 million due to increased charter school student enrollment. Regular instruction increased \$34.0 million, mainly due to allocated benefits and expenses. Offsetting these increases was a \$4.0 million decline in general support.





## Financial Analysis of The Board's Funds

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Board. At the end of the current fiscal year, the Board had an unassigned fund balance of \$45.7 million and a total fund balance of \$235.7 million, which was an increase of \$23.6 million. As a measure of liquidity, it may be useful to compare the General Fund fund balances to the total General Fund expenditures. The unassigned portion of fund balance represents 6.5% of the current year expenditures (an increase of 1.2% from the previous year), while the total fund balance is 33.5% of the current year expenditures (an increase of 2.4% from previous year). In 2010-11, the Board had designated \$55.5 million of fund balance for the pending wage freeze litigation. While the Board received a favorable ruling from the highest court in the State, the Buffalo Teachers Federation has initiated a Federal claim. The Board has designated \$80.0 million for prior year claims for this pending litigation or settlements with unions whose contracts have been expired since 2004.

The fund balance in the Joint Schools Construction Board Fund increased \$15.1 million to \$224.2 million due to the JSCB Phase V bond issuance, offset by spend down of bond proceeds on Phase IV and V projects during the fiscal year.

The fund balance in the Debt Service Fund increased \$8.5 million due to the increased debt service reserve balances related to the JSCB Phase V issuance. The fund balance in the Capital Funds decreased \$2.7 million due to the spend down of the 2009-10 and 2010-11 capital debt issuances. The School Food Service fund balance increased \$2.5 million from previous year, while the Special Aid fund balance was unchanged. These fund balances must be used for the specific purpose of the fund, i.e. they cannot be transferred to the General Fund for general use.

Figure A-7			************						
Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (in thousands of dollars)									
	2011 Revenues	Expenditures	Fund Balances						
General Fund Special Aid Fund Joint Schools	\$ 728,200 118,865	\$    704,628 118,865	\$ 235,744 -						
Construction Board Fund Debt Service Fund	169,236 133,113	154,112 124,660	224,220 143,596						
Capital Projects Fund School Food Service Fund Special Activities Fund	6,049 22,695 78	8,751 20,217 66	9,412 14,880 189						
Permanent Fund	2	11	345						
	2010	_ "							
	Revenues	Expenditures	Fund Balances						
General Fund Special Aid Fund Joint Schools	\$ 725,235 106,555	\$ 682,951 106,555	\$ 212,172 -						
Construction Board Fund	300,395	142,484	209,096						
Debt Service Fund Capital Projects Fund	94,732 3,723	83,774 12,098	135,143 12,114						
School Food Service Fund	23,134	21,121	12,402						
Special Activities Fund Permanent Fund	113 2	66 2	177 354						

### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

Within the General Fund, there was an overall unfavorable revenue budgetary variance of \$83.7 million. The largest variance, appropriated fund balance, appears as a \$78.3 million unfavorable budget variance, of which, \$55.5 million pertains to the fund balance that was budgeted for the wage freeze litigation while \$16.0 million was appropriated for the anticipated budget deficit in 2010-11 and \$5.9 million represents the appropriated fund balance for carry over encumbrances. These are not true revenues, but are budgeted with the anticipation of an operating loss; which ultimately would decrease fund balance on the balance sheet. State aid, including formula based aid and lottery aid was \$2.1 million under budget. There was an unfavorable variance in the Federal Medicaid reimbursement of \$2.5 million as the State did not allow school districts to begin claiming reimbursement immediately following the settlement with the Federal government in 2010-11.

The Board had favorable budgetary variances within the General Fund expenditures of \$102.1 million. The most significant variance was the \$71.0 million contingency budgeted for the wage freeze litigation, which was unspent as the Board received a favorable judgment at the New York State Court of Appeals in 2010-11 after four years of litigation. Employee benefits had a favorable variance \$8.1 million, of which \$1.7 million related to employee health insurance and \$1.4 million for retirees health insurance. Both of those variances related in part to continued savings on the lower cost single carrier rates and staff vacancies throughout the year. Other favorable variances in employee benefits include \$1.0 million in workers comp as anticipated expenditure increases did not materialize; \$0.8 million of termination pay, due to the Chapter 105A incentive adopted by the Board which deferred approximately \$12.5 million of retirement obligations to the 2011-12 year; and \$2.4 million in favorable variances of Social Security and employee retirement system payments due to vacant positions throughout the year.

Regular instruction had a favorable variance of \$8.3 million due to the combination of vacant positions during the year and lower actual average salaries than those budgeted due to the aforementioned retirement incentive that was adopted after the 2010-11 budget was adopted. Charter school payments came in at the revised budget, after a \$7.0 million transfer was necessary to cover the lifting of the freeze in tuition that occurred during the fiscal year.

Transportation had a favorable variance of \$3.5 million as contract transportation expenses came in under budget due to savings in fuel costs and more efficient route scheduling.

Central services had a favorable variance of \$4.7 million, of which, \$0.7 million was related to lower utility costs resulting from green initiatives and pooled utility rates with the City of Buffalo. Another \$0.7 million related to staffing vacancies and less overtime paid than budgeted, and \$0.6 million was related to lower custodial costs including a favorable variance for the custodial staff's health insurance plan. The remainder of the

favorable variance was due to a spending freeze as the budget crisis worsened in areas such as facilities planning, central data processing and service center operations.

Instruction, Administration and Improvements had a favorable variance of \$2.1 million due to a combination of the spending freeze implemented mid-year and lower salaries and vacancies due to the retirement incentive.

Pupil Services had a favorable variance of \$1.5 million, much of which was related to vacancies and deferred spending on athletics and equipment.

While the 2010-11 fiscal year ended with a surplus in the General Fund, similar results should not be expected in future years. The Board recalculates revenues and expenditures each budget cycle to bring anticipated amounts in line with actual results.

#### **Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

#### Capital Assets

The Board's investment in capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) for its governmental funds totaled \$1,088.2 million as of June 30, 2011. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and building improvements, land improvements and equipment. The net increase from the previous fiscal year was \$105.6 million, mainly due to the increase of building improvements of \$45.0 million and another \$58.7 million in construction in process for Phase IV and V JSCB school reconstruction.

Figure A-8	<u></u>								
Capital Assets Net of Depreciation (in thousands of dollars)									
	Govern Activ and Total	Percentage Change							
	2011	2010	2010-2011						
Land	\$ 3,622	\$ 3,726	-2.8%						
Construction work in process	162,506	103,760	56.6%						
Land improvements	366	393	-6.9%						
Buildings	915,422	870,382	5.2%						
Equipment	6,327	4,362	45.0%						
Total	\$ 1,088,243	\$ 982,623	10.7%						

### Long-Term Debt

Total long-term debt outstanding at June 30, 2011 totaled \$1,757.0 million, of which \$1,332.4 million pertained to bonded debt. During the year, principal payments on bonded debt totaled \$45.5 million and issuances for JSCB Phase IV totaled \$153.7 million. Additionally, the Board issued \$21.8 million in refunding bonds which redeemed \$22.0 million in higher rate debt, while \$2.8 million in revenue bonds were repaid when called by the bondholder. General obligation debt is issued by the City on behalf of the Board. School facility revenue bonds for JSCB projects are issued by the Erie County Industrial Development Agency. Other post employment benefits, primarily health insurance, increased \$95.6 million, while other long term obligations decreased by \$2.4 million.

Figure A-9				
-	ong-Term De is of dollars)	bt		
	 Govern Activ and Total	Percentage Change		
	 2011		2010	2010-2011
Due to City of Buffalo Debt Service Fund	\$ 116,616	\$	122,898	-5.1%
Revenue bonds payable	22,585		27,060	-16.5%
JSCB bonds payable	1,183,170		1,050,660	12.6%
Post employment benefits	376,827		281,185	34.0%
Other long-term obligations	 57,761		60,175	-4.0%
Total	\$ 1,756,959	\$ :	1,541,978	13.9%

Additional information on the Board's long-term debt can be found in Note 4 to the financial statements on pages A29-A32 of this report.

#### **Factors Bearing on the Board's Future**

The 2011-12 Adopted General Fund Budget totaled \$756.8 million which included a reduction of 302 full time equivalent positions as State aid was reduced a further \$14.7 million from the steep cuts in 2009-10 and 2010-11. In addition, the Board used \$16.0 million of fund balance to balance the budget, along with \$7.9 million in Federal Jobs Program allocation.

The Board faces a structural deficit in the coming years as costs such as Charter school enrollment, health care costs and pension costs are all expected to continue to rise, while the Board has little control over revenues, 80% of which comes from the State. As the State's ongoing budget crisis continues, there are no assurances that our aid will not be reduced further. Additionally, Federal stimulus funds expired in 2010-11 and the Federal Jobs Program funds expire in 2011-12. Meanwhile, several labor contracts that expired in 2004 remain unsettled.

#### **Contacting the Board's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide the Board's citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the Board's finances and to demonstrate the Board's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Buffalo City School Board, 708 City Hall, Buffalo, New York 14202.

# BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2011

#### ASSETS

	ASSEIS	
Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 274,904
Cash held by the City of Buffalo		279,330,364
Cash with fiscal agent		134,911,164
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted		236,096,318
Accounts receivable		1,637,816
State and federal aid receivable		75,668,902
Due from other governments		4,840,380
Inventory	•	1,580,716
Bond issuance costs, net		26,612,014
Capital assets not being depreciated		166,127,438
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		922,115,868
Total assets	۰	\$ 1,849,195,884

# LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	\$	31,507,897
Interest payable		11,841,574
Accrued liabilities		15,465,127
Due to fiduciary funds		577,506
Due to other governments		892,716
Due to City of Buffalo		33,160,145
Due to retirement systems		24,351,480
Deferred bond premium, net		99,413,997
Long-term liabilities:		
Due and payable within one year		55,909,571
Due and payable after one year		1,701,049,782
Total liabilities	*****	1,974,169,795
NET ASSETS:		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		152,526,964
Restricted for:		
Capital development fund		1,655,950
Debt service		143,595,544
Endowments		533,964
Joint Schools Construction Board projects		224,350,164
Judgment and claims		18,000,000
Stabilization		8,969,264
Unemployment insurance		3,156,044
Unrestricted (deficit)		(677,761,805)
Total net assets	\$	(124,973,911)

See notes to basic financial statements.

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### BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

				Program	n Re	evenues		Net (Expense)
		Expenses	-	Charges for Services		Operating Grants and Contributions	-	Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
Governmental activities:	-							· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
General support	\$	81,389,941	\$		\$		\$	(81,389,941)
Instruction - regular		660,682,184		3,409,844		146,472,733		(510,799,607)
Instruction - charter school payments		85,086,216		-		-		(85,086,216)
Pupil transportation		49,808,984		-		1,306,299		(48,502,685)
Home and community services		123,848		-		-		(123,848)
Interest on long-term debt and fiscal charges		62,539,695		-		1,103,000		(61,436,695)
Capital outlay	-	2,923,776		-				(2,923,776)
Total governmental activities	\$_	942,554,644	_ \$ _	3,409,844	\$	148,882,032		(790,262,768)
		General revenues	•					
		••••••	•	City of Buffalo				54,833,321
				eimbursement				15,489,437
		Non-property						34,296,667
		Use of money						7,197,411
		State aid - bas						513,505,869
		State aid - lot						80,522,979
		Other miscell		us revenues				13,481,544
		Total gene					_	719,327,228
	4	Change in net ass	ets					(70,935,540)
	]	Net assets - begir	ning	, of year, as prev	ious	ly stated		(35,061,619)
	J	Prior period adju	stme	nt			_	(18,976,752)
	]	Net assets - begir	ning	of year, as resta	ted		-	(54,038,371)
	]	Net assets - end c	fyea	T			\$_	(124,973,911)

See notes to basic financial statements.

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		<u></u>		JUNE 30,	201	1						
	_	General		Special Aid		Joint Schools Construction Board		Debt Service		Non-Major Governmental Funds		Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS:												
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	85,950	\$	-	\$	-	\$	· -	\$	188,954	\$	274,904
Cash held by City of Buffalo		256,208,032		-		-		-		23,122,332		279,330,364
Cash with fiscal agent		2,349,813		-		-		132,561,351		-		134,911,164
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted		496,813		-		224,220,002		11,034,193		345,310		236,096,318
Accounts receivable		1,467,840		6,466		-		-		163,510		1,637,816
Due from other funds		6,811				-		-		-		6,811
State and federal aid receivable		28,408,914		45,715,016		-		-		1,544,972		75,668,902
Due from other governments		4,840,380		-		-		-		-		4,840,380
Inventory	-	791,133					-			789,583	· -	1,580,716
Total assets	\$	294,655,686	\$ <u></u>	45,721,482	. \$	224,220,002	\$	143,595,544	\$	26,154,661	\$	734,347,375
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:												
Accounts payable	\$	22,682,368	\$	7,852,476	\$	-	\$	-	\$	973,053	\$	31,507,897
Accrued liabilities		10,400,659		4,708,861		-		-		355,607		15,465,127
Due to other funds		584,317		-		-		-		-		584,317
Due to other governments		892,716		-		-		-		-		892,716
Due to City of Buffalo				33,160,145		-		-		-		33,160,145
Due to retirement systems	-	24,351,480	_		. <u>-</u>				-		-	24,351,480
Total liabilities	-	58,911,540	. <u>-</u>	45,721,482			_	<u>-</u>	_	1,328,660	_	105,961,682
FUND BALANCES:												
Non-spendable		791,133		-		-		-		1,113,583		1,904,716
Restricted		30,125,308		-		224,220,002		143,595,544		1,996,076		399,936,930
Assigned		159,139,745		2,939,554		-		-		21,716,342		183,795,641
Unassigned	_	45,687,960	_	(2,939,554)		-	_		_	-	_	42,748,406
Total fund balances		235,744,146	-		-	224,220,002	-	143,595,544	-	24,826,001	-	628,385,693
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$_	294,655,686	\$	45,721,482	\$_	224,220,002	\$ <u></u>	143,595,544	\$_	26,154,661	\$	734,347,375

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2011

See notes to basic financial statements. A3

# BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2011

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Total fund balances - governmental funds	\$	628,385,693
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets are \$1,491,739,021 and the accumulated depreciation is \$403,495,715.		1,088,243,306
Post employment benefit liability not due and payable in the current period and therefore not reported in the funds.		(376,827,000)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, compensated absences, judgment & claims and amounts due to the City of Buffalo for debt not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		(1,380,132,353)
To recognize interest accrual on long-term debt.		(11,841,574)
Bond issue costs are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. The cost is \$34,849,587 and the accumulated amortization is \$8,237,573.		26,612,014
Bond premiums are recorded as revenues in the governmental funds. The premium is \$128,572,263 and the accumulated amortization is \$29,158,266.		(99,413,997)
Total net assets - governmental activities \$	; 	(124,973,911)

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

	General	Special Aid	Joint Schools Construction Board	Debt Service	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			·			····· ·- ·- ·- ·-
Contribution from City of Buffalo	\$ 54,833,321	\$-	\$-\$	- \$	- \$	54,833,321
School tax relief reimbursement	15,489,437	-	<u>.</u>	-	-	15,489,437
Non-property taxes	34,296,667	-	-	-	-	34,296,667
Charges for services	1,698,551	· -	÷	-	1,711,293	3,409,844
Use of money and property	120,202	-	977,809	6,085,906	13,494	7,197,411
Sale of property and compensation for loss	21,952	-	-	-	-	21,952
Miscellaneous local sources	13,149,135	3,397,605	-	-	414,513	16,961,253
State sources	594,800,529	30,250,012	-	-	826,978	625,877,519
Federal sources	10,776,300	83,051,538			19,807,918	113,635,756
Total revenues	725,186,094	116,699,155	977,809	6,085,906	22,774,196	871,723,160
EXPENDITURES:						
General support	65,037,963	2,253,921	-	-	1,026,185	68,318,069
Instruction - regular schools	249,926,835	94,069,939	-	-	17,575,375	361,572,149
Instruction - charter school	85,086,216	-	-	-	-	85,086,216
Pupil transportation	42,894,379	2,555,373	-	-	-	45,449,752
Home and community services	24,398	-	-	-	77,400	101,798
Employee benefits	150,592,127	19,985,453	-	-	1,489,763	172,067,343
Debt service:						
Principal and interest	-	-	-	97,617,200	-	97,617,200
Bond issuance costs	-	-	3,039,147	222,237	173,674	3,435,058
Capital outlay		·	151,073,005		7,550,591	158,623,596
Total expenditures	593,561,918	118,864,686	154,112,152	97,839,437	27,892,988	992,271,181

See notes to basic financial statements. A5

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

(Continued)

_	General	Special Aid	Joint Schools Construction Board	Debt Service	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	131,624,176	(2,165,531)	(153,134,343)	(91,753,531)	(5,118,792)	(120,548,021)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
Proceeds from bond issues	-	~	153,698,699	11,616,301	4,900,000	170,215,000
Refunding bond issued	-	-	-	21,825,000	• -	21,825,000
Premium on issuance of debt	-	-	13,668,661	-	138,423	13,807,084
Premium on refunding bonds	-	-	-	1,440,316		1,440,316
Payment to refunded bond escrow agent	-	-		(23,043,079)	-	(23,043,079)
Transfer to City of Buffalo debt service fund	(16,231,935)	-	-	-	(537,100)	(16,769,035)
Use of reserves	-	-	-	-	(489,705)	(489,705)
Interfund transfers in	3,013,429	2,165,531	890,616	92,145,542	1,012,303	<b>99,227,42</b> 1
Interfund transfers out	(94,833,671)			(3,778,124)	(125,921)	(98,737,716)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(108,052,177)	2,165,531	168,257,976	100,205,956	4,898,000	167,475,286
Net change in fund balances	23,571,999	-	15,123,633	8,452,425	(220,792)	46,927,265
Fund balances - beginning of year	212,172,147		209,096,369	135,143,119	25,046,793	581,458,428
Fund balances - end of year \$	235,744,146 \$	- 4	224,220,002 \$	143,595,544	5 <u>24,826,001</u> \$	628,385,693

See notes basic financial statements. A6

# BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS, STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are difference because:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 are capitalized and the cost is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period, net of related losses on disposal of capital assets.

Capital out	lays	\$ 160,251,907		
Depreciatio	n expense	(54,437,603)		
Loss on dis	posal of assets	(193,643)	-	105,620,661

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46,927,265

The governmental funds report bond proceeds and other long-term debt as an other financing source, while repayment of bond principal is reported as an expenditure. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs and premiums when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. Interest is recognized as an expenditure in the governmental funds when it is due. In the statement of activities, interest expense is recognized as it accrues, regardless of when it is due. The net effect of these differences in the treatment of general obligation bonds and related items is as follows:

General obligation bond proceeds	\$ (170,215,000)	
Refunding bond proceeds	(21,825,000)	
Bond premium	(15,247,400)	
Bond issuance costs	3,435,058	
Repayment of bond principal (due to City of Buffalo)	33,007,307	
Repayment of due to other governments	713,334	
Repayment of revenue bonds payable	4,475,000	
Repayment of Joint School Construction Board debt	32,805,000	
Repayment of other long-term debt - EPC	800,834	
Interest expense - general obligation bonds	(649,566)	
Amortization of bond issuance costs	(1,568,398)	
Amortization of bond premium	5,528,345	(128,740,486)

In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses - compensated absences (vacation & sick leave), amounts due to retirement systems, judgment and claims and workers' compensation - are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amounts actually paid). The net effect of these differences is as follows:

Workers' compensation	\$ (877,411)		
Repayment of judgments and claims	1,366,227		
Compensated absences	410,204		
Net other post employment benefits expense	 (95,642,000)		(94,742,980)
Change in net assets of governmental activities		\$_	(70,935,540)

See notes to basic financial statements

# BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK **STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS -**FIDUCIARY FUNDS JUNE 30, 2011

		Private Purpose Trust		Agency
	ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents - restricted Due from other funds	\$	- 5,956 	\$	7,877 731,942 584,317
Total assets	\$	5,956	\$	1,324,136
	ES AND NET A	SSETS		
LIABILITIES: Employee benefits Extraclassroom activity balances Due to other funds	\$	- - -	<u>\$</u>	584,318 731,942 6,811
Total liabilities		-		1,323,071
NET ASSETS: Reserved for agency Reserved for scholarships		- 5,956		1,065
Total net assets		5,956		1,065
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	5,956	\$	1,324,136

# BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS -FIDUCIARY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

ч.		Private Purpose Trust	
ADDITIONS:			
Interest	\$	16	
DEDUCTIONS: Scholarships		8,474	
Change in net assets		(8,458)	
Net assets - beginning of year	199-141-14-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1	14,414	
Net assets - end of year	\$	5,956	

# **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The basic financial statements of the Board of Education, City of Buffalo, New York (the Board), a component unit of the City of Buffalo, New York (the City) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Board's accounting policies are described below.

# A. FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

The Board is a unit of local government created under the Constitution of the State. The Board is financially dependent upon the City and other governments and has no independent authority to contract bonded indebtedness or levy taxes, with the exception of the Special Program Revenue Bonds issued by the State of New York Municipal Bond Bank Agency (see Note 4., B., 3).

The Board is governed by the Education Law and other laws of the State of New York. The Board of Education is an independent entity consisting of nine members.

The scope of activities included within the accompanying financial statements are those transactions which comprise Board operations and are governed by, or significantly influenced by, the Board of Education. Essentially, the primary function of the Board is to provide education for pupils. Services such as transportation of pupils, administration, finance, and plant maintenance support the primary function. The financial reporting entity includes all funds, account groups, functions and organizations over which Board officials exercise oversight responsibility.

The reporting entity of the Board is based upon criteria set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the Board. The Board is a component unit of the City of Buffalo.

The decision to include a potential component unit in the Board's reporting entity is based on several criteria including legal standing, fiscal dependency, and financial accountability. Based on the application of these criteria, the following is a brief description of certain entities included in the Board's reporting entity.

#### 1. Included in the Reporting Entity

The Extraclassroom Activity Funds of the Board represent funds of the students of the Board. The Board of Education exercises general oversight of these funds. The Extraclassroom Activity Funds are independent of the Board with respect to financial transactions and designation of student management. The Board accounts for assets held as an agent for various student organizations in the Agency Fund of the Board.

### B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

### 1. Government-wide statements:

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities present financial information about the Board's governmental activities. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government in its entirety, except those that are fiduciary. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal transactions. Governmental activities generally are financed through a City contribution, State aid, intergovernmental revenues, and other exchange and nonexchange transactions. Operating grants include specific operating and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Board's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with and are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses, principally employee benefits, are allocated to functional areas in proportion to the payroll expended for those areas. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including the City contribution and all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

# NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

2. Fund financial statements:

The fund financial statements provide information about the Board's funds, including fiduciary funds each of which is accounted for by providing a separate set of selfbalancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenue and expenditures. Funds are organized into two categories (governmental and fiduciary) as presented. An emphasis is placed on major governmental funds, within the governmental fund category. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor governmental funds. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Board or meets the following criteria:

- a. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and
- b. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental funds combined.

The Board reports the following major governmental funds:

<u>General Fund</u> - This is the Board's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial transactions that are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

<u>Special Aid Fund</u>: This fund accounts for the proceeds of specific revenue sources, such as Federal and State grants that are legally restricted to expenditures for a specified purpose. These legal restrictions may be imposed either by governments that provide the funds or by outside parties.

<u>Joint Schools Construction Board (JSCB) Fund</u> - The JSCB fund is used to account for transactions associated with the design, construction, reconstruction, and financing of public educational facilities in the City. The JSCB is authorized to act as an agent to enter into contracts on behalf of the Board and the Common Council of the City of Buffalo, New York (the Council) for the construction of new educational facilities in accordance with applicable state and local laws.

<u>Debt Service Fund</u> - The debt service fund is used to account for payments made on the Board's long-term debt, except for amounts held by the City. Those payments are recorded in the general and capital funds as transfers to the City of Buffalo.

The Board reports the following governmental funds as non-major governmental funds:

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u> - This fund is used to account for the financial resources used for acquisition, construction, or major repair of capital facilities.

### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

<u>School Food Service Fund</u> - This fund is used to record the Board's breakfast, lunch, summer food, and Root Culinary programs.

<u>Special Activities Fund</u> - This fund is used to account for transactions that support the Board's regular programs. The proceeds are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

<u>Permanent Fund</u> - This fund is used to report resources, that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not principal, may be used for purposes that support the Board's programs.

The Board reports the following fiduciary funds:

<u>Fiduciary Funds</u> - These funds are used to account for fiduciary activities. Fiduciary activities are those in which the Board acts as trustee or agent for resources that are the property of others. These activities are not included in the government-wide financial statements, because their resources are not the property of the Board, and are not available to be used. There are two classes of fiduciary funds:

<u>Private Purpose Trust Funds</u>: Those funds are used to account for trust arrangements in which principal and income benefits annual third party awards and scholarships for students. Established criteria govern the use of the funds and members of the Board or representatives of the donors may serve on committees to determine who benefits.

<u>Agency Funds</u>: These funds are strictly custodial in nature and do not involve the measurement of results of operations. Assets are held by the Board as agent for various student groups or extraclassroom activity funds and for payroll or employee withholdings.

#### C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The government-wide 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 at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash transaction takes place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the Board gives or receives value without directly receiving or giving equal value in exchange, include the City contribution, taxes, grants and donations. Revenue from grants and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

# NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The governmental fund statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The Board considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within one year after the end of the fiscal year.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, post employment benefits other than pensions and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

# D. BUDGETARY DATA

# 1. BUDGET POLICIES

Prior to February 1, the Board submits to the Mayor of the City its budget request and financial plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Subsequent to February 1 (generally during February or March), a public hearing is held by the Mayor to receive comment from interested parties regarding the Board's budget request. On or before May 1, the Mayor submits to the Council a complete operating plan which includes the Board's estimated revenues and proposed expenditures. The Council then acts upon the Mayor's recommended Board budget and may make additions or deletions within its authority as provided by the City Charter. The Board's budget, as approved by the Council, is limited to total estimated revenues and proposed expenditures.

A formal annual budget for the General Fund is adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America except that the encumbrances are treated as budgeted expenditures in the year of incurrence of the commitment to purchase. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are accounted for by an assignment of fund balance under GAAP. All unencumbered appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year. Budgetary comparisons presented in this report are on the budgetary basis and represent the budget as modified. A reconciliation to convert GAAP basis fund balances to the budgetary basis is provided in Note 3.

Program budgets are adopted for Special Aid Fund related grants and the School Food Service Fund at the program's inception and lapse upon completion of the program. These grant programs do not necessarily coincide with the Board's fiscal year.

Capital projects are subject to project budgets determined primarily by the City's bonding authorization used to fund a particular project rather than annual budgetary appropriations. These budgets do not lapse at year-end; rather, they lapse upon completion of the project.

### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### 2. BUDGET BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Budgets are adopted annually on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Appropriations authorized for the current year are increased by the amount of encumbrances carried forward from the prior year.

The General Fund is the only fund with a legally approved budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, and therefore, is the only fund that is required to be presented on the Budgetary Comparison Schedule.

### E. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Board's cash and cash equivalents consists of cash on hand, demand deposits, and cash held by the City of Buffalo. Cash equivalents include amounts invested in short-term interest bearing accounts with an original maturity of three months or less.

#### F. RESTRICTED ASSETS

Certain assets are classified on the balance sheet as restricted because their use is limited. Donations to be used towards scholarships in the Private Purpose Trust Fund and funds supporting extraclassroom activities in the Agency Fund, are restricted specifically for those purposes. Certain proceeds from serial bonds and bond anticipation notes, as well as resources set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets in the governmental and government-wide financial statements and their use is limited by applicable bond covenants.

#### G. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivables are shown at gross with uncollectible amounts recognized under the direct write-off method. No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been provided since management has determined that all accounts receivable will be collectible.

#### H. INVENTORY

Inventories of food and/or supplies in the General and School Food Service Funds are recorded at cost on a first-in, first-out basis or, in the case of surplus food, at stated value which approximates market. Purchases of inventoriable items in other funds are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase and are considered an immaterial amount.

These assets are classified as non-spendable to signify that portion of fund balance that is not available for other purposes.

## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## I. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

The operations of the Board include transactions between funds. These transactions may be temporary in nature, such as with interfund borrowings. The Board typically loans resources between funds for the purpose of providing cash flow. These interfund receivables and payables are expected to be repaid within one fiscal year. Permanent transfers of funds include the transfer of expenditures and revenues to provide financing or other services. In the government-wide statements eliminations have been made for all interfund receivables and payables between governmental funds.

The governmental funds report all interfund transactions as originally recorded. Interfund receivables and payables may be netted on the accompanying governmental funds balance sheet when it is the Board's practice to settle these amounts at a net balance based upon the right of legal offset.

Refer to Note 4., A., 3 for a detailed disclosure by individual fund for interfund receivables, payables, expenditures and revenues activity.

### J. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets are reported at actual cost for acquisitions subsequent to June 30, 2002. For assets acquired prior to June 30, 2002 estimated historical costs were used. Donated assets are reported at estimated fair market value at the time received.

Capitalization thresholds (the dollar value above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts), depreciation methods, and estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the government-wide statements are as follows:

	Capitalization <u>Threshold</u>	Depreciation <u>Method</u>	Estimated <u>Useful Life</u>
Buildings	\$ 5,000	straight-line	50 years
Building improvements	5,000	straight-line	20 years
Land improvements	5,000	straight-line	20 years
General Equipment	5,000	straight-line	10 years
Computer, business machine, and			
audio visual equipment	5,000	straight-line	5 years
Automotive	5,000	straight-line	7 years

# NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### K. INSURANCE

The Board carries insurance coverage for buildings, equipment and inventory, but self-insures against liability for most other risks including, but not limited to general liabilities, workers' compensation, and personal injury liability. Judgments and claims are recorded when it is probable that an asset has been impaired or a liability has been incurred and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated.

## L. VESTED EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Sick leave eligibility and accumulation is specified in negotiated labor contracts, and in individual employment contracts. Sick leave use is based on a last-in first-out (LIFO) basis. Upon retirement, resignation or death, employees may receive a payment based on unused accumulated sick leave, based on contractual provisions.

Board employees are granted vacation in varying amounts, based primarily on length of service and service position. Some earned benefits may be forfeited if not taken within varying time periods.

Consistent with GASB Statement No. 16, Accounting for Compensated Absences, an accrual for accumulated sick leave is included in the compensated absences liability at year-end. The compensated absences liability is calculated based on contractual provisions. The Board has accrued a liability for compensated absences which has been calculated at rates in effect as of the balance sheet date.

In the fund statements only, the amount of matured liabilities is accrued within the General Fund based on expendable and available resources. These amounts are expensed on a pay-as-you-go basis.

## M. OTHER BENEFITS

Board employees participate in New York State Teachers' Retirement System and the New York State Employees' Retirement System.

In addition to providing retirement benefits, the Board provides post-employment health insurance coverage and survivor benefits to its retired employees and their survivors in accordance with the provisions of various employment contracts in effect at the time of retirement. Substantially all employees may become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the Board. Healthcare benefits are provided through plans whose premiums are based on benefits paid during the year. The cost of providing post-retirement benefits is shared between the Board and the retired employee. The Board recognizes the cost of providing health insurance by recording its share of the insurance premium as an expenditure.

# NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

# N. ACCRUED LIABILITIES AND LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements. In the governmental funds, payables and accrued liabilities are paid in full from current financial resources. Claims and judgments, and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds, are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment in the current year. Bonds and other long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements when due.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of the debt issued is reported as Other Financing Sources – proceeds from bond issues, while premiums on the debt are reported as Other Financing Sources and discounts on debt issuances are reported as Other Financing Uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

Long-term obligations represent the Board's future obligations or future economic outflows. The liabilities are reported as due in one year or due within more than one year in the Statements of Net Assets.

## O. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The Board provides post employment benefits in the form of health insurance. The obligation of the Board and its retirees to contribute to the cost of providing these benefits has been established pursuant to Board resolution and various collective bargaining agreements. Payments are budgeted annually without accrual and are based on the pay-as-you go method (see Note 4., B., 2.).

## P. FUND EQUITY

Government-wide statements:

In the government-wide statements there are three classes of net assets:

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt - consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Restricted net assets - reports net assets when constraints placed on the assets are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net assets - reports all other net assets that do not meet the definition of the above two classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the Board.

Fund statements:

In the fund statements there are five classes of fund balance:

Non-spendable fund balance - Includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted - includes amounts with constraints placed on the use of resources either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments; or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed - Includes amounts that can only be used for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the school district's highest level of decision making authority, i.e., the Board of Education.

Assigned - Includes amounts that are constrained by the school district's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. All encumbrances and appropriated fund balances of the General fund are classified as assigned fund balance.

Unassigned - Includes all other General Fund net assets that do not meet the definition of the above four classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the school district.

#### Q. USE OF ESTIMATES IN PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## NOTE 2 - CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE

For the year ended June 30, 2011, the Board implemented GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. GASB Statement No. 54 requires the Board to change its fund balance classifications. Details relating to the Board's fund balance classifications are provided at Note 4, C.

## **NOTE 3 - REPORTING ON BUDGETARY BASIS**

The Board reports its budgetary status with the actual data including outstanding encumbrances as charges against budget appropriations. This results in the following reconciliation of fund balance computed on a GAAP basis and budgetary basis for the general fund only.

GAAP BASIS:	
Fund balance - June 30, 2011	\$ 235,744,146
Deduct outstanding encumbrances	<u>5,189,745</u>
BUDGETARY BASIS - Fund balance - June 30, 2011	\$ <u>230,554,401</u>

## NOTE 4 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

## A. ASSETS

## 1. CASH

The Board's investment policies are governed by State statutes. In addition, the Board has its own written investment policy. The Board's funds must be deposited in FDIC insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the State. Permissible investments include demand accounts and certificates of deposit, obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agencies, repurchase agreements, and obligations of New York State or its localities.

Collateral is required for demand deposits, time deposits and certificates of deposit not covered by Federal Deposit Insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of the State and its municipalities and school districts.

The Board's aggregate bank balances were fully collateralized at June 30, 2011.

#### NOTE 4 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Continued)

Restricted cash represents cash and cash equivalents where use is limited by legal requirements. These assets represent amounts required by statute to be reserved for various purposes.

#### Cash with Fiscal Agent - General Fund

Pursuant to the issuance of State of New York Municipal Bond Bank Agency Revenue Bonds, the Board is to maintain a Debt Service Reserve held with a fiscal agent of \$1,800,000. Additionally, \$549,813 represents a joint account held in trust with the Buffalo Teachers' Federation in relation to a Teachers' Settlement.

#### Cash with Fiscal Agent - Debt Service Fund

In accordance with the Indenture Trust Agreement, an amount of the Series 2003, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2011 bond proceeds is to be deposited and maintained by the trustee in the Debt Service Fund.

#### Restricted Cash - General

Cash is restricted to support obligations related to workers' compensation claims.

#### Restricted Cash - JSCB Fund

Proceeds from Series 2003, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2011 bonds, held in trust, and can only be utilized for approved project costs.

#### Restricted Cash - Debt Service Fund

In accordance with the Local Share Trust and Depository Agreement, the local share contribution is to be held in trust and can only be disbursed as specified by the aforementioned agreement.

#### Cash held by City of Buffalo

Amounts on deposit with the City on behalf of the Board total \$279,330,364. Cash held by the City of Buffalo represents cash held in the City's bank accounts. The cash is an asset of the Board and is specifically designated for Board purposes. These deposits are subject to applicable city and state investment and collateralization policies. The City has also advanced \$33,160,145 of certain Board funds, as discussed in Note 8.

Extraclassroom Activity Cash Deposits totaled \$731,942 and were fully collateralized at June 30, 2011.

#### Investment and Deposit Policy

The Board implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 40, Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures.

## NOTE 4 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Continued)

The Board follows an investment and deposit policy, the overall objective of which is to adequately safeguard the principal amount of funds invested or deposited; conformance with federal, state and other legal requirements; and provide sufficient liquidity of invested funds in order to meet obligations as they become due. Oversight of investment activity is the responsibility of the Finance Department.

#### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of investments will be affected by changing interest rates. The Board's investment policy does not limit investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

## Credit Risk

The Board's policy is to minimize the risk of loss due to failure of an issuer or other counterparty to an investment to fulfill its obligations. The Board's investment and deposit policy authorizes the reporting entity to purchase the following types of investments:

- Interest bearing demand accounts.
- Certificates of deposit.
- Obligations of the United States Treasury and United States agencies.
- Obligations of New York State and its localities.

## Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a failure of a depository financial institution, the reporting entity may not recover its deposits. In accordance with the Board's investment and deposit policy, all deposits of the Board including interest bearing demand accounts and certificates of deposit, in excess of the amount insured under the provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (FDIC) shall be secured by a pledge of securities with an aggregate value equal to 102% of the aggregate amount of deposits. The Board restricts the securities to the following eligible items:

- Obligations issued, fully insured or guaranteed as to the payment of principal and interest, by the United States Treasury and United States agencies.
- Obligations issued or fully insured or guaranteed by New York State and its localities.

#### NOTE 4 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Continued)

#### 2. RECEIVABLES

Major revenues accrued by the Board include the following:

Accounts receivable consist of the following at June 30, 2011:

General Fund:		
Health Services	\$	570,630
Tuition billing		312,460
Miscellaneous revenues		<u>584,750</u>
		1,467,840
School Food Service Fund		163,510
Special Aid Fund	_	6,466
Total	\$_	<u>1,637,816</u>

State and federal aid receivable, consist of the following at June 30, 2011:

General Fund:	
State Aid - basic	\$ 11,482,761
State Aid - excess	14,652,122
State Aid - ARRA	944,697
State Aid - Medicaid	<u>1,329,334</u>
	28,408,914

Special Aid Fund:	
Federal and State grants	45,715,016*

\*Amount reported net of deferred revenue.

Food Service Fund:	
State Aid	71,334
Federal Aid	1,473,638
	<u>1,544,972</u>
Total	\$ <u>75,668,902</u>

Due from other governments which represents amounts due primarily from Erie County consist of the following at June 30, 2011:

General Fund:	
Erie County Sales Tax	\$ 3,906,078
Miscellaneous	934,302
Total	\$ <u>4,840,380</u>

## NOTE 4 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Continued)

#### 3. INTERFUND ACTIVITY

Interfund activity at June 30, 2011 are as follows:

	Interfund <u>Receivable</u>			nterfund ayable	Interfund <u>Revenues</u>	Interfund <u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund	\$	6,811	\$	584,317	\$ 3,013,429	\$ 94,833,671
Debt Service Fund		-		-	92,145,542	3,778,124
Special Aid Fund		-		-	2,165,531	-
Capital Projects Fund		-		-	778,578	489,705
Joint Schools Construction						
Board Fund		-		-	890,616	-
School Food Service Fund		-		-	233,725	125,921
Agency Fund	_	584,317	~~~	6,811	<del></del>	
Total	\$_	591,128	\$	<u>591.128</u>	\$ <u>99,227,421</u>	\$ <u>99,227,421</u>

Interfund receivable and payables, other than between governmental activities and fiduciary funds are eliminated on the Statement of Net Assets.

Interfund receivables and payables were incurred primarily due to cash not being transferred prior to fiscal year end. The majority of the interfund revenues and expenses were for debt service expenses.

#### 4. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2011 were as follows:

		Balance <u>6/30/10</u>	Additions	Retirements/ Reclassifications	Balance <u>6/30/11</u>
Governmental activities:					
Capital assets that are not deprec	iateo	1:			
Land	\$	3,725,598	\$-	\$ 104,056 \$	3,621,542
Construction in progress		103,760,429	105,025,737	46,280,270	162,505,896
Capital assets, not being					
depreciated	~	107,486,027	105,025,737	46,384,326	166,127,438

#### NOTE 4 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Continued)

	Balance 6/30/10	<u>Additions</u>	Retirements/ Reclassificatio	
Capital assets that are depreciated:				
Land improvements	4,730,785	10,000	139,395	4,601,390
Buildings and building				
improvements	1,209,075,535	98,098,715	3,769,076	1,303,405,174
Equipment	22,638,282	3,397,725	8,430,989	17,605,018
Capital assets, being depreciated	1,236,444,602	101,506,440	12,339,460	<u>1,325,611,582</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:	7			
Land improvement	4,337,620	35,592	137,699	4,235,513
Buildings and building				
improvements	338,694,183	52,516,218	3,227,484	387,982,917
Equipment	<u>18,276,181</u>	<u>1,885,793</u>	<u> </u>	<u>11,277,284</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>361,307,984</u>	54,437,603	12,249,873	403,495,714
Total capital assets being				
depreciated, net	875,136,618	47,068,837	<u> </u>	<u>922,115,868</u>
Governmental activities capital				
assets, net	\$ <u>982.622.645</u>	\$ <u>152,094,574</u>	\$ <u>46,473.913</u>	\$ <u>1,088,243,306</u>

#### **B. LIABILITIES**

#### 1. PENSION PLANS

The Board participates in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS), and the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). These are costsharing multiple employer, public employee retirement systems. The Systems offer a wide range of plans and benefits which are related to years of service and final average salary, vesting of retirement benefits, death and disability.

#### PLAN DESCRIPTIONS

#### Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

The New York State Teachers' Retirement System is administered by the New York State Teachers' Retirement Board. The System provides retirement, disability, withdrawal and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries as authorized by the Education Law and the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law (NYSRSSL). The New York State TRS issues a publicly available financial report that contains financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The report may be obtained by writing to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, 10 Corporate Woods Drive, Albany, NY 12211-2395.

#### NOTE 4 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Continued)

#### Employees' Retirement System (ERS)

The New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System provides retirement benefits, as well as death and disability benefits. Obligations of employers and employees to contribute and benefits to employees are governed by the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law (NYSRSSL). The System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the New York State and Local Retirement System, 110 State Street, Albany, NY 12244.

#### FUNDING POLICIES

The Systems are noncontributory except for employees who joined the Systems after July 27, 1976 who contribute 3.0% to 3.5% of their salary. With the exception of TRS tier V employees, employees in the system more than ten years are no longer required to contribute. For the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System, the Comptroller shall certify annually the rates expressed as proportions of payroll of members, which shall be used in computing the contributions required to be made by employers to the pension accumulated fund. Pursuant to Article 11 of the Education Law, rates are established annually for TRS by the New York State Teachers' Retirement Board.

The Board is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. While the Board records the retirement expenditures on a full accrual basis, TRS contributions are withheld from aid to education payments in the fall of the fiscal year subsequent to which the contributions were applicable. ERS contributions are paid in December for the states fiscal year beginning the preceding April 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. The retirement contributions withheld or paid during the current year and two preceding years (for previous fiscal year wages) were:

	TRS	ERS
2011	\$17,683,274	\$4,483,867
2010	21,196,134	2,391,143
2009	21,303,123	3,676,006

The Board contributions made to the Systems were equal to 100 percent of the contributions required for each year.

#### NOTE 4 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Continued)

#### 2. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)

#### a. PLAN DESCRIPTION

The Board administers the Board of Education, City of Buffalo, New York's Retiree Medical and Prescription Drug (the Plan) as a single-employer defined benefit Other Post Employment Benefit plan (OPEB). The Plan provides for continuation of medical insurance benefits for certain retirees and their spouses and can be amended by action of the Board subject to applicable collective bargaining and employment agreements. The Plan does not issue a stand-alone financial report since there are no assets legally segregated for the sole purpose of paying benefits under the Plan.

#### b. FUNDING POLICY

The obligations of the plan members, employers and other entities are established by action of the Board pursuant to applicable collective bargaining and employment agreements. The required contribution rates of the employer and the members vary depending on the applicable agreement. The Board currently contributes enough money to the plan to satisfy current obligations on a pay-as-you-go basis. The costs of administering the plan are paid by the Board.

#### c. ACCOUNTING POLICY

The accrual basis of accounting is used. The fair market value of assets, if any, is determined by the market value of assets, if any, paid by a willing buyer to a willing seller.

#### d. ANNUAL OPEB COST AND NET OPEB OBLIGATION

The Board's annual other post employment benefit (OPEB) cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC). The Board has engaged an actuary to calculate the ARC and related information per the provisions of GASB Statement No. 45 for employers in plans with more than one hundred total plan members. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and to amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years. The following table shows the components of the Board's annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and the Board's net OPEB obligation to the Retiree Health Plan at June 30, 2011:

#### NOTE 4 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Continued)

Annual OPEB Cost	<u>(in t</u>	<u>nousands)</u>
Normal Cost	\$	61,678
Amortization of UAL		<u>97,234</u>
ARC		158,912
Interest on OPEB Obligation		11,247
Adjustment to ARC	_	(16,261)
OPEB Expense		153,898
Net OPEB contributions made during the fiscal year		(58,256)
Net increase in OPEB obligation		95,642
Net OPEB obligation at beginning of year		281,185
Net OPEB obligation at end of year	\$ <u></u>	376,827
Percentage of expense contributed		37.9%

#### e. FUNDED STATUS AND FUNDING PROGRESS

As of June 30, 2011, the most recent actuarial report provided, the actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$1,681,374,000, all of which was unfunded. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$276,561,591, and the ratio of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability to the covered payroll was 608%. The total post employment health insurance cost to the Board was \$58,256,000 for the year ended June 30, 2011.

The projection of future benefit payments for an ongoing plan involves estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information on page A42, presents the funded status of the plan.

## f. METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations. The following assumptions were made:

#### NOTE 4 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Continued)

The June 30, 2011 actuarial valuation utilized the projected unit credit cost method. The actuarial assumptions included a 4 percent investment rate of return (net of administrative expenses), which is the expected short-term investment rate of the Board's own assets since currently the plan has no assets at the valuation date in order to establish a plan investment rate. The assumed rate for all pre-65 healthcare benefits is initially at 10.0% and decreases to a 5% long-term trend rate after ten years. For all post-65 healthcare benefits this rate initially is at 8.5% and decreases to a 5% long-term trend rate after seven years. Both rates included a 3 percent inflation assumption. The UAAL is being amortized as a level percentage of projected payrolls on an open basis. The amortization period at June 30, 2011 was twenty-eight years.

#### 3. INDEBTEDNESS

Total

#### LONG-TERM DEBT

a. Long-term liability balances and activity for the year are summarized below:

	Balance 6/30/10	Issued	Redeemed	Balance 6/30/11	Due Within <u>One Year</u>
Government activities:	<u></u>		<u></u>	<u></u>	
Due to other					
governments \$	14,546,666 \$	-	\$ 713,334 \$	13,833,332	\$ 713,332
Due to City of Buffalo					
Debt Service Fund	122,897,866	26,725,000	33,007,307	116,615,559	11,306,239
Revenue bonds payable	27,060,000	-	4,475,000	22,585,000	615,000
JSCB bonds payable	1,050,660,000	165,315,000	32,805,000	1,183,170,000	37,180,000
Other long-term debt -					
EPC	3,299,929	-	800,834	2,499,095	835,000
Compensated absences	21,674,579	10,198,931	10,609,135	21,264,375	5,260,000
Post employment					
benefits	281,185,000	153,898,000	58,256,000	376,827,000	-
Judgments, claims, and					
Contingencies	1,677,056	-	1,366,227	310,829	
Workers' Compensation	18,976,752	6,763,973	5,886,562	<u>19,854,163</u>	

b. <u>Source of Funding</u> - Amounts due to other governments; due to City of Buffalo (bond debt); revenue bonds payable; other long-term debt - EPC; and judgments, claims, and contingencies are repaid through annual appropriation of the General Fund. Payments for compensated absences are charged to the fund where the employee's normal payroll is charged, except for grant funded employees, whose payments would be charged to the General Fund.

\$ <u>1.541,977,848</u> <u>\$ 362,900,904</u> <u>\$ 147,919,399</u> <u>\$ 1,756,959,353</u> <u>\$ 55,909,571</u>

#### NOTE 4 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Continued)

c. <u>Due to Other Governments</u> - In June 2000 the State Legislature passed special legislation to advance the Board \$20,000,000 in lottery aid to help pay for litigation settlement with the Buffalo Teachers Federation. In June 2006 the Board received an additional lottery aid advance of \$1,400,000. The advances are recorded as long-term interest -free loans with annual maturities as follows:

Fiscal Year		
Ending June 30		<u>Principal</u>
2012	\$	713,332
2013		713,334
2014		713,334
2015		713,332
2016		713,334
2017-2021		3,566,666
2022-2026		3,566,668
2027-2031		2,899,999
2032-2036		233,333
	\$_	13,833,332

d. <u>Due to City of Buffalo Debt Service Fund</u> - Represents payments due to the City for the maturity of serial bonds, which were issued by the City on behalf of the Board. The remaining annual maturities are as follows:

In March 2011, the City issued \$21,825,000 refunding bonds on behalf of the Board that mature in 2020. In July 2011 the City issued \$4,900,000 of serial bonds on behalf of the Board that mature in 2025.

Fiscal Year						
Ending June 30		Principal		Interest		<u>Total</u>
2012	\$	11,306,239	\$	5,549,006	\$	16,855,245
2013		11,578,006		5,045,877		16,623,883
2014		11,134,371		4,532,995		15,667,366
2015		11,168,083		3,971,431		15,139,514
2016		11,280,360		3,400,234		14,680,594
2017-2021		44,133,500		9,674,147		53,807,647
2022-2025		<u>16,015,000</u>	_	1,470,898	_	17,485,898
	\$ <u>1</u>	<u>16,615,559</u>	\$ <u>_</u>	<u>33,644,588</u>	\$_	150,260,147

e. <u>Revenue Bonds Payable</u> - Represents amounts due for Municipal Bond Agency Revenue Bonds issued pursuant to the State of New York Municipal Bond Agency (the Agency) Act and a General Resolution and a Series Resolution to provide funds to (i) finance a portion of the cost of settling litigation involving the Board and the Buffalo Teachers Federation; (ii) fund the Debt Service Reserve Fund to at least the Debt Service Reserve Fund Requirement; and (iii) pay legal, accounting, financing, and other fees and expenses relating to the issuance of the Bonds.

#### NOTE 4 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Continued)

The Bonds are special revenue obligations of the Agency and are secured by Annual Payments payable by the City from all monies legally available (which availability is, in general, dependent upon annual appropriations by the City), and amounts received by the Agency pursuant to the Agency's statutory right to intercept State School Aid payable to the City and all funds and accounts established by the General Resolution described in the Official Statement.

In May 2011, the remaining \$2,830,000 in the 2003, series D bonds were paid in full pursuant to a mandatory redemption provision in the original bond agreement.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30 Principal Interest Total 2012 \$ 615,000 \$ 1,178,569 \$ 1,793,569 2013 650,000 1,146,281 1,796,281 2014 680,000 1,112,156 1,792,156 2015 715,000 1,076,456 1,791,456 2016 755.000 1,038,919 1,793,919 4,380,000 4,583,394 8,963,394 2017-2021 2022-2026 5,645,000 3,320,363 8,965,363 9,145,000 1,673,963 10,818,963 2027-2031 \$ 22.585.000 \$<u>15,130,101</u> \$<u>37,715,101</u>

The remaining annual maturities are as follows:

f. JSCB Bonds Payable - Represents bond payments due for the design, construction, and financing of public educational facilities in the City (see Note 6).

The remaining annual maturities are as follows:

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Fiscal Year					
Ending June 30		<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>		<u>Total</u>
2012	\$	37,180,000	\$ 63,329,214	\$	100,509,214
2013		50,320,000	62,504,975		112,824,975
2014		46,280,000	5 <b>9,98</b> 8,975		106,268,975
2015		48,765,000	57,618,538		106,383,538
2016		51,420,000	55,027,625		106,477,625
2017-2021		303,245,000	230,468,638		533,713,638
2022-2026		403,770,000	136,131,275		539,901,275
2027-2031		235,885,000	33,939,975		269,824,975
2032		6,305,000	331,013		6,636,013
	\$ <u> </u> ]	<u>1,183,170,000</u>	\$ <u>699,340,228</u>	\$_	1, <u>882,540,228</u>

## NOTE 4 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Continued)

- g. <u>Compensated Absences</u> As described in Note 1, compensated absences, which total \$21,264,375 at June 30, 2011, represent amounts relating to sick, vacation and personal leave for employees. Payments of these liabilities are dependent upon many factors (including retirement, termination, or employees leaving service). The Board has estimated that \$5,260,000 will be paid in the next fiscal year.
- h. <u>Other Long-Term Debt Energy Performance Contracts (EPC)</u> Represents amounts due for equipment installed at school facilities to improve energy efficiency. Payments totaled \$800,834 during the year leaving a balance of \$2,499,095 at year end.

The remaining annual maturities are as follows:

Fiscal Year			
Ending June 30	<b>Principal</b>	Interest	<u>Total</u>
2012	\$ 835,000	\$ 42,516	\$ 877,516
2013	839,380	26,567	865,947
2014	824,715	10,423	835,138
	\$ <u>2,499,095</u>	\$ <u>79,506</u>	\$ <u>2,578,601</u>

- i. <u>Judgments, Claims, and Contingencies</u> Judgments, claims, and contingencies, which total \$310,829 at June 30, 2011, represent estimated amounts due for various outstanding claims. Payment of these estimated amounts are dependent upon many factors (including outstanding litigation).
- j. <u>Workers' Compensation</u> Workers' compensation obligations total \$19,854,163 at June 30, 1011, represent estimated amounts due for various outstanding claims.
- <u>Operating Leases</u> Operating lease obligations are primarily for rental of space and equipment. Lease expenditures and expenses for the year were \$5,181,161. The future minimum lease payments required for noncancellable operating leases are as follows:

Fiscal Year	
2012	\$ 4,229,678
2013	3,643,073
2014	2,754,877
2015	2,047,200
2016	1,928,575
2017-2021	8,131,166
2022-2025	379,511
Total	\$ <u>23,114,080</u>

## NOTE 4 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Continued)

## C. FUND BALANCE

Non-spendable fund balance - Includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact, including prepaid items, inventories, and principal of endowments. Non-spendable fund balance includes the inventory recorded in the General Fund of \$791,133 and in the School Lunch Fund of \$789,583, and permanently restricted endowments in the Permanent Fund of \$324,000.

Restricted - includes amounts with constraints placed on the use of resources either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments; or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The Board has established the following restricted fund balances:

- a. <u>Reserve for Capital Development</u> Represents funds which the Board has dedicated for capital improvements to schools.
- b. <u>Reserve for Debt Service</u> This reserve is established for the purpose of retiring the outstanding obligations upon the sale of District property or capital improvement that was financed by obligations that remain outstanding at the time of sale.
- c. <u>Reserve for Endowments</u> Represents funds set aside for various purposes as accounted for in the Permanent Fund.
- d. <u>Reserve for Joint Schools Construction Board Projects</u> Represents funds that are designated for capital projects authorized by the JSCB.
- e. <u>Reserve for Judgments, Property Loss and Claims</u> Represents funds set aside for payment of legal claims, judgments and contingencies.
- e. <u>Reserve for Stabilization</u> Represents funds set aside as part of the funding requirements of New York State for settlement of the dispute with the Buffalo Teachers Federation.
- f. <u>Reserve for Unemployment Insurance</u> Represents funds set aside to pay the cost of non-insured unemployment claims and losses.

## NOTE 4 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Continued)

Restricted fund balance includes the following:

General Fund:	
Judgments, Property Loss and Claims	\$ 18,000,000
Unemployment Insurance	3,156,044
Stabilization	8,969,264
Joint Schools Construction Board Fund	224,220,002
Debt Service Fund	143,595,544
Capital Projects Fund	1,786,112
Special Activities Fund	188,654
Permanent Fund	21,310
Total restricted funds	\$ <u>399,936,930</u>

Committed - Includes amounts that can only be used for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the school districts highest level of decision making authority, i.e., the Board of Education. The Board has no committed fund balances as of June 30, 2011.

Assigned - Includes amounts that are constrained by the Board's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. All encumbrances of the General Fund are classified as assigned fund balance. In funds other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the residual amount of fund balance. Assigned fund balance in the General Fund is comprised of the following:

Appropriated fund balance	\$	30,200,000
Designated for Joint School Construction		
Board projects and other capital needs		7,250,000
Designated for prior year claims		86,500,000
Designated for other post employment benefits		30,000,000
Encumbrances	_	<u>5,189,745</u>
	\$_	<u>159,139,745</u>

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments of expenditures are recorded for budgetary control purposes in order to reserve applicable appropriations, is employed as a control in preventing over-expenditure of established appropriations. Open encumbrances do not constitute expenditures or liabilities and will be honored through budget appropriations in the subsequent year. Encumbered amounts for specific purposes for which resources already have been restricted, committed, or assigned are included with in those fund balance classifications.

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#### NOTE 4 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Continued)

Unassigned - Includes all other General Fund net assets that do not meet the definition of the above four classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the Board.

When both restricted and unrestricted fund balance are available for expenditure, the Board will expend first from funds classified under GASB Statement No. 54 as unrestricted. When unrestricted funds are used for expenditure, unassigned funds will be used first, followed by assigned, and then committed. The use of restricted funds as classified by GASB Statement No. 54 will occur after the exhaustion of unrestricted funds, unless the expenditure meets the legal purpose of a particular restricted reserve fund and the use of those monies is recommended by the Chief Financial Officer and is approved by a majority vote of the Board of Education.

## NOTE 5 - AGENCY FUNDS

An agency fund exists for temporary deposit of funds. The following is a summary of changes in assets and liabilities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

	Balance 6/30/10 Additions		ions	De	letions	Balance <u>6/30/11</u>		
Cash Extraclassroom	\$	5,767	\$ 37,58	0,411	\$ 37,	,578,301	\$	7,877
activity cash		729,009	2,24	7,915	2,	244,982		731,942
Due from other funds	-	629,920	8,07	<u>6.811</u>	8.	122,414		584,317
, Total assets	\$_	<u>1,364,696</u>	\$ <u>47,90</u>	<u>5,137</u>	\$ <u>47</u> .	<u>.945,697</u>	\$ <u>1</u>	<u>,324,136</u>
Employee							••	
liabilities	\$	629,919	\$ 31,69	5,128	\$31,	,740,729	\$	584,318
Extraclassroom activity balance		729,009	2,24	7,915	2,	,244,982		731,942
Due to other								
funds		3,433		6,046	8,	,132,668		6,811
Agency reserve		2,335	1	4,037		15,307	_	1,065
Total liabilities	\$_	<u>1,364,696</u>	\$ <u>.42,09</u>	3 <b>,1</b> 26	\$ <u>42</u>	<u>,133,686</u>	\$ <u>1</u>	<u>,324,136</u>

## **NOTE 6 - JOINT SCHOOLS CONSTRUCTION BOARD**

The Buffalo Joint Schools Construction Board (the JSCB) is an inter-municipal board created as a joint cooperative board by resolutions of the Board and the City of Buffalo Common Council (the Council) and amendment of the City Charter, §18-59 and §18-60, to assist in a comprehensive program to redevelop the Board's school buildings and facilities. The JSCB is comprised of two Board designees, the Superintendent of Schools, the Mayor, the City Comptroller and one Council designee.

Although the Buffalo Schools Act confers extensive powers upon the JSCB in relation to the construction of new educational facilities, it assigns to the JSCB only limited functions in relation to the reconstruction of existing schools, which the act authorizes the Board to finance and implement as projects of the Erie County Industrial Development Agency (the ECIDA). Phase I, II, III, IV and V of the Program have been authorized by amendments to the Buffalo Schools Act as ECIDA reconstruction projects. The JSCB's role in those phases has been principally to assist and advise the Board in developing projects up to the point when plans and specifications have been approved by the State Education Department, financing is completed and available and construction can begin. The JSCB has also been assigned to monitor implementation of the Program's workforce and business diversification plan and to compare the financing of the Project available through ECIDA with financing of the Project available through the financing that will result in the lowest cost to the taxpayers of the City and the State). For Phase III, the JSCB is also required to submit certain cost reports to state officials and cannot proceed with the projects if estimated costs do not meet certain limits prescribed in the Phase III regulation.

#### Financing of JSCB

In accordance with Chapter 605 of the Laws of 2000 of the State of New York pursuant to Indenture of Trusts (Series 2003, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2011 Projects) between the ECIDA (the Issuer) and M&T Trust Company (the Trustee), School Facility Reserve Bonds, Series 2003, dated September 1, 2003, totaling \$180,335,000, Series 2004, dated December 22, 2004, totaling \$310,125,000, Series 2007A, dated August 23, 2007, totaling \$180,000,000, Series 2008A, dated February 28, 2008, totaling \$173,225,000, Series 2009A, dated November 6, 2009, totaling \$294,905,000 and Series 2011A, dated May 26, 2011, totaling \$165,315,000 were issued by the ECIDA for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of projects, consisting of the acquisition, renovation, reconstruction, improvement, equipping, and furnishing of certain public school buildings and the acquisition of certain equipment and fixtures all for use by the Board.

Pursuant to the Ground Leases, the City and the Board will lease to the ECIDA those public school buildings, improvements, real property, equipment, fixtures, and machinery related thereto to be improved by the Series 2003, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2011 Projects (collectively the Series 2003, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2011 Facilities).

#### NOTE 6 - JOINT SCHOOLS CONSTRUCTION BOARD (Continued)

The Ground Leases will be entered into concurrently with the issuance of the Bonds and will be for a term of approximately 20 years or such later period as the respective bond issuances (or any later series of refunding bonds issued under the Indenture) shall remaining outstanding.

The ECIDA will sell its leasehold interest in the project to the Board pursuant to the Amendatory Installment Sale Agreements.

Base Installment Purchase Payments due under the Installment Sale Agreement will equal principal and interest due on the bonds. The Board's obligation to pay installment purchase payments under the Installment Sale Agreements is executory only to the extent of State Aid appropriated by the State and available to the Board, and apportioned by the Board. In the event State Aid is appropriated by the State to the Board and the Board does not appropriate such State Aid to make installment purchase payments under the Installment Sale Agreements, the Trustee, on behalf of the Issuer, shall direct the State Comptroller to intercept State Aid for the payment of such Installment Purchase Payments.

The Board will be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the facilities.

The proceeds of the bonds were deposited in accordance with the respective Indenture Trust Agreements between the Issuer and M&T Bank. The bond proceeds were recorded as revenues within the fund financial statements and as liabilities within the government-wide financial statements of the Board. Projects costs and debt service payments were recorded as expenditures of the Board.

#### **NOTE 7 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

<u>Judgments, Claims, and Contingencies</u> - Various types of claims have been asserted against the Board by various claimants. Claims probable of resulting in an unfavorable outcome to the Board have been reasonably estimated and recorded in the government-wide financial statements. The claims are in various stages of processing and some may ultimately be brought to trial. Claims are paid and ultimately funded by the fund associated with the loss. For claims not accrued, the ultimate outcome of the suits cannot presently be determined and no provisions for loss if any, has been made in the accompanying financial statements. It is the opinion of management that there will not be any material adverse effects on the Board's financial statements as a result of these actions.

<u>State Aid</u> - The State periodically reviews its distribution of aid to school boards throughout the state. Thus, revenues recorded as of June 30, 2011 are subject to potential revision.

## NOTE 7 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Continued)

Health Insurance Litigation - On September 1, 2005, following a competitive bid process, the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Buffalo selected one insurance carrier to provide four health care plans to School District employees - three HMO plans and one traditional indemnity plan. Prior to September 1, 2005, the Board paid three insurance carriers to provide the same four plans. Some of the Board's unions, including the Buffalo Teachers' Federation (hereinafter, BTF), challenged the Board's decision to go to a single carrier in arbitration. On October 21, 2006, the arbitrator in the BTF arbitration ruled that the Board must return to multiple carriers effective January 1, 2007 and reinstate all teachers laid-off effective September 1, 2005 with "make-whole" monetary damages, including back pay and benefits with interest at the statutory judgment rate. The arbitrator also retained jurisdiction to decide any unresolved claims for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by individual teachers under the single carrier arrangement. The Board appealed the decision and the Appellate Division ruled that while the Board violated the contract in moving to a single carrier for healthcare, the Board is not required to reinstate all laid off teachers. The BTF moved and the Board cross moved to appeal to the Court of Appeals. The leave to appeal was denied. Subsequently, the BTF commenced a contempt proceeding in the Supreme Court, which remains pending. The Court has agreed to several continuances of the return date with the expectation that negotiation of a successor collective bargaining agreement may resolve the health insurance issue. Contract negotiations are continuing.

<u>Construction Commitment</u> - As of June 30, 2011, the Board has approximately \$7,812,863 committed to various renovations.

<u>Grants</u> - The Board has received grants, which are subject to audit by agencies of the State and federal governments. Such audits may result in disallowances and a request for a return of funds. Based on prior years' experience, the Board's administration believes disallowances, if any, will be immaterial.

#### **NOTE 8 - RISK FINANCING**

The Board is self insured for workers' compensation and has accrued its best estimate of workers' compensation losses. The plan establishes reserve liabilities based on the estimated cost of individual claims incurred. Those estimates are determined based on many factors, one of the most significant being past experience. Since the reserve liability is an estimate it may not reflect the plan's ultimate liability.

The schedule below presents the changes in the Board's estimated claims since June 30, 2010. The estimated claims represent claims that have occurred and are open due to an actual or future final determination of benefit payout as prescribed by the New York State Workers' Compensation Board. Estimated claims represents anticipated future payouts based on prior experience with actual payments of claims.

#### **NOTE 8 - RISK FINANCING (Continued)**

Estimated claims as of June 30, 2010	\$ 18,976,752
Claims incurred during the year	6,763,973
Payments made during the year, net	(5,886,562)
Estimated claims as of June 30, 2011	\$ <u>19.854,163</u>

## **NOTE 9 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The amounts classified as due to the City of Buffalo, in the Special Aid Fund, represent cash advances made to the Board totaling \$33,160,145.

Additionally, the Board transferred \$16,231,935 to the City for payment of the Board's portion of principal and interest on long-term debt.

## NOTE 10 - PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

In the current year, a prior period adjustment was recorded to the governmental activities beginning net assets. In prior years, the Board had not reported its liability for its self funded workers' compensation plan. This resulted in a decrease in the beginning net assets of \$18,976,752.

## NOTE 11 - FUTURE IMPACT OF ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

A. OPEB MEASUREMENTS BY AGENT EMPLOYERS AND AGENT MULTIPLE-EMPLOYER PLANS

In December 2009, GASB issued Statement No. 57 which addresses issues related to measurement of OPEB obligations by certain employers participating in agent multipleemployer OPEB plans. (In agent multiple-employer plans, separate liabilities are calculated and separate asset accounts are kept for each participating government, rather than being administered and accounted for as a single plan as is done in a cost-sharing plan). GASB Statement No. 57 amends Statement No. 43, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, and Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*.

## NOTE 11 - FUTURE IMPACT OF ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

This Statement enables certain agent employers to use the alternative measurement method, a less complex and potentially less expensive alternative to a full actuarial valuation. It also adjusts the requirement that a defined benefit OPEB plan obtain an actuarial valuation, in light of the change allowing more qualifying employers to use the alternative measurement method and clarifies that the same frequency and timing of determining OPEB measures are required for both agent multiple-employer plans and their participating employers. GASB Statement No. 57 is effective for financial statements for periods beginning after May 31, 2011, however, earlier application of this Statement is encouraged.

## B. THE FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY: OMNIBUS

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) recently issued Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus*. The Statement is designed to improve guidance for including, presenting, and disclosing information about component units and equity interest transactions of a financial reporting entity by modifying certain requirements in GASB Statements No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, and No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*.

Component units are legally separate organizations that state and local governments include in their financial reports. Statement No. 61 modifies the existing criteria for inclusion of organizations that are "fiscally dependent" on a government. For organizations that previously were required to be included as component units by meeting the fiscal dependency criterion, a financial benefit or burden relationship also would need to be present between the primary government and that organization for it to be included in the reporting entity as a component unit. Further, for organizations that do not meet the financial accountability criteria for inclusion as component units but that, nevertheless, should be included because the primary government's management determines that it would be misleading to exclude them, this Statement clarifies the manner in which that determination should be made and the types of relationships that generally should be considered in making the determination.

#### NOTE 11 - FUTURE IMPACT OF ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

Statement No. 61 also amends the criteria for reporting component units as if they were part of the primary government (*i.e.*, blending) in certain circumstances. For component units that currently are blended based on the "substantively the same governing body" criterion, it additionally requires that (1) the primary government and the component unit have a financial benefit or burden relationship or (2) management (below the level of the elected officials) of the primary government have operational responsibility for the activities of the component unit. New criteria also are added to require blending of component units whose total debt outstanding is expected to be repaid entirely or almost entirely with resources of the primary government. The blending provisions are amended to clarify that funds of a blended component unit have the same financial reporting requirements as a fund of the primary government. Lastly, additional reporting guidance is provided for blending a component unit if the primary government is a business-type activity that uses a single column presentation for financial reporting.

This Statement also clarifies the reporting of equity interests in legally separate organizations. It requires a primary government to report its equity interest in a component unit as an asset. The requirements of Statement No. 61 are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after June 15, 2012, with earlier application encouraged

# C. CODIFICATION OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN PRE-NOVEMBER 30, 1989 FASB AND AICPA PRONOUNCEMENTS

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) recently issued Statement No. 62, *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November* 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements. The Statement incorporates into the GASB's authoritative literature the applicable guidance previously presented in the following pronouncements issued before November 30, 1989:

- •Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations
- •Accounting Principles Board Opinions
- •Accounting Research Bulletins of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Committee on Accounting Procedure.

While the guidance included largely has been taken "as is" from the original FASB and AICPA pronouncements, it has been modified when appropriate to relate specifically to the governmental environment to increase its usefulness to this audience. By incorporating and maintaining this guidance in a single source, the Statement reduces the complexity of locating and using authoritative literature needed to prepare state and local government financial reports. It also eliminates the need for financial statement preparers and auditors to determine which FASB and AICPA pronouncement provisions apply to state and local governments. The requirements of Statement No. 62 are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 2011. Earlier application is encouraged.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS FOR RETIREE HEALTH PLAN FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

	Actuarial Valuation Date						
	June 30, 2011	June 30, 2009	June 30, 2007				
Schedule of Funding Progress:	<u>(in thousands)</u>	<u>(in thousands)</u>	(in thousands)				
Actuarial accrued liability Actuarial value of assets Unfunded actuarial accrued liability	\$ 1,681,374  \$1.681.374	\$ 1,206,245 <u></u>	\$ 1,081,714  \$081,714				
Funded ratio	0%	0%					

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Schedule of Employer Contributions:	Fiscal Year Ended (in thousands)					
June 30, 2008	\$ 40,736					
June 30, 2009	48,527					
June 30, 2010	51,422					
June 30, 2011	58,256					

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REVENUES:	. <u></u>	Original Budget*		Amended Budget		Actual Revenues	-	Over (Under) Amended Budget
Local sources:	Ċ	60.040.020	đ	C2 040 200	æ	54 023 231	r.	800.051
Contribution from City of Buffalo	\$	53,940,370	\$	53,940,370	\$	54,833,321	\$	892,951
School tax relief reimbursement		16,382,388		16,382,388		15,489,437		(892,951)
Nonproperty tax items		33,500,000		33,500,000		34,296,667		796,667
Charges for services		1,850,000		1,850,000		1,698,551		(151,449)
Use of money and property		245,000		245,000		120,202		(124,798)
Sale of property and compensation for loss		-		-		21,952		21,952
Miscellaneous local sources		14,095,358		14,095,358		13,149,135		(946,223)
State sources:								
Basic formula		539,182,458		529,735,492		508,636,578		(21,098,914)
Lottery aid		60,787,875		60,787,875		80,522,979		19,735,104
Other aid		6,339,411		6,339,411		5,640,972		(698,439)
Federal sources	_	3,800,000		13,246,966	. <u>.</u>	10,776,300		(2,470,666)
Total revenues		730,122,860		730,122,860		725,186,094		(4,936,766)
Other sources:								
Interfund transfers in		3,450,000		3,450,000		3,013,429		(436,571)
Appropriated fund balance	_	79,153,344	_	78,329,252	_			(78,329,252)
Total revenues and other sources	\$	812,726,204	\$_	811,902,112	\$	728,199,523	\$.	(83,702,589)

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

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<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK</b>
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011
(Continued)

	Original Budget*	Amended Budget		Actual Expenditures		Encumbrances		Unencumbered Balances
EXPENDITURES:	<b>_</b>	 					-	
General support:								
Board of education	\$ 258,069	\$ 257,217	\$	214,985	\$	4,100	\$	38,132
Central administration	2,083,845	1,549,287		1,348,490		141		200,656
Finance	2,896,491	2,905,391		2,429,133		10,954		465,304
Staff	3,457,164	3,397,098		2,524,166		97,644		775,288
Central services	65,451,384	64,098,389		56,913,854		2,490,230		4,694,305
Special items	74,968,000	72,718,000		1,607,335		27,690		71,082,975
Instruction:								
Instruction, administration, and improvements	19,399,021	20,750,553		18,676,978		4,759		2,068,816
Teaching - regular school	236,237,080	226,114,909		216,412,036		1,438,346		8,264,527
Charter school payments	78,271,022	85,202,869		85,086,216		-		116,653
Instructional media	5,997,587	5,888,105		4,841,022		494,599		552,484
Pupil services	8,010,781	12,126,422		9,996,799		620,878		1,508,745
Pupil transportation	46,744,867	46,430,036		42,894,379		87		3,535,570
Home and community services	20,281	24,531		24,398		-		133
Employee benefits	159,965,600	 158,741,928		150,592,127		317	-	8,149,484
Total expenditures	703,761,192	700,204,735		593,561,918		5,189,745		101,453,072
Other uses:								
Transfer to City of Buffalo debt service fund	16,231,935	16,231,935		16,231,935		-		-
Interfund transfers out	92,733,077	 95,465,442	· _	94,833,671		-	_	631,771
Total expenditures and other uses	\$812,726,204	\$ 811,902,112	\$_	704,627,524	\$	5,189,745	\$_	102,084,843
Net change in fund balance			\$	23,571,999	ı			

\* See Schedule of Change from Original Budget to Revised Budget on page B4 for reconciliation of GAAP to budgetary basis.

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# SECTION B

# SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

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		Capital Projects		School Food Service		Special Activities		Permanent Fund		Total
ASSETS:	-								•	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$		\$	300	\$	188,654	\$	-	\$	188,954
Cash held by City of Buffalo		9,786,959		13,335,373		-		-		23,122,332
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted		-		-		-		345,310		345,310
Accounts receivable		-		163,510		-		-		163,510
State and federal aid receivable		-		1,544,972		-		-		1,544,972
Inventory		-		789,583	·			** 	_	789,583
Total assets	\$	9,786,959	_\$_	15,833,738	\$_	188,654	\$ _	345,310	\$ _	26,154,661
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES: Liabilities:	-									
Accounts payable	\$	374,513	\$	598,540	\$	-	\$	-	\$	973,053
Accrued liabilities		-		355,607		-		. –		355,607
Total liabilities	_	374,513		954,147	_				_	1,328,660
Fund balances:										
Non-spendable		-		789,583		-		324,000		1,113,583
Restricted		1,786,112		-		188,654		21,310		1,996,076
Assigned		7,626,334		14,090,008		-		-		21,716,342
Total fund balances		9,412,446		14,879,591	-	188,654	_	345,310		24,826,001
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	9,786,959	\$	15,833,738	\$_	188,654	\$	345,310	\$	26,154,661

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2011

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK <u>COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND</u> <u>CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</u> <u>FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011</u>

	 Capital Projects	School Food Service	Special Activities	Permanent Fund	Total
REVENUES:					
Charges for services	\$ - \$	1,711,293	\$	- \$ - \$	5 1 <b>,711,293</b>
Use of money and property	11,518	-		- 1,976	13,494
Miscellaneous local sources	221,104	115,240	78,169	) -	414,513
State sources	-	826,978			826,978
Federal sources	 	19,807,918		<u> </u>	19,807,918
Total revenues	232,622	22,461,429	78,169	) 1,976	22,774,196
EXPENDITURES:					
General support	-	1,026,185			1,026,185
Instruction - regular schools	-	17,575,375			17,575,375
Home and community services	-	-	66,824	10,576	77,400
Employee benefits	-	1,489,763			1,489,763
Debt service:					
Bond issuance costs	173,674	-		· -	173,674
Capital outlay	 7,550,591	-	······································	· · ·····	7,550,591
Total expenditures	7,724,265	20,091,323	66,824	10,576	27,892,988

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011 (CONTINUED)

	Capital Projects	School Food Service	Special Activities	Permanent Fund	Total
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	(7,491,643)	2,370,106	11,345	(8,600)	(5,118,792)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Proceeds from bond issues	4,900,000	-	-	-	4,900,000
Premium on issuance of debt	138,423	-	-	-	138,423
Transfer to City of Buffalo debt service fund	(537,100)	-	-	-	(537,100)
Use of reserves	(489,705)	-	-	-	(489,705)
Interfund transfers in	778,578	233,725	-	-	1,012,303
Interfund transfers out	<u>-</u>	(125,921)			(125,921)
. Total other financing sources (uses)	4,790,196	107,804		••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	4,898,000
Net change in fund balances	(2,701,447)	2,477,910	11,345	(8,600)	(220,792)
Fund balances - beginning of year	12,113,893	12,401,681	177,309	353,910	25,046,793
Fund balances - end of year	\$9,412,446\$	14,879,591 \$	188,654 \$	345,310 \$	24,826,001

## BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK SCHEDULE OF CHANGE FROM ADOPTED BUDGET TO FINAL BUDGET - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

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Adopted Budget	\$ 805,972,860
Additions: Prior year encumbrances	6,753,344
Original Budget	812,726,204
Budget Revisions: Cancelled encumbrances	(824,092)
Final Budget	\$ <u>811,902,112</u>

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#### BOARD OF EDUCATION. CITY OF BUFFALO. NEW YORK SCHEDULE OF PROJECT EXPENDITURES -CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

			Expenditure	s/Reclassification		Over	
	Original	Revised		Current		_ Outstanding	(Under)
Project Title	Appropriations	Appropriations	Prior Years	Year	Total	Encumbrances	Budget
Planning & plan additions 89	3,400,000	1,955,506	1,882,230	62,237	1,944,467	1,076	(9,963)
New library facilities - phase III	2,558,559	2,934,419	2,934,101	-	2,934,101	-	(318)
Consultants for capital reconstruction projects	6,658,954	6,664,057	6,609,538	49,574	6,659,112	4,945	-
Reconstruction of various schools	- 1,000,630	1,000,630	957,345	-	957,345	-	(43,285)
Oil tank improvements	500,415	602,465	430,655	127,001	557,656	28,920	(15,889)
Site acquisition & improvements east high school	1,004,053	519,915	64,627	324,614	389,241	117,010	(13,664)
Oil tank improvements	751,611	751,611	471,108	240,185	711,293	-	(40,318)
ADA Improvements	1,953,694	1,953,694	78,015	616,218	694,233	40,455	(1,219,006)
Reconstruction of Various Schools	1,465,270	1,553,670	1,272,124	281,546	1,553,670	-	-
New Boilers	1,573,809	1,639,401	1,583,118	56,283	1,639,401	· _	-
Computers & Technology	4,158,954	4,158,954	2,773,446	1,336,734	4,110,180	-	(48,774)
Reconstruction of Various Schools	2,025,789	2,025,789	1,562,019	308,246	1,870,265	39,940	(115,584)
Chimney Reconstruction	759,671	759,671	15,618	331,126	346,744	337,704	(75,223)
Mechanical / Electrical Reconstruction	790,058	790,058	721,801		721,801	-	(68,257)
Reconstruction of Various Schools	3,290,399	3,290,399	<i>.</i> -	1,334,074	1,334,074	655,223	(1,301,102)
Mechanical / Electrical Reconstruction	1,748,024	1,748,024	-	1.019,544	1,019,544	183,647	(544,833)
Bennett High School / All High Parking Lot	598,000	649,150	-	380,950	380,950	268,200	(* · · <b>,····</b> /
Redevelopment of Johnnie B Wiley Sports Complex	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,707,862	221,104	1,928,966	70,578	(456)
Maintenance Garage School 89	190,000	190,895	· · •	190,895	190,895	í -	· -
A/E Services for Parking Lot at Bennett / All High	38,960	38,960	-	36,159	36,159	2,801	-
A/E Services for New Boiler at School 89	21,260	25,250	-	23,270	23,270	1,980	-
A/E Services for Interior & Exterior Reconstr Sch 67	105,620	105,620	60,000	38,896	98,896	6,724	
Transfer of Debt Service Costs	468,434	33,261,844	32,772,139	489,705	33,261,844	-,	-
Design / Consultants for Capital Projects	500.000	500,000	4,000	165,004	169,004	211,153	(119,843)
JSCB phase I - county contribution	5,000,000	5,015,551	4,823,251	75,900	4,899,151	116,400	-
JSCB ECIDA funds phase II	612,111	3,529,432	1,419,840		1,419,840		(2,109,592)
JSCB ECIDA funds phase III	442,106	1,091,010	1,076,009	15,000	1,091,010	-	(
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Total	\$ <u>43,616,381</u> \$	78,755,975 \$	63,218,846 \$	7,724,265 \$	<u>70,943,112</u> \$	2,086,756 \$	(5,726,107)

## BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS, NET OF RELATED DEBT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

Capital assets, net	\$ 1,088,243,306
Add:	
Cash held by City of Buffalo	9,786,959
Cash with fiscal agents	132,561,351
Cash – restricted	224,220,002
Total additions	366,568,312
Deduct:	
Due to City of Buffalo debt service fund	116,615,559
Joint School Construction Board bonds payable	1,183,170,000
Other long-term debt - EPC	2,499,095
Total deductions	1,302,284,654
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ <u>152,526,964</u>

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# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION -

## FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

## BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

FEDERAL GRANTOR/PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/PROGRAM TITLE	<u>Federal</u> CFDA#	<u>Pass-Through</u> <u>Grantors</u> <u>Numbers</u>	<u>Disbursements/</u> Expenditures
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES:			
Passed through New York State: Grants to States	45.310	0070-11-0063	\$ 4,976
Grants to States	45.510	0070-11-0005	۵ <u>4,970</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:			
Direct programs:			
Summer Lunch	10.559	N/A	\$ 1,201,740
Passed through State Department of Agriculture:			
Fresh Fruits & Vegetables	10.582	N/A	321,483
School Breakfast	10.553	N/A	5,878,886
School Lunch	10.555	N/A.	11,637,323
School Snack	10.555	N/A	61,783
USDA Commodity Food Program	10.555	N/A	1,028,303
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			20,129,518
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: Direct Programs: JROTC Program	12.357	N/A	21,912
JROTC Program	12.357	N/A	576,366
Passed through State Department of Education:			
WIA Title II - Literacy Zone	84.002A	2338-10-0926	19,462
WIA Title II - Literacy Zone	84.002A	2338-11-0926	271,197
WIA Title II - ESOL	84.002A	0040-10-1004	3,332
WIA Title II - ESOL	84.002A	0040-11-1004	58,618
WIA Title II, Adult Basic Education	84.002A	2338-10-1006	3,574
WIA Title II, Adult Basic Education	84.002A	2338-11-1006	202,507
WIA Title II - Correction Education	84.002A	0138-10-0060	2,348
WIA Title II - Correction Education	84.002A	0138-11-0060	84,730
Title I - School Improvement	84.010 *	0011-10-2002	1,074,257
Title I - School Improvement	84.010 *	0011-11-2002	4,244
Title I - SIG #204, #205, #301	84.010 *	0011-11-5003	381,937
Title I Parts A & D	84.010A *	0021-08-0740	352
Title I Parts A & D	84.010A *	0021-09-0740	155
Title I Parts A & D	84.010A *	0021-10-0740	5,695,337
Title I Parts A & D	84.010A *	0021-11-0741	23,320,352
ELA Curriculum Audit Corrective Action	84.010 *	0011-10-0002	2,057,449
Title I LEP - ELL	84.010 *	0011-10-3052	96,395

See notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

FEDERAL GRANTOR/PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/PROGRAM TITLE	Federal CFDA#	<u>Pass-Through</u> <u>Grantors</u> <u>Numbers</u>	<u>Disbursements/</u> <u>Expenditures</u>
EHA - PL 94-142 - IDEA Section 611	84.027A *	0032-10-0202	155,296
EHA - PL 94-142 - IDEA Section 611	84.027A *	0032-11-0202	12,203,819
Response to Intervention - IDEA	84.027A *	0031-10-5511	37,631
Response to Intervention - IDEA	84.027A *	0031-11-5511	45,378
S.E.T.R.C RSE - TASC	84.027A *	C010307	(673)
S.E.T.R.C RSE - TASC	84.027A *	C010307	347,706
Perkins Secondary Project	84.048A	8000-10-0075	24,092
Perkins Secondary Project	84.048A	8000-11-0075	680,193
Perkins VATEA Adult Project	84.048	8000-10-9002	13,421
Perkins VATEA Adult Project	84.048	8000-11-9002	496,031
Native American Project #19	84.060A	S060A091033	(1,253)
Native American Project #19	84.060A	S060A101033	213,532
EHA PL 99-457 - IDEA Section #619	84.173A *	0033-10-0202	16,745
EHA PL 99-457 - IDEA Section #619	84.173A *	0033-11-0202	556,473
Title IV Safe & Drug Free School	84.186A	0180-10-0740	86,604
Title IV Safe & Drug Free School	84.186A	0180-11-0740	25,660
Education of Homeless Children	84.196A	0212-10-0501	2,962
Education of Homeless Children	84.196A	0212-11-0501	41,820
Elementary & Secondary School Counseling	84.215E	Q215E090059	18,813
Elementary & Secondary School Counseling	84.215E	Q215E090059	354,287
Elementary & Secondary School Counseling	84.215E	Q215E090059	100,990
Partnership in Character Education	84.215S	Q215S060162-09	(57)
Teaching American History	84.215X	U215X080307	(1,410)
Teaching American History	84.215X	U215X080307	320,483
Title II Part D	84.318 *	0292-10-0740	87,915
Title II Part D	84.318X *	0292-11-0740	4,631
Special Education - State Personnel Development	84.323A	5291-11-0004	7,135
Professional Development for Arts Ed.	84.351C	U351C080039-09	140,637
Professional Development for Arts Ed.	84.351C	U351C080039-10	207,418
Reading First	84.357A	0243-10-0044	(1,121)
Improving Literacy through School Library	84.364A	S364A090078	77,414
Title III - LEP	84.365	0293-10-0740	95,795
Title III - LEP	84.365	0293-11-0740	472,820

See notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.
### BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

FEDERAL GRANTOR/PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/PROGRAM TITLE	<u>Federal</u> CFDA#	<u>Pass-Through</u> <u>Grantors</u> <u>Numbers</u>		isbursements/ Expenditures
Title III - Immigrant Funds	84.365	0149-10-0740		74,515
Title III - Immigrant Funds	84.365	0149-11-0740		176,401
Math & Science Partnership-Math	84.366B	0294-10-0118		29,756
Math & Science Partnership-Math	84.366B	0294-11-0213		255,161
Math & Science Partner - Science	84.336B	0294-10-0116		28,702
Math & Science Partner - Science	84.366B	0294-10-0207		348,226
Title II Part A	84.367	0147-08-0740		31
Title II Part A	84.367A	0147-10-0740		571,242
Title II Part A	84.367A	0147-11-0740	•	4,415,765
School Quality Review - #32	84.377A *	0123-10-0011		8,696
School Quality Review - #95	84.377A *	0123-09-0032		18
STEM/ELA/Leadership ACAD - Title I	84.377A *	0123-10-4052		2,036,215
STEM/ELA/Leadership ACAD - Title I	84.377A *	0123-11-4053		9,456
External Curriculm Audit - #18	84.377A *	0123-10-2104		26,015
Joint Intervention Team Grant	84.377A *	0123-10-3101		400,928
ARRA - Title II D	84.386A *	5291-11-0004		924,824
ARRA - Education for Homeless Children and Youth	84.387	5212-10-0501		(486)
ARRA - Education for Homeless Children and Youth	84.387	5212-11-0501		68,383
ARRA - School Improvement Grant	84.388A *	5123-11-0002		3,468,127
ARRA - Title I	84.389A *	5021-10-0740		2,782,847
ARRA - Title I	84.389A *	5021-11-0741		11,076,533
ARRA - IDEA Section 611	84.391A *	5032-10-0202		68,939
ARRA - IDEA Section 611	84.391A *	5032-11-0202		5,603,587
ARRA - IDEA Section 619	84.392A *	5033-10-0202		(870)
ARRA - IDEA Section 619	84.392A *	5033-11-0203		257,086
State Fiscal Stabilization Fund	84.394 *	5000-11-0740		9,446,966
ARRA - Teacher Resource and Computer Center Grant	84.397 *	5245-10-0010		594
Educational Resources Program	93.558	C020716		16,187
Educational Resources Program	93.558	· C020716		16,194
Total U.S. Department of Education	•			92,815,749
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			\$	112,950,243

\* Denotes Major Program

## BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

### **NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of the Board of Education, City of Buffalo, New York (the Board), and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.* Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

Indirect costs may be included in the reported expenditures, to the extent that they are included in the federal financial reports used as the source for the data presented.

Matching costs (the Board's share of certain program costs) are not included in the reported expenditures.

The basis of accounting varies by federal program consistent with the underlying regulations pertaining to each program.

### **NOTE 2 - BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

The amounts reported as federal expenditures were obtained from the Board's financial reporting system, which is the source of the Board's basic financial statements. Negative amounts shown on the schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years.

#### **NOTE 3 - PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR**

With the exception of the summer lunch and JROTC programs, all Federal financial assistance received was passed-through departments of the State of New York.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

### **NOTE 4 - MAJOR PROGRAM DETERMINATION**

Major program determination is a risk based assessment which classifies programs as either a Type A program or a Type B program. All federal programs with expenditures exceeding the greater of 3% of the total federal awards or \$3,388,507 are considered Type A programs and all other programs are considered Type B programs. The Type B federal programs with expenditures which do not exceed the greater of .3% of the total federal awards or \$100,000 are considered insignificant and were not further evaluated. All other programs were then further assessed based on risk and major programs were selected.

### NOTE 5 - NON-MONETARY FEDERAL PROGRAM

The Board is the recipient of a federal award program that does not result in cash receipts or disbursements, termed a "non-monetary program." During the year ended June 30, 2011, the Board received \$1,028,303 worth of commodities under the Surplus Food Distribution Program (CFDA 10.555).

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## INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE

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# Freed Maxick & Battaglia, CPAs, PC

Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

To the Board of Education of City of Buffalo, New York

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Board of Education, City of Buffalo, New York (the Board), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, and have issued our report thereon dated October 17, 2011. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management of the Board is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Board's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Board's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Board's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we deficiencies are defined above.

## Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Board's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of Board of Education, City of Buffalo, New York in a separate letter dated October 17, 2011.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Education, the Audit Committee, management, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Freed Maxick & Battagha, CAS, PC

Buffalo, New York October 17, 2011





# Freed Maxick & Battaglia, CPAs, PC

### Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance With Requirements That Could Have a Direct and Material Effect on Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133

To the Board of Education of City of Buffalo, New York

### Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Board of Education, City of Buffalo, New York (the Board) with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Board's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2011. The Board's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the Board's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Board's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Board's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the Board's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Board complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2011.

### Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Board is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Board's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Board's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Education, Audit Committee, management, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Freed Maxick & Battaglia, CAS, PC

Buffalo, New York October 17, 2011



## BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

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### I. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

### Financial Statements

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Type of auditor's report(s) issued:	Unqualified			
Internal control over financial reporting:				
Material weakness(es) identified?	yes	<u>X</u> no		
Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)?	yes	<u> </u>		
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	yes	<u> </u>		
Federal Awards				
Internal control over major programs:				
Material weakness(es) identified?	yes	<u> </u>		
Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)?	yes	<u>X</u> none reported		
Type of auditor's opinion(s) issued on compliance for major programs:	Unqua	alified		
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be repoin accordance with section 510(a) of Circular A-133?	orted yes	<u> </u>		
Identification of major programs:		CFDA #		
Title I Cluster Special Education Cluster State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Cluster School Improvement Grants Title II D	84.027/8 {	84.010/84.389 84.173/84.391/84.392 84.394/84.397 84.377/84.388 84.318/84.386		
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A an Programs	nd Type B	3,388,507		
Auditee qualified as low risk?	<u>X</u> yes	no		

### BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

### **II. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT**

There were no findings related to the financial statement audit noted in the current year.

### **III. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS**

There were no findings and questioned costs for federal awards noted in the current year.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

### I. FINDING - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

There were no findings material to the financial statements noted in the prior year.

## II. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

There were no findings and questioned costs for federal awards noted in the prior year.

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## EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY



## Freed Maxick & Battaglia, CPAs, PC

## Independent Auditor's Report on the Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Net Assets of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds

To the Board of Education of City of Buffalo, New York

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Net Assets of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds of the Board of Education, City of Buffalo, New York (the Board), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011. The financial statement is the responsibility of the Board's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit.

Except as discussed in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Insufficient accounting controls are exercised over cash receipts from the point of collection to the time of submission to the Central Treasurer. Accordingly, it was impracticable to extend our audit of such receipts beyond the amounts recorded.

In our opinion, except for the effects of any adjustments which might have resulted had the cash collections been susceptible to satisfactory audit tests, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the recorded transactions of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds of the Board for the year ended June 30, 2011, arising from cash collected and disbursements made during the year then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

The Board's policy is to prepare the financial statements of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as explained in Note 1 to the financial statement. Accordingly, the accompanying Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Net Assets of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds is not intended to present financial position, results of operations, and cash flows in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Freed Maxick & Battaghia, CAS, PC

Buffalo, New York October 17, 2011

## BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS NET ASSETS OF THE EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

		Balance	Cash	Cash		Balance	
School	•	June 30, 2010	 Receipts		Disbursements		June 30, 2011
3	\$	6,363	\$ 13,763	\$	17,395	\$	2,731
6		6,883	16,054		18,106		4,831
17		9,022	6,572		5,636		9,958
18		4,526	7,751		7,031		5,246
19		10,219	10,205		11,006		9,418
27		30,551	25,043		31,656	• .	23,938
30		4,335	25,238		24,595		4,978
31		(342)	20,359		19,351		666
32		8,276	79,479		65,077		22,678
33		3,221	12,042		12,332		2,931
37		37	12,622		13,654		(995)
39		5,796	36,887		32,275		10,408
42		4,016	27,071		25,236		5,851
43		6,585	39,378		36,538		9,425
45		18,054	50,160		55,414		12,800
53		2,762	8,227		8,281		2,708
54		16,574	21,592		25,844		12,322
56		7,786	29,956		34,714		3,028
59		2,110	27,095		24,875		4,330
61		495	5,607		5,192		910
64		721	31,440		29,784		2,377
65		6,505	23,653		26,300		3,858
66		8,765	18,312		20,559		6,518
67		11,961	41,319		47,759		5,521
69	-	1,001	 9,709		7,580	-	3,130
Subtotal	\$	176,222	\$ 599,534	\$	606,190	\$	169,566

## BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS NET ASSETS OF THE EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011 (CONTINUED)

		Balance		Cash		Cash		Balance
School		June 30, 2010	. <u></u>	Receipts	-	Disbursements		June 30, 2011
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72	\$	4,783	\$	17,784	\$	18,529	\$	4,038
74		6,681		15,456		16,405		5,732
76		4,837		31,071		35,134		774
7 <del>9</del>		23,792		14,537		17,269		21,060
80		9,756		36,526		38,039		8,243
81		438		5,540		4,880		1,098
82		9,962		9,638		10,574		9,026
84		14,533		5,402		8,431		11,504
89		13,397		11,985		15,492		9,890
90		1,312		17,784		14,231		4,865
91		6,688		14,207		16,022		4,873
93		4,034		-		-		4,034
94		12,823		14,366		11,637		15,552
95		10,215		15,656		10,871		15,000
96		17,696		31,596		35,073		14,219
97		655		3,187		3,283		559
99		10,117		30,491		31,613		8,995
131		976		3,219		4,249		(54)
187		71,642		224,308		226,586		69,364
195		53,070		241,999		205,016		90,053
197		8,153		27,752		27,291		8,614
198		2,214		10,690		9,012		3,892
200		6,528		125,528		124,940		7,116
202		837		1,967		2,805		(1)
204		13,140		63,611		66,694		10,057
205		7,890		44,219		43,654		8,455
206	-	45,778		87,033		92,091	_	40,720
Subtotal	\$	361,947	\$	1,105,552	\$	1,089,821	\$	377,678

## BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS NET ASSETS OF THE EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011 (CONTINUED)

School	-	Balance June 30, 2010		Cash Receipts	Cash Disbursements	_	Balance June 30, 2011
212	\$	24,073	\$	121,093	\$ 118,168	\$	26,998
301	4	6,856	4	40,982	 33,433	4	14,405
302		24,727		46,592	43,942		27,377
304		59,146		156,757	159,651		56,252
305		48,845		77,620	92,574		33,891
307		10,559		55,438	57,456		8,541
415		16,634	_	44,348	43,748	_	17,234
Subtotal		190,840		542,830	548,972		184,698
Subtotal (1)		176,222		<b>599,</b> 534	606,190		169,566
Subtotal (2)		361,947		1,105,552	1,089,821		377,678
Total	\$	729,009	. \$_	2,247,916	\$ 2,244,983	\$_	731,942

### BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS NOTE TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The transactions of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds are not considered part of the reporting entity of the Board of Education, City of Buffalo, New York (the Board). Consequently, such transactions are included in the basic financial statements of the Board only to the extent that cash and a corresponding liability are recorded in the Agency Fund in the Board's Statement of Net Assets - Fiduciary Funds at June 30, 2011.

The books and records of the Board's Extraclassroom Activity Funds are maintained on the cash basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting revenues are recognized when cash is received and expenditures are recognized when cash is disbursed.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK <u>EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS</u> SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS

#### CASH RECEIPTS

Based on our conversations with the Associate Auditor, we noted that student treasurers and advisors are not providing the Central Treasurer with documentation to support the amount of cash collected from fundraising activities. This deficiency has resulted in a qualification of our audit report.

Internal accounting control and control over undeposited cash collections could be strengthened if receipts for cash collections were issued at the point of sale and a preaudit of receipts was available for each major fundraiser.

Extraclassroom activity funds are derived from a number of sources such as admissions, sales and campaigns and donations. The procedures used in collecting and preauditing (checking) these several types of receipts will naturally vary. As far as possible, devices should be used which will make it possible to determine in advance the amounts which should be received.

To facilitate the preaudit and recording of receipts, statements should be prepared by those collecting money. Such statements should, on the face of them, give all the essential data for a complete check and audit of the receipts. A determination should be made as to whether the activity falls within the provision of the New York State Sales Tax Law, and an estimate should be obtained as to the amount of sales tax which will be collected. Such statements should enable those collecting money to prepare a complete report and verify the money turned over to the treasurer. In addition, they will afford protection for those handling funds, facilitate a check, and serve as documentary evidence, which can be used for accounting purposes. A preaudit of receipts should make only reasonable allowances for errors in making change.

We also noted instances where Central Treasurers were not providing receipts of the cash deposited with the Central Treasurer to the student treasurers. We suggest the Central Treasurers provide receipts to the student treasurers for all cash receipts deposited with the Central Treasurer.

#### ACTIVITY FUND MANAGEMENT

During our audit, we noted instances in which neither budgets for fund-raising events nor annual budgets for annual fundraising activities were prepared. The Board of Education has the ultimate responsibility for the safeguarding of the Extraclassroom Activity Fund. The Board delegates this responsibility to the Central Treasurer, the faculty advisors and the student treasurers.

Additionally, the only reconciliation of expected revenue to actual cash collected is performed by the internal audit staff after the school year is complete. Such reconciliations are performed on a random basis and not on a fundraiser-by-fundraiser basis, resulting in doubt about whether the cash deposit totals can be reasonably relied upon.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS (Continued)

In order to help monitor the plans and operations of the various activities, we suggest that at the start of each school year the activity advisors and activity officers prepare a program outline indicating the various events to be held, the anticipated profits and the plans for the proceeds. A copy of the program outline should be submitted to the Building Principal, the Central Treasurer, and the Associate Auditor, so they can anticipate and approve the various events throughout the year.

As each event is completed, the program outline should be compared to the actual results. The profit and loss analysis should be filed with the activity records for future reference.

### CASH DISBURSEMENTS

During our test of expenditures, we noted instances in which all the required signatures were not present on the payment order. We also noted instances where payments were made without an invoice.

We recommend the Central Treasurers refrain from issuing checks without a properly completed payment order that includes all required signatures and an original invoice.

## STUDENT LEDGERS

During our testing, we noted that not all clubs maintained accounting records of cash receipts, disbursements and available cash independent of those maintained by the Central Treasurer. We also noted approximately 15 of 64 clubs did not submit updated information to the Board as of year-end in order to complete bank reconciliations.

We recommend each student treasurer maintain an independent accounting record of cash receipts, disbursements and available cash. We further recommend student accounting records be reconciled with those of the Central Treasurer and at least semi-annually. We recommend the Board obtain information from the clubs in order to prepare timely bank reconciliations.

## **DEFINITION**

We noted that certain accounts included in the Board's Student Activity Funds are not in compliance with Section 172.1 of the Commissioner of Education Regulations governing Financial Accounting of Extra Classroom Activity Funds since these accounts do not represent activities conducted by students. These accounts are "Teacher's Supply," "Principal's Supply," "Postage," "Miscellaneous," and other "General Funds."

## BOARD OF EDUCATION, CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS (Continued)

Section 172.1 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education on Financial Accounting of Extra Classroom Activity Funds defines activity funds as follows:

An organization within a school district whose activities are conducted by and for the students and whose financial support is raised other than by taxation or through charges of the Board of Education.

The deposit of funds into the extraclassroom account shall consist only of monies received from the conduct, operation, or maintenance of extraclassroom activity (Regulation of the Commissioner of Education on Financial Accounting of Extra Classroom Activity Funds, Section 172.4).

We understand that these accounts are included with the Extraclassroom Activity Funds to assist improving internal control, to save on bank charges, and to streamline administrative requirements. However, we recommend that the Board review and evaluate these activities to determine if they meet the criteria of an extraclassroom activity. [THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK]

## **APPENDIX B**

## **CERTAIN DEFINITIONS**

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### **APPENDIX B**

### **CERTAIN DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Official Statement, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth

below:

<u>Act</u> or <u>IDA Act</u> shall mean, collectively, the New York State Industrial Development Agency Act (constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York), as amended, and Chapter 293 of the 1970 Laws of New York, as amended.

<u>Additional Bonds</u> shall mean one or more series of additional bonds issued, executed, authenticated and delivered under the Indenture.

<u>Additional Facilities</u> shall mean any "educational facilities" of the City and/or the Buffalo CSD as shall after the Closing Date become subject to a Series Facilities Agreement other than the Installment Sale Agreement; provided, however, that to the extent that only items of machinery, equipment, furniture, furnishings or fixtures located within an "educational facility" owned by or leased to the City and/or the Buffalo CSD shall be financed in whole or in part from a Series of Project Bonds, then "Additional Facilities" shall mean only such items so financed and all replacements, repairs or additions thereto.

<u>Additional Payments</u> shall mean all amounts payable by the Buffalo CSD under the Installment Sale Agreement, other than for Installment Purchase Payments.

Agreement Term shall mean the duration of the Installment Sale Agreement.

<u>Amended 2004 Ground Lease</u> shall mean the Amended and Restated Ground Lease (Series 2004 Project), dated as of April 1, 2012, between the City and Buffalo CSD, as lessors, and the Issuer, as lessee, with respect to the Series 2004 Facilities, as amended or supplemented.

Authorized Representative shall mean (i) in the case of the Issuer, the Chairman, Vice Chairman, President/CEO, Chief Operating Officer, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary or Executive Director of the Issuer, or any officer or employee of the Issuer authorized to perform specific acts or to discharge specific duties, (ii) in the case of the PPDS Provider, the President, any Vice President, the Treasurer or any Assistant Treasurer of the PPDS Provider, or any officer or employee of the PPDS Provider authorized to perform specific acts or to discharge specific duties, and (iii) in the case of the Buffalo CSD, (y) the Comptroller of the City, but only for the purposes of (1) directing the Trustee in the application of prepayments of Installment Purchase Payments, (2) directing the Trustee with respect to investments and reinvestments by the Trustee of moneys held under the Indenture, (3) directing the Trustee in the application of moneys from the Redemption Account of the Bond Fund to either the Interest Account or Principal Account of the Bond Fund as provided in the Indenture, (4) directing the Trustee to the purchase of Bonds from amounts in the Redemption Account of the Bond Fund, and the order of crediting of sinking fund payments upon the purchase or redemption of any Bonds subject to sinking fund payments, all as provided in the Indenture, (5) directing the Trustee in the investment of amounts held under the Indenture, requesting the Trustee to deliver statements of net investment gain or loss and of amounts held in the Project Fund and in each Account of the Bond Fund, and directing the Trustee to sell, redeem or exchange for cash any obligations in which moneys shall have been invested, all as provided in the Indenture, (6) directing the Trustee to make deposits to or transfers from the Rebate Fund as provided in the Indenture, (7) directing

the Trustee as to the order of maturity of Bonds to be redeemed as provided in the Indenture, (8) directing the Trustee relative to action to be taken under the Tax Compliance Certificate as provided in the Indenture, (9) consenting to the execution of a Supplemental Indenture by the Issuer and the Trustee upon the circumstances set forth therefor under the Indenture, and (10) designating to the Trustee a "Qualified Swap" as provided in the definition of such term; or (z) the Superintendent of the Buffalo CSD, the President of the Board of Education of the Buffalo CSD or any other officer or employee of the Buffalo CSD authorized to so act, and without limitation in purpose as provided in preceding clause (y); provided, however, that in each case for which a certification or other statement of fact or condition is required to be submitted by an Authorized Representative to any Person pursuant to the terms of the Installment Sale Agreement or the Indenture, such certificate or statement shall be executed only by an Authorized Representative in a position to know or to obtain knowledge of the facts or conditions that are the subject of such certificate or statement.

<u>Bankruptcy Code</u> shall mean Title 11 of the United States Code, as it is amended from time to time.

Base Facilities Agreement Payment Certificate shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the State Aid Trust Agreement.

<u>Beneficial Owner</u> shall mean, whenever used with respect to a Bond, the Person in whose name such Bond is recorded as the beneficial owner of such Bond by the respective systems of DTC and each of the Participants of DTC.

<u>Beneficial Ownership Interest</u> shall mean the beneficial right to receive payments and notices with respect to the Bonds which are held by the Securities Depository under a book-entry system.

<u>Bond Fund</u> shall mean the special trust fund so designated, established pursuant to the Indenture.

Bondholder, Holder of Bonds, Holder or holder shall mean any Person who shall be the registered owner of any Bond or Bonds.

Bond Registrar shall mean the Trustee acting as registrar as provided in the Indenture.

Bond Resolution shall mean the resolutions of the Issuer adopted on September 11, 2002, as amended on October 16, 2002 and on June 11, 2003, and as amended and restated on November 10, 2004, and as further amended on April 11, 2005, June 11, 2007, July 9, 2007, January 17, 2008, October 19, 2009, May 16, 2011 and on March 26, 2012 authorizing the Series 2012A Project and the issuance of the Series 2012A Bonds.

Bonds shall mean the Series 2012A Bonds and any other Series of Additional Bonds issued under the Series 2012A Indenture.

<u>Bond Service Charges</u> shall mean the principal, interest and redemption premium, if any, required to be paid on the Bonds when and as the same become due, whether by scheduled maturity or prior redemption.

<u>Bond Year</u> shall mean each period of twelve months commencing on November 2 and ending on the succeeding November 1.

<u>Buffalo CSD</u> shall mean the City School District of the City of Buffalo, a school district of the State of New York, acting by and through the Board of Education of the City School District of Buffalo, and any body, board, authority, agency or other governmental agency or instrumentality which shall succeed to the powers, duties, obligations and functions thereof.

<u>Buffalo Schools Act</u> shall mean chapter 605 of the Laws of 2000 of the State, as amended by chapter 59 of the Laws of 2003 of the State, as further amended by chapter 421 of the Laws of 2004 of the State, as further amended by chapter 283 of the Laws of 2006 of the State, as further amended by chapter 403 of the Laws of 2008 of the State, as further amended by chapter 492 of the Laws of 2008 of the State, as further amended by chapter 497 of the Laws of 2008 of the State, and as further amended by Chapter 209 of the Laws of 2009 of the State, as the same may be further amended from time to time.

<u>Buffalo Schools Reconstruction Project</u> shall mean the acquisition, renovation, construction, reconstruction, equipping and/or furnishing of public schools of the City and/or the Buffalo CSD as an authorized project of the Issuer pursuant to the Buffalo Schools Act.

<u>Business Day</u> shall mean any day other than (i) a Saturday or Sunday, (ii) a day on which banks in the State of New York, or in the cities in which the corporate trust office of the Trustee is located, are authorized or required by law to close, or (iii) a day on which the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. is closed.

<u>Cede & Co</u>. shall mean Cede & Co., the nominee of DTC, and any successor nominee of DTC with respect to Bonds in book-entry-only form.

<u>City</u> shall mean the City of Buffalo, New York.

<u>Closing Date</u> shall mean the date of the original issuance and delivery of the Series 2012A Bonds.

<u>Code</u> shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including the regulations thereunder.

<u>Costs of Issuance</u> shall mean issuance costs with respect to a Series of Bonds described in Section 147(g) of the Code and any regulations thereunder, including but not limited to the following: underwriter's spread (whether realized directly or derived through purchase of such Series of Bonds at a discount below the price at which they are expected to be sold to the public); counsel fees (including bond counsel, underwriter's counsel, Trustee's counsel, Issuer's counsel, Buffalo CSD's counsel, as well as any other specialized counsel fees incurred in connection with the borrowing); financial advisor fees of any financial advisor to the Issuer or the Buffalo CSD incurred in connection with the issuance of the Series of Bonds; professional consultant's fees; Rating Agency fees; Trustee, Paying Agent and Depository Bank fees; Credit Facility fees and the fees and expenses of counsel to the provider of the Credit Facility; accountant fees and other expenses related to the issuance of such Series of Bonds; printing and reproduction costs; filing and recording fees; costs of Rating Agencies; fees and expenses of the Issuer incurred in connection with the issuance of such Series of Bonds; printing and reproduction costs; filing and recording fees; costs of Rating Agencies; fees and expenses; and any other charges, fees, costs or expenses related to the issuance of such Series of Bonds.

County shall mean Erie County, New York.

<u>Credit Facility</u> shall mean any letter of credit, standby bond purchase agreement, line of credit, policy of bond insurance, surety bond, guarantee or similar instrument, or any agreement relating to the reimbursement of any payment thereunder (or any combination of the foregoing), which is obtained

by the Issuer or the Buffalo CSD and is issued by a financial institution, insurance provider or other Person and which provides security or liquidity in respect of any Outstanding Bonds.

<u>Defeasance Obligations</u> shall mean only (1) cash, (2) non-callable direct obligations of the United States of America ("Treasuries"), (3) evidences of ownership of proportionate interests in future interest and principal payments on Treasuries held by a bank or trust company as custodian, under which the owner of the investment is the real party in interest and has the right to proceed directly and individually against the obligor and the underlying Treasuries are not available to any person claiming through the custodian or to whom the custodian may be obligated, (4) pre-refunded municipal obligations rated "AAA" and "Aaa" by S&P and Moody's, respectively, or (5) securities eligible for "AAA" defeasance under then existing criteria of S&P or any combination thereof.

<u>Depository Bank</u> shall mean Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, Buffalo, New York, acting as depository bank pursuant to the State Aid Trust Agreement, and shall include its successors and assigns in such capacity.

<u>DTC</u> shall mean The Depository Trust Company, a limited purpose trust company, New York, New York.

"<u>educational activity</u>" or "<u>educational facility</u>" shall have the meanings assigned to such terms by the Buffalo Schools Act.

<u>Environmental Compliance Agreement</u> shall mean the Environmental Compliance and Indemnification Agreement, dated as of April 1, 2012, from the Buffalo CSD for the benefit of the Issuer, as amended or supplemented.

<u>Event of Default</u> shall have the meaning specified in the Indenture or the Installment Sale Agreement, as applicable.

<u>Event of Nonappropriation</u> shall mean failure by the Buffalo CSD, as a result of a nonappropriation of funds, to pay or cause to be paid, when due, the Installment Purchase Payments or Additional Payments to be paid under the Installment Sale Agreement.

Facility or Facilities shall mean the Series 2004 Facility or the Series 2004 Facilities.

Fiscal Year shall mean a year commencing on July 1 and ending on the next succeeding

June 30.

Ground Lease shall mean the Amended 2004 Ground Lease.

Indenture shall mean the Series 2012A Indenture.

Installment Purchase Payments shall mean those installment purchase payments payable by the Buffalo CSD pursuant to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement with respect to principal of and interest on the Series 2012A Bonds.

Installment Purchase Payment Date shall mean with respect to the Series 2012A Bonds, April 1 of each year commencing April 1, 2013, all as set forth in the schedule of Installment Purchase Payments attached to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, subject, however, to modification as provided in the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. Installment Sale Agreement shall mean, with respect to the Series 2012A Bonds, the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.

Interest Account shall mean the special trust account of the Bond Fund so designated, established pursuant to the Indenture.

<u>Interest Payment Date</u> shall mean May 1 and November 1 of each year, commencing November 1, 2012, and the maturity date of the Series 2012A Bonds.

<u>Issuer</u> shall mean the Erie County Industrial Development Agency, a corporate governmental agency constituting a body corporate and politic and a public benefit corporation of the State, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State, and any body, board, authority, agency or other governmental agency or instrumentality which shall succeed to the powers, duties, obligations and functions thereof.

### Issuer's Reserved Rights shall mean, collectively,

(i) the right of the Issuer to exercise in its own behalf its rights under the Installment Sale Agreement with respect to the payment and/or collection of Additional Payments due to the Issuer in its own behalf under the Installment Sale Agreement;

(ii) the right of the Issuer in its own behalf to receive all Opinions of Counsel, reports, financial statements, certificates, insurance policies, binders or certificates, or other notices or communications required to be delivered to the Issuer under the Installment Sale Agreement;

(iii) the right of the Issuer to grant or withhold any consents or approvals required of the Issuer under the Installment Sale Agreement;

(iv) the right of the Issuer to enforce or otherwise exercise in its own behalf all agreements of the Buffalo CSD with respect to ensuring that the Facilities shall always constitute a qualified "project" and "educational facility" for "educational activities" as defined in and as contemplated by the IDA Act and the Buffalo Schools Act;

(v) the right of the Issuer in its own behalf to enforce, receive Additional Payments payable under or otherwise exercise its rights under certain specified provisions of the Installment Sale Agreement, including those relating to Issuer fees and expenses, indemnification, liability insurance and compliance with laws;

(vi) the right of the Issuer to enforce the Environmental Compliance Agreement; and

(vii) the right of the Issuer in its own behalf to enforce the Issuer's Reserved Rights upon the occurrence of an Event of Default or an Event of Nonappropriation.

<u>Master Construction Agreement</u> shall mean the Master Construction Agreement, dated as of September 1, 2003, between the Buffalo CSD, on its own behalf and as agent for the Issuer, and the PPDS Provider, pursuant to which the PPDS Provider has agreed to perform the Series 2004 Project, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time in accordance therewith.

<u>Moody's</u> shall mean Moody's Investors Service Inc., a Delaware corporation, its successors and assigns, and, if such corporation shall be dissolved or liquidated or shall no longer perform

the functions of a securities rating agency, "Moody's" shall be deemed to refer to any other nationally recognized securities rating agency designated by the Trustee, by notice to the other Notice Parties.

<u>Nationally Recognized Bond Counsel</u> shall mean Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP or other counsel acceptable to the Issuer and the Trustee experienced in matters relating to tax exemption of interest on bonds issued by states and their political subdivisions.

<u>Net Base Facilities Agreement Payment</u> shall mean the Installment Purchase Payment as reduced by any credits from amounts available in the Bond Fund.

Notice Parties shall mean the Issuer, the Buffalo CSD, the Paying Agent and the Trustee.

<u>Opinion of Counsel</u> shall mean a written opinion of counsel who may (except as otherwise expressly provided in the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement or any other Security Document) be counsel for the Buffalo CSD or the Issuer and who shall be acceptable to the Trustee.

<u>Outstanding</u>, when used with reference to a Bond or Bonds, as of any particular date, shall mean all Bonds which have been issued, executed, authenticated and delivered under the Indenture, except:

(i) Bonds cancelled by the Trustee because of payment or redemption prior to maturity or surrendered to the Trustee under the Indenture for cancellation;

(ii) any Bond (or portion of a Bond) for the payment or redemption of which, in accordance with the defeasance provisions of the Indenture, there has been separately set aside and held in the Redemption Account of the Bond Fund either:

(A) moneys, and/or

(B) Defeasance Obligations in such principal amounts, of such maturities, bearing such interest and otherwise having such terms and qualifications as shall be necessary to provide moneys,

in an amount sufficient to effect payment of the principal or applicable Redemption Price of such Bond, together with accrued interest on such Bond to the payment or redemption date, which payment or redemption date shall be specified in irrevocable instructions given to the Trustee to apply such moneys and/or Defeasance Obligations to such payment on the date so specified, together with that documentation required under the defeasance provisions of the Indenture, provided, that, if such Bond or portion thereof is to be redeemed, notice of such redemption shall have been given as provided in the Indenture or provision satisfactory to the Trustee shall have been made for the giving of such notice; and

(iii) Bonds in exchange for or in lieu of which other Bonds shall have been authenticated and delivered under the Indenture,

provided, however, that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of Bonds Outstanding have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver under the Indenture, Bonds owned by the Buffalo CSD shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding, except that, in determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying upon any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, only Bonds which a Responsible Officer of the Trustee actually knows to be so owned shall be so disregarded. Bonds which have been pledged in good faith to a Person may be regarded as Outstanding for such purposes if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Trustee the pledgee's right so to act with respect to such Bonds and that the pledgee is not the Buffalo CSD.

<u>Participants</u> shall mean those financial institutions for whom the Securities Depository effects book-entry transfers and pledges of securities deposited with the Securities Depository, as such listing of Participants exists at the time of such reference.

<u>Paying Agent</u> shall mean any paying agent for the Bonds appointed pursuant to the Indenture (and may include the Trustee) and its successor or successors and any other corporation which may at any time be substituted in its place pursuant to the Indenture.

### Permitted Encumbrances shall mean and include:

(i) undetermined liens and charges incident to construction or maintenance, and liens and charges incident to construction or maintenance filed on record which are being contested in good faith and have not proceeded to judgment;

(ii) the liens of taxes and assessments which are not delinquent;

(iii) the liens of taxes and assessments which are delinquent but the validity of which is being contested in good faith unless thereby any of the affected Facilities or the interest of the City or the Buffalo CSD therein may be in danger of being lost or forfeited;

(iv) minor defects and irregularities in the title to any Facility which do not in the aggregate materially impair the use of the affected Facility for the purposes for which it is or may reasonably be expected to be held;

(v) easements, exceptions or reservations for the purpose of pipelines, telephone lines, telegraph lines, power lines and substations, roads, streets, alleys, highways, railroad purposes, drainage and sewerage purposes, dikes, canals, laterals, ditches, the removal of oil, gas, coal or other minerals, and other like purposes, or for the joint or common use of real property, facilities and equipment, which do not materially impair the use of the affected Facility for the purposes for which it is or may reasonably be expected to be held;

(vi) rights reserved to or vested in any municipality or governmental or other public authority to control or regulate or use in any manner any portion of a Facility which do not materially impair the use of the affected Facility for the purposes for which it is or may reasonably be expected to be held;

(vii) any obligations or duties affecting any portion of a Facility of any municipality or governmental or other public authority with respect to any right, power, franchise, grant, license or permit;

(viii) present or future valid zoning laws or ordinances;

(ix) the Installment Sale Agreement, the Ground Lease, the Series 2007 Ground Sublease, the 2007 Indenture, the Series 2007 Bonds Facilities Agreement and the Indenture;

(x) the liens of any Series Ground Lease, Series Facilities Agreement or Series Indenture; and

(xi) any other lien which, in the opinion of counsel to the Buffalo CSD delivered and addressed to the Issuer and the Trustee, will not have a material adverse effect upon the obligations of the Buffalo CSD under the Installment Sale Agreement.

<u>Plans and Specifications</u> shall mean, as to a particular Facility, the plans and specifications for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renovation, improvement, equipping and/or furnishing of such Facility, prepared by the PPDS Provider and approved by the Buffalo CSD and the State Education Department, including site plans, as the same may be amended from time to time.

<u>PPDS Agreement</u> shall mean the Comprehensive Program Packaging and Development Services Provider Agreement, dated June 5, 2002, by and among LPCiminelli, Inc., a corporation organized pursuant to the Delaware Corporation Law, and the Joint School Construction Board, created pursuant to Sections 18-59, 18-60 and 18-61 of the City of Buffalo Charter and the Buffalo School Act and resolutions of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Buffalo and the Common Council of the City of Buffalo, to act for itself and as agent and on behalf of the City and the Buffalo CSD, and shall include any and all amendments thereof and supplements made in conformity therewith.

<u>PPDS Provider</u> shall mean LPCiminelli, Inc., a corporation organized pursuant to the Delaware Corporation Law, and its successors and assigns under the PPDS Agreement.

<u>Principal Account</u> shall mean the special trust account of the Bond Fund so designated, established pursuant to the Indenture.

<u>Project Bonds</u> shall mean the Bonds and any series of bonds of the Issuer or any other public entity issued under a Series Indenture to finance all or a portion of the costs of the Buffalo Schools Reconstruction Project.

<u>Project Costs</u> shall mean, together with any other proper item of cost not specifically mentioned in the Series 2012A Indenture but authorized pursuant to the IDA Act or the Buffalo Schools Act, the cost of refunding the outstanding Series 2004 Bonds in whole, all Costs of Issuance, and such other expenses not specified in the Series 2012A Indenture as may be necessary or incident to the refinancing of the Series 2004 Project.

<u>Project Documents</u> shall mean, collectively, the Security Documents, the Ground Lease, the State Aid Trust Agreement, the Master Construction Agreement, the PPDS Agreement, the Environmental Compliance Agreement and the Refunding Escrow Trust Agreement.

<u>Project Fund</u> shall mean the special trust fund so designated, established pursuant to the Indenture.

<u>Qualified Investments</u> shall mean, to the extent permitted by applicable law, the following:

(1) (a) Direct obligations (other than an obligation subject to variation in principal repayment) of the United States of America ("United States Treasury Obligations"), (b) obligations fully and unconditionally guaranteed as to timely payment of principal and interest by the United States of America, (c) obligations fully and unconditionally guaranteed as to timely payment of principal and interest by any agency or instrumentality of the United States of America when such obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America, or (d) evidences of ownership of proportionate interests in future interest and principal

payments on obligations described above held by a bank or trust company as custodian, under which the owner of the investment is the real party in interest and has the right to proceed directly and individually against the obligor and the underlying government obligations are not available to any person claiming through the custodian or to whom the custodian may be obligated.

(2) Federal Housing Administration debentures which are unconditionally guaranteed as to payment of principal and interest by an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America when such obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America.

(3) Collateralized (but such collateralization, if any, shall only be to the extent required by, and acceptable to, the Buffalo CSD as determined by the Comptroller of the City) Certificates of Deposit issued by a commercial bank or trust company authorized to do business in the State and Time Deposit, Demand Deposit, and Money Market Accounts in a bank or trust company authorized to do business in the State.

(4) Deposits the aggregate amount of which are fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), in banks which have capital and surplus of at least \$5 million.

(5) Commercial paper (having original maturities of not more than 270 days) rated "A-1+" by S&P and "Prime-1" by Moody's.

- (6) Money market funds rated "AAm" or "AAm-G" by S&P, or better.
- (7) "State Obligations", which means:

(A) Direct general obligations of any state of the United States of America or any subdivision or agency thereof to which is pledged the full faith and credit of a state the unsecured general obligation debt of which is rated "A3" by Moody's and "A" by S&P, or better, or any obligation fully and unconditionally guaranteed by any state, subdivision or agency whose unsecured general obligation debt is so rated.

(B) Direct general short-term obligations of any state agency or subdivision or agency thereof described in (A) above and rated "A-1+" by S&P and "MIG-1" by Moody's.

(C) Special Revenue Bonds (as defined in the United States Bankruptcy Code) of any state, state agency or subdivision described in (A) above and rated "AA" or better by S&P and "Aa" or better by Moody's.

(8) Pre-refunded municipal obligations rated "AAA" by S&P and "Aaa" by Moody's meeting the following requirements:

(A) the municipal obligations are (1) not subject to redemption prior to maturity, or (2) the trustee for the municipal obligations has been given irrevocable instructions concerning their call and redemption and the issuer of the municipal obligations has covenanted not to redeem such municipal obligations other than as set forth in such instructions; (B) the municipal obligations are secured by cash or United States Treasury Obligations which may be applied only to payment of the principal of, interest and premium on such municipal obligations;

(C) the principal of and interest on the United States Treasury Obligations (plus any cash in the escrow) has been verified by the report of independent certified public accountants to be sufficient to pay in full all principal of, interest, and premium, if any, due and to become due on the municipal obligations ("Verification");

(D) the cash or United States Treasury Obligations serving as security for the municipal obligations are held by an escrow agent or trustee in trust for owners of the municipal obligations;

(E) no substitution of a United States Treasury Obligation shall be permitted except with another United States Treasury Obligation and upon delivery of a new Verification; and

(F) the cash or United States Treasury Obligations are not available to satisfy any other claims, including those by or against the trustee or escrow agent.

(9) Repurchase agreements:

With (1) any domestic bank, or domestic branch of a foreign bank, the long term debt of which is rated at least "A" by S&P and Moody's; or (2) any broker-dealer with "retail customers" or a related affiliate thereof which broker-dealer has, or the parent company (which guarantees the provider) of which has, long-term debt rated at least "A" by S&P and Moody's, which broker-dealer falls under the jurisdiction of the Securities Investors Protection Corporation; or (3) any other entity rated "A" or better by S&P and Moody's, provided that:

(A) The market value of the collateral and the type of the collateral are approved by the Comptroller of the City;

(B) The Trustee or a third party acting solely as agent therefor or for the Issuer (the "Holder of the Collateral") has possession of the collateral or the collateral has been transferred to the Holder of the Collateral in accordance with applicable state and federal laws (other than by means of entries on the transferor's books);

(C) The repurchase agreement shall state and an opinion of counsel to the provider addressed to the Issuer and the Trustee shall be rendered at the time such collateral is delivered that the Holder of the Collateral has a perfected first priority security interest in the collateral, any substituted collateral and all proceeds thereof (in the case of bearer securities, this means the Holder of the Collateral is in possession); and

(D) The repurchase agreement shall provide that if during its term the provider's rating by either Moody's or S&P is withdrawn or suspended or falls below "A-" by S&P or "A3" by Moody's, as appropriate, the provider must, at the direction of the Trustee (who shall give such direction if so directed by the Comptroller of the City), within ten (10) days of receipt of such direction, repurchase all collateral and terminate the agreement, with no penalty or premium to the Issuer or the Trustee. (10) Investment agreements with a domestic or foreign bank or corporation (other than a life or property casualty insurance company) the long-term debt of which, or, in the case of a guaranteed corporation the long-term debt, or, in the case of a monoline financial guaranty insurance company, claims paying ability, of the guarantor is rated at least "AA" by S&P and "Aa" by Moody's; provided that, by the terms of the investment agreement:

(A) interest payments are to be made to the Trustee at times and in amounts as necessary to pay debt service (or, if the investment agreement is for the Project Fund, construction draws) on the Bonds;

(B) the invested funds are available for withdrawal without penalty or premium, at any time upon not more than seven (7) days' prior notice; the Trustee agrees to give or cause to be given notice in accordance with the terms of the investment agreement so as to receive funds thereunder with no penalty or premium paid;

(C) the investment agreement shall state that is the unconditional and general obligation of, and is not subordinated to any other obligation of, the provider thereof or, if the provider is a bank, the agreement or the opinion of counsel shall state that the obligation of the provider to make payments thereunder ranks pari passu with the obligations of the provider to its other depositors and its other unsecured and unsubordinated creditors;

(D) the Trustee receives the opinion of domestic counsel (which opinion shall be addressed to the Issuer and the Trustee) that such investment agreement is legal, valid, binding and enforceable upon the provider in accordance with its terms and of foreign counsel (if applicable) in form and substance acceptable, and addressed to, the Issuer and the Trustee;

(E) the investment agreement shall provide that if during its term

(i) the provider's rating by either S&P or Moody's falls below "AA-" or "Aa3", respectively (but not below "A-" or "A3", respectively), the provider shall, at its option, within ten (10) days of receipt of publication of such downgrade, either (a) collateralize the investment agreement by delivering or transferring in accordance with applicable state and federal laws (other than by means of entries on the provider's books) to the Issuer, the Trustee or a third party acting solely as agent therefor (the "Holder of the Collateral") collateral (of the type and having a market value as approved by the Comptroller of the City) free and clear of any third-party liens or claims, provided, however, that the provider can only exercise its option under this clause (a) if the Trustee shall receive a Rating Confirmation with respect thereto; or (b) repay the principal of and accrued but unpaid interest on the investment with no penalty or premium to the Issuer or the Trustee, and

(ii) the provider's rating by either S&P or Moody's is withdrawn or suspended or falls below "A-" or "A3", respectively, the provider must, at the direction of the Issuer or the Trustee (who shall give such direction, if so directed by the Comptroller of the City), within ten (10) days of receipt of such direction, repay the principal of and accrued but unpaid interest on the investment, in either case with no penalty or premium to the Issuer or the Trustee, and (F) the investment agreement shall state and an opinion of counsel to the provider addressed to the Issuer and the Trustee shall be rendered, in the event collateral is required to be pledged by the provider under the terms of the investment agreement, at the time such collateral is delivered, that the holder of the Collateral has a perfected first priority security interest in the collateral, any substituted collateral and all proceeds thereof (in the case of bearer securities, this means the holder of the Collateral is in possession); and

(G) the investment agreement must provide that if during its term

(i) the provider shall default in its payment obligations, the provider's obligations under the investment agreement shall, at the direction of the Issuer or the Trustee (who shall give such direction, if so directed by the Comptroller of the City), be accelerated and amounts invested and accrued but unpaid interest thereon shall be repaid to the Issuer or the Trustee, as appropriate, and

(ii) the provider shall become insolvent, not pay its debts as they become due, be declared or petition to be declared bankrupt, etc. ("event of insolvency"), the provider's obligations shall automatically be accelerated and amounts invested and accrued but unpaid interest thereon shall be repaid to the Issuer or the Trustee, as appropriate.

(11) Any other investment, whether similar or dissimilar to any of the foregoing, to the extent that the Trustee (if so directed by the Comptroller of the City) shall receive a Rating Confirmation with respect thereto.

Qualified Swap shall mean, to the extent from time to time permitted by law, with respect to Bonds, any financial arrangement (i) which is entered into by the Issuer or the Buffalo CSD with an entity that is a Qualified Swap Provider at the time the arrangement is entered into, (ii) which is a cap, floor or collar; forward rate; future rate; swap (such swap may be based on an amount equal either to the principal amount of such Bonds of the Issuer as may be designated or a notional principal amount relating to all or a portion of the principal amount of such Bonds); asset, index, price or market-linked transaction or agreement; other exchange or rate protection transaction agreement; other similar transaction (however designated); or any combination thereof; or any option with respect thereto, in each case executed by the Issuer or the Buffalo CSD for the purpose of moderating interest rate fluctuations, reducing debt service costs or creating either fixed or variable interest rate Bonds on a synthetic basis or otherwise, (iii) which has been designated in writing to the Trustee by an Authorized Representative of the Buffalo CSD as a Qualified Swap with respect to such Obligations, and (iv) which provides that any termination or like payment thereunder shall be subordinated to the payment of the Bonds.

<u>Qualified Swap Provider</u> shall mean an entity whose senior long term obligations, other senior unsecured long term obligations, financial program rating, counterparty rating, or claims paying ability, or whose payment obligations under an interest rate exchange agreement are guaranteed by an entity whose senior long term debt obligations, other senior unsecured long term obligations, financial program rating, counterparty rating, or claims paying ability, are rated at least as high as the third highest Rating Category of each Rating Agency then maintaining a rating for the Qualified Swap Provider.

<u>Rating Agency</u> shall mean S&P or Moody's and such other nationally recognized securities rating agency as shall have awarded a rating to the Bonds at the request of the Issuer.
<u>Rating Category</u> shall mean one of the generic rating categories of either Moody's or S&P without regard to any refinement or gradation of such rating by a numerical modifier or otherwise.

<u>Rating Confirmation</u> shall mean written evidence from each Rating Agency that no Outstanding Bond rating then in effect from such Rating Agency will be withdrawn, reduced or suspended solely as a result of an action to be taken as described or referred to therein.

<u>Rebate Fund</u> shall mean the special trust fund so designated, established pursuant to the Indenture.

<u>Record Date</u> shall mean, with respect to the Series 2012A Bonds, the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the month immediately preceding an Interest Payment Date.

<u>Redemption Account</u> shall mean the special trust account of the Bond Fund so designated, established pursuant to the Indenture.

<u>Redemption Price</u> shall mean, with respect to any Bond or a portion thereof, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed in whole or in part, plus the applicable premium, if any, payable upon redemption thereof pursuant to such Bond or the Indenture.

<u>Refunded Bonds</u> shall mean, with respect to a Series of Refunding Bonds, the Bonds refunded by such Refunding Bonds pursuant to the Indenture.

<u>Refunding Bonds</u> shall mean one or more series of Refunding Bonds issued, executed, authenticated and delivered under the Indenture.

<u>Refunding Escrow Trust Agreement</u> shall mean the Refunding Escrow Trust Agreement, dated as of April 1, 2012, among the Issuer, the Buffalo CSD and the Series 2004 Bonds Trustee, as escrow agent, and shall include any and all amendments thereof and supplements thereto made in conformity therewith.

Related Security Documents shall mean all Security Documents other than the Indenture.

<u>Representation Letter</u> shall mean the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations from the Issuer and the Trustee to DTC.

<u>Responsible Officer</u> shall mean, with respect to the Trustee, any officer within the corporate trust office of the Trustee, including any vice-president, any assistant vice-president, any secretary, any assistant secretary, the treasurer, any assistant treasurer or other officer of the corporate trust office of the Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers, who has direct responsibility for the administration of the trust granted in the Indenture, and shall also mean, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of that officer's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

<u>S&P</u> shall mean Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State, its successors and their assigns, and, if such corporation shall be dissolved or liquidated or shall no longer perform the functions of a securities rating agency, "S&P" shall be deemed to refer to any other nationally recognized securities rating agency designated by the Trustee, by notice to the other Notice Parties. <u>Securities Depository</u> shall mean any securities depository that is a clearing agency under federal law operating and maintaining, with its participants or otherwise, a book-entry system to record ownership of book-entry interests in the Bonds, and to effect transfers of book-entry interests in the Bonds in book-entry form, and includes and means initially DTC.

<u>Security Documents</u> shall mean, collectively, the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, the Series 2012A Indenture and the Tax Compliance Certificate.

<u>Series</u> shall mean all of the Bonds designated as being of the same series authenticated and delivered on original issuance in a simultaneous transaction, and any Bonds thereafter authenticated and delivered in lieu thereof or in substitution therefor pursuant to the Indenture.

<u>Series Facilities Agreement</u> shall mean the Series 2003 Bonds Facilities Agreement, the Series 2004 Bonds Facilities Agreement, the Series 2007 Bonds Facilities Agreement, the Series 2009 Bonds Facilities Agreement, the Series 2011A Bonds Facilities Agreement, the Series 2011B Bonds Facilities Agreement, the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and each other installment sale agreement or facilities lease agreement pursuant to which the Issuer or other public entity shall sell, lease or sublease Additional Facilities to the Buffalo CSD, and the Buffalo CSD shall be obligated to make installment purchase payments or rental payments, as applicable, with respect to a Series of Project Bonds upon terms substantively comparable to that provided in the Installment Sale Agreement.

<u>Series Ground Lease</u> shall mean, collectively, the Series 2003 Ground Lease, the Amended 2004 Ground Lease, the Series 2007 Ground Lease, the Series 2009 Ground Lease, the Series 2009 Ground Lease, the Series 2011A Ground Lease, the Series 2011B Ground Lease, the Amended 2004 Ground Lease and each other lease or sublease by the City and/or the Buffalo CSD to the Issuer or other public entity of Additional Facilities to be financed in whole or in part with a Series of Project Bonds.

Series Indenture shall mean, collectively, the Series 2003 Bonds Indenture, the Series 2004 Bonds Indenture, the 2007 Indenture, the 2009 Indenture, the Series 2011A Indenture, the Series 2011B Indenture, the Series 2012A Indenture and each other indenture of trust or bond resolution pursuant to which a Series of Project Bonds shall be issued to finance all or a portion of the costs of the Buffalo Schools Reconstruction Project.

Series Trustee shall mean, collectively, the Series 2003 Bonds Trustee, the Series 2004 Bonds Trustee, the 2007 Indenture Trustee, the 2009 Indenture Trustee, the 2011A Indenture Trustee, the 2011B Indenture Trustee, the Series 2012A Trustee and each financial institution acting as Trustee under a Series Indenture (other than the Indenture).

Series 2003 Bonds Facilities Agreement shall mean the Facilities Lease Agreement (Series 2003 Project), dated as of September 1, 2003, as amended by an Amendatory Installment Sale Agreement (Series 2003 Project), dated as of June 28, 2005, each between the Issuer and the Buffalo CSD.

Series 2003 Bonds Indenture shall mean the Indenture of Trust (Series 2003 Project), dated as of September 1, 2003, as supplemented and amended by a First Supplemental Indenture of Trust (Series 2003 Project), dated as of June 28, 2005, each between the Issuer and the Series 2003 Bonds Trustee.

<u>Series 2003 Bonds Trustee</u> shall mean Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, Buffalo, New York, in its capacity as trustee under the Series 2003 Bonds Indenture, and its successors in such capacity and their assigns appointed in the manner provided in the Series 2003 Bonds Indenture.

Series 2003 Ground Lease shall mean the Ground Lease (Series 2003 Project), dated as of September 1, 2003, as amended by a First Amendment to Ground Lease (Series 2003 Project), dated as of June 28, 2005, each between the City and the Buffalo CSD, as lessors, and the Issuer, as lessee.

Series 2004 Bonds Facilities Agreement shall mean the Installment Sale Agreement (Series 2004 Project), dated as of December 1, 2004, as amended by a First Amendment to Installment Sale Agreement (Series 2004 Project), dated as of June 28, 2005, and by a Second Amendment to Installment Sale Agreement (Series 2004 Project), dated as of August 1, 2007, each between the Issuer and the Buffalo CSD.

Series 2004 Bonds Indenture shall mean the Indenture of Trust (Series 2004 Project), dated as of December 1, 2004, as supplemented and amended by a First Supplemental Indenture of Trust (Series 2004 Project), dated as of June 28, 2005, and by a Second Supplemental Indenture of Trust (Series 2004 Project), dated as of August 1, 2007, each between the Issuer and the Series 2004 Bonds Trustee.

<u>Series 2004 Bonds Trustee</u> shall mean Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, Buffalo, New York, in its capacity as trustee under the Series 2004 Bonds Indenture.

Series 2004 Facility or Series 2004 Facilities shall mean, as applicable, each public school owned by the City and/or the Buffalo CSD, and described in the Description of Facilities in the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, including the land upon which such school is located and all rights or interests therein or appertaining thereto, together with all structures, buildings, foundations, related facilities, fixtures and other improvements now or at any time made, erected or situated thereon (including the improvements made pursuant to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and the Master Construction Agreement), and all replacements, improvements, extensions, substitutions, restorations, repairs or additions thereto, together with all items of machinery, equipment, furniture, furnishings and fixtures located and used therein from time to time; provided, however, that (x) to the extent that only items of machinery, equipment, furniture, furnishings or fixtures located within a public school owned by the City and/or the Buffalo CSD shall be financed in whole or in part from the proceeds of the Series 2004 Bonds, then "Series 2004 Facility" shall mean only such items so financed and all replacements, repairs or additions thereto, (y) to the extent that an item of property constituting a fixture located at a public school is financed in whole or in part from the proceeds of the Series 2004 Bonds, and such public school shall not otherwise itself be included within the Series 2004 Facilities subject to the Amended 2004 Ground Lease and to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, then such fixture shall be deemed property severable from the remainder of the public school and thereby subject to the leasehold estate of the Amended 2004 Ground Lease and to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, and (z) "Series 2004 Facility" shall include any item of machinery, equipment, furniture, furnishings or fixtures to the extent any such item is installed or erected pursuant to the Buffalo CSD's E-RATE 5 Program (involving certain technological upgrades to public schools within the Buffalo CSD) or Energy Management Program, as such items of machinery, equipment, furniture, furnishings or fixtures are generally described in the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement as to item and proposed location (but subject in all respects to the authority of the Buffalo CSD to make modifications thereto), but in each case only to the extent the costs of all or any portion of the same are financed with the proceeds of the Series 2004 Bonds.

<u>Series 2004 Project</u> shall mean the construction, reconstruction, improvement, equipping and furnishing of each Series 2004 Facility in accordance with the related Plans and Specifications.

Series 2007 Bonds Facilities Agreement shall mean the Installment Sale Agreement (Series 2007 Project), dated as of August 1, 2007, as amended by a First Amendment to Installment Sale Agreement (Series 2008 Project), dated as of February 1, 2008, each between the Issuer and the Buffalo CSD, and shall include any and all further amendments and supplements thereto hereafter made in conformity therewith and with the 2007 Indenture.

Series 2007 Ground Lease shall mean the Ground Lease (Series 2007 Project), dated as of August 1, 2007, as amended by a First Amendment to Ground Lease (Series 2008 Project), dated as of February 1, 2008, each between the City and Buffalo CSD, as lessors, and the Issuer, as lessee, with respect to the "Facilities" (as such term is defined in the Series 2007 Bonds Facilities Agreement), as amended or supplemented.

<u>Series 2007 Ground Sublease</u> shall mean the Ground Sublease (Series 2007 Project), dated as of August 1, 2007, between the City and the Buffalo CSD, as sublessors, and the Issuer, as sublessee, with respect to the Phase II Facilities and the Phase III Facilities-First Part (as such terms are defined in the Series 2007 Bonds Facilities Agreement), as amended or supplemented.

Series 2009 Bonds Facilities Agreement, shall mean the Installment Sale Agreement (Series 2009 Project), dated as of November 1, 2009, between the Issuer and the Buffalo CSD, and shall include any and all amendments and supplements thereto made in conformity therewith and with the 2009 Indenture.

Series 2009 Ground Lease shall mean the Ground Lease (Series 2009 Project), dated as of November 1, 2009, between the City and Buffalo CSD, as lessors, and the Issuer, as lessee, with respect to the "Facilities" (as such term is defined in the Series 2009 Bonds Facilities Agreement) (other than School #84 as defined therein), as amended or supplemented.

Series 2009 Ground Sublease shall mean the Ground Sublease (Series 2009 Project), dated as of November 1, 2009, between Buffalo CSD, as sublessor, and the Issuer, as sublessee, with respect to School #84, as defined therein, as amended or supplemented.

Series 2011A Bonds Facilities Agreement shall mean the Installment Sale Agreement (Series 2011 Project), dated as of June 1, 2011, between the Issuer and Buffalo CSD, and shall include any and all amendments and supplements thereto hereafter made in conformity therewith and with the 2011A Indenture.

Series 2011A Ground Lease shall mean the Ground Lease (Series 2011 Project), dated as of June 1, 2011, between the City and Buffalo CSD, as lessors, and the Issuer, as lessee, with respect to the "Facilities" (as such term is defined in the Series 2011A Bond Facilities Agreement), as amended or supplemented.

Series 2011B Bonds Facilities Agreement shall mean the Amended and Restated Installment Sale Agreement (Series 2003 Project), dated as of July 1, 2011, between the Issuer and Buffalo CSD, and shall include any and all amendments and supplements thereto hereafter made in conformity therewith and with the 2011B Indenture.

Series 2011B Ground Lease shall mean the Amended and Restated Ground Lease (Series 2003 Project), dated as of July 1, 2011, between the City and Buffalo CSD, as lessors, and the Issuer, as lessee, with respect to the "Facilities" (as such term is defined in the Series 2011B Bonds Facilities Agreement), as amended or supplemented.

Series 2012A Bonds shall mean the \$209,540,000 School Facility Refunding Revenue Bonds (City School District of the City of Buffalo Project), Series 2012A of the Issuer authorized, issued, executed, authenticated and delivered under the Series 2012A Indenture.

Series 2012A Indenture shall mean the Amended and Restated Indenture of Trust (Series 2004 Project), dated as of April 1, 2012, between the Issuer and the Series 2012A Trustee, as from time to time further amended or supplemented in accordance with the Series 2012A Indenture.

Series 2012A Project shall mean the advance refunding of the Series 2004 Bonds and the payment of the costs related to the issuance of the Series 2012A Bonds and the refinancing of the Series 2004 Project.

Series 2012A Trustee shall mean Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, Buffalo, New York, in its capacity as trustee under the Series 2012A Indenture, and its successors in such capacity and their assigns appointed in the manner provided in the Series 2012A Indenture.

Special Record Date shall mean such date as may be fixed for the payment of defaulted interest in accordance with the Indenture.

State shall mean the State of New York.

<u>State Aid Revenues</u> shall mean the total amount of State aid to education annually appropriated by the New York State Legislature and paid to the Buffalo CSD or the City or any officer thereof, for the provision of public educational instruction in the City together with earnings on the investment thereof while in the custody of the Depository Bank.

<u>State Aid Trust Agreement</u> shall mean the Amended and Restated State Aid Trust Agreement, dated as of December 1, 2004, as amended by a First Amendment to Amended and Restated State Aid Trust Agreement, dated as of June 28, 2005, among the Buffalo CSD, the Depository Bank, the City and the Series Trustee, and shall include any and all further amendments thereof and supplements thereto made in conformity therewith.

<u>Supplemental Indenture</u> shall mean any indenture supplemental to or amendatory of the Indenture, executed and delivered by the Issuer and the Trustee in accordance with the Indenture.

<u>Tax Compliance Certificate</u> shall mean, with respect to a Series of Bonds, the Tax Compliance Certificate of the Buffalo CSD and the Issuer relating to such Series of Bonds.

Trustee shall mean, with respect to the Series 2012A Bonds, the Series 2012A Trustee.

<u>Trust Estate</u> shall mean all property, interests, revenues, funds, contracts, rights and other security granted to the Trustee under the Security Documents.

<u>2007</u> Indenture shall mean the Indenture of Trust (Series 2007 Project), dated as of August 1, 2007, as supplemented and amended by a First Supplemental Indenture of Trust (Series 2008 Project), dated as of February 1, 2008, each between the Issuer and the 2007 Indenture Trustee, as from time to time further amended or supplemented in accordance with the 2007 Indenture.

<u>2007 Indenture Trustee</u> shall mean Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, Buffalo, New York, in its capacity as trustee under the 2007 Indenture, and its successors in such capacity and their assigns appointed in the manner provided in the 2007 Indenture.

<u>2009 Indenture</u> shall mean the Indenture of Trust (Series 2009 Project), dated as of November 1, 2009, between the Issuer and the 2009 Indenture Trustee, as from time to time further amended or supplemented in accordance with the 2009 Indenture.

<u>2009 Indenture Trustee</u> shall mean Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, Buffalo, New York, in its capacity as trustee under the 2009 Indenture, and its successors in such capacity and their assigns appointed in the manner provided in the 2009 Indenture.

<u>2011A Indenture</u> shall mean the Indenture of Trust (Series 2011 Project), dated as of June 1, 2011, between the Issuer and the 2011A Indenture Trustee, as from time to time amended or supplemented in accordance with the 2011A Indenture.

<u>2011A Indenture Trustee</u> shall mean Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, Buffalo, New York, in its capacity as trustee under the 2011A Indenture, and its successors in such capacity and their assigns appointed in the manner provided in the 2011A Indenture.

<u>2011B Indenture</u> shall mean the Amended and Restated Indenture of Trust (Series 2003 Project), dated as of July 1, 2011, between the Issuer and the 2011B Indenture Trustee, as from time to time amended or supplemented in accordance with the 2011B Indenture.

<u>2011B Indenture Trustee</u> shall mean Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, Buffalo, New York, in its capacity as trustee under the 2011B Indenture, and its successors in such capacity and their assigns appointed in the manner provided in the 2011B Indenture.

<u>2012A Installment Sale Agreement</u> shall mean the Amended and Restated Installment Sale Agreement (Series 2004 Project) dated as of April 1, 2012, between the Issuer and Buffalo CSD, and shall include any and all amendments and supplements thereto made in conformity with the Series 2012 Indenture.

<u>Yield</u> shall have the meaning set forth for such term in the Tax Compliance Certificate.

# **APPENDIX C**

# SUMMARY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE SERIES 2012A INDENTURE OF TRUST

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## SUMMARY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE SERIES 2012A INDENTURE OF TRUST

The following is a summary of certain provisions of the Amended and Restated Indenture of Trust (Series 2004 Project), dated as of April 1, 2012 (the "Series 2012A Indenture"), relating to the Series 2012A Bonds. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the document itself.

Additional Bonds. So long as the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement is in effect and no Event of Default exists thereunder, one or more Series of Additional Bonds may be issued, authenticated and delivered upon original issuance for the purpose of (i) financing Facilities in connection with the Buffalo Schools Reconstruction Project, (ii) providing funds to repair, relocate, replace, rebuild or restore an affected Facility in the event of damage, destruction or taking by eminent domain, (iii) providing extensions, additions, improvements or facilities to one or more Facilities, the purpose of which shall be to constitute a "project" and an "educational facility" within the meaning of the IDA Act and the Buffalo Schools Act, or (iv) refunding Outstanding Bonds. Such Series of Additional Bonds shall be payable from the Installment Purchase Payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. Prior to the issuance of a Series of Additional Bonds and the execution of a Supplemental Indenture in connection therewith, the City, the Buffalo CSD and the Issuer shall enter into an amendment to the Ground Lease and if necessary, to subject the Facility(ies) to the leasehold estate thereof, and the Issuer and the Buffalo CSD shall enter into an amendment to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement to subject the Facility(ies) to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and to provide, among other things, that the Installment Purchase Payments payable under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement shall be increased and computed so as to amortize in full the principal of and interest on the Bonds including such Series of Additional Bonds. In addition, the Buffalo CSD and the Issuer shall enter into an amendment to the Tax Compliance Certificate.

Each such Series of Additional Bonds shall be deposited with the Trustee and thereupon shall be authenticated by the Trustee. Upon payment to the Trustee of the proceeds of sale of the Additional Bonds, they shall be made available by the Trustee for pick-up by the order of the purchaser or purchasers thereof, but only upon receipt by the Trustee of:

(1) a copy of the resolution, duly certified by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Issuer, authorizing, issuing and awarding the Additional Bonds to the purchaser or purchasers thereof and providing the terms thereof and authorizing the execution of any Supplemental Indenture and any amendments of or supplements to the Ground Lease and the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement;

(2) original executed counterparts of the Supplemental Indenture and an amendment of or supplement to the Ground Lease and the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, expressly providing that, to the extent applicable, for all purposes of the Supplemental Indenture, the Ground Lease and the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, the Facilities referred to therein and the premises leased pursuant to the Ground Lease and sold under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, shall include the buildings, structures, improvements, machinery, equipment or other facilities being financed, and the Bonds referred to therein shall mean and include the Additional Bonds being issued as well as the Bonds now being issued and any Additional Bonds theretofore issued;

(3) a written opinion by Nationally Recognized Bond Counsel, to the effect that the issuance of the Additional Bonds and the execution thereof have been duly authorized, that all

conditions precedent to the delivery thereof have been fulfilled, and that the issuance of the Additional Bonds will not cause the interest on any Series of Bonds Outstanding to become includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes;

(4) except in the case of Refunding Bonds (defined below) refunding all Outstanding Bonds, a certificate of an Authorized Representative of the Buffalo CSD to the effect that the Ground Lease, the Tax Compliance Certificate and the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement continues in full force and effect and that there is no Event of Default nor any event which upon notice or lapse of time or both would become an Event of Default;

(5) to the extent applicable, those documents required under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement;

(6) an original, executed counterpart of the amendment, if any, to the Tax Compliance Certificate; and

(7) a written order to the Trustee executed by an Authorized Representative of the Issuer to authenticate and make available for pick-up the Series of Additional Bonds to the purchaser or purchasers therein identified upon payment to the Trustee of the purchase price therein specified, plus accrued interest, if any.

Upon the request of the Buffalo CSD, one or more Series of Additional Bonds may be authenticated and made available for pick-up upon original issuance to refund ("Refunding Bonds") all Outstanding Bonds or any Series of Outstanding Bonds or any part of one or more Series of Outstanding Bonds. Bonds of a Series of Refunding Bonds shall be issued in a principal amount sufficient, together with other moneys available therefor, to accomplish such refunding and to make such deposits required by the provisions of the Indenture and of the resolution authorizing said Series of Refunding Bonds. In the case of the refunding under this heading of less than all Bonds Outstanding of any Series or of any maturity within such Series, the Trustee shall proceed to select such Bonds in accordance with the Indenture.

Refunding Bonds may be authenticated and made available for delivery only upon receipt by the Trustee (in addition to the receipt by it of the documents required by the second paragraph under this heading, as may be applicable) of:

(A) Irrevocable instructions from the Issuer to the Trustee, satisfactory to it, to give due notice of redemption pursuant to the Indenture to the Holders of all the Outstanding Bonds to be refunded prior to maturity on the redemption date specified in such instructions; and

(B) Either:

(i) moneys in an amount sufficient to effect payment at maturity or upon redemption at the applicable Redemption Price of the Bonds to be refunded, together with accrued interest on such Bonds to the maturity or redemption date, which moneys shall be held by the Trustee or any Paying Agent in a separate account irrevocably in trust for and assigned to the respective Holders of the Outstanding Bonds being refunded, or

(ii) Defeasance Obligations in such principal amounts, having such maturities, bearing such interest, and otherwise having such terms and qualifications, as shall be necessary to comply with the defeasance provisions of the Indenture, and any moneys required pursuant to such defeasance provisions (with respect to all Outstanding

Bonds or any part of one or more series of Outstanding Bonds being refunded), which Defeasance Obligations and moneys shall be held in trust and used only as provided in such defeasance provisions.

The Buffalo CSD shall furnish to the Trustee and the Issuer at the time of delivery of the Series of Refunding Bonds a certificate of an independent certified public accountant stating that the Trustee and/or the Paying Agent (and/or any escrow agent as shall be appointed in connection therewith) hold in trust the moneys or such Defeasance Obligations and moneys required to effect such payment at maturity or earlier redemption.

Each Series of Additional Bonds issued pursuant to this heading shall be equally and ratably secured under the Indenture with the Series 2012A Bonds and all other Series of Additional Bonds, if any, issued pursuant to the provisions under this heading, without preference, priority or distinction of any Bond over any other Bonds except as expressly provided in or permitted by the Indenture.

Notwithstanding anything in the Indenture to the contrary, no Series of Additional Bonds shall be issued unless the Ground Lease, the State Aid Trust Agreement, the Tax Compliance Certificate and the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement are in effect and at the time of issuance there is no Event of Default nor any event which upon notice or lapse of time or both would become an Event of Default.

<u>Creation of Funds and Accounts</u>. The Issuer establishes and creates the following special trust Funds and Accounts comprising such Funds under the Series 2012A Indenture: (1) Project Fund with Series 2012A Bonds Account; (2) Bond Fund with (a) Principal Account, (b) Interest Account and (c) Redemption Account; and (3) Rebate Fund.

All of the Funds and Accounts created under the Indenture shall be held by the Trustee. Additional Accounts, including Accounts within the Project Fund, may be established upon the issuance of a Series of Additional Bonds. All moneys required to be deposited with or paid to the Trustee for the credit of any Fund or Account under any provision of the Indenture and all investments made therewith shall be held by the Trustee in trust and applied only in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, and while held by the Trustee shall constitute part of the Trust Estate and be subject to the lien of the Indenture, subject to the provisions of the Granting Clauses of the Indenture.

The amounts deposited in the Funds and Accounts created under the Indenture shall be subject to a security interest, lien and charge in favor of the Trustee (for the benefit of the Holders of the Bonds) until disbursed as provided in the Indenture, subject to the provisions of the Granting Clauses of the Indenture.

<u>Project Fund</u>. There shall be deposited in the appropriate Account of the Project Fund any and all amounts required to be deposited therein pursuant to the Indenture or otherwise required to be deposited therein pursuant to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement or the Indenture. The amounts in the Project Fund shall be subject to a security interest, lien and charge in favor of the Trustee, for the benefit of the Bondholders, until disbursed as provided in the Indenture. The Trustee shall apply the amounts on deposit in each Account of the Project Fund to the payment, or reimbursement to the extent the same have been paid by or on behalf of the Buffalo CSD or the Issuer, of Project Costs.

The Trustee is authorized to disburse from each Account of the Project Fund the amount required for the payment of Project Costs and is directed to issue its checks (or make wire transfers if requested by the Buffalo CSD) for each disbursement from each Account of the Project Fund, upon a

requisition submitted to the Trustee, signed by an Authorized Representative of the PPDS Provider and approved by an Authorized Representative of the Buffalo CSD.

In the event the Buffalo CSD shall be required to or shall elect to cause the Bonds to be redeemed in whole pursuant to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement (other than in connection with a refunding in whole of the Bonds), the balance in the Project Fund, after making any transfer to the Rebate Fund as directed pursuant to the Tax Compliance Certificate and as described under the heading "Payments into Rebate Fund; Application of Rebate Fund" below, shall be deposited in the Bond Fund for redemption of Bonds.

All earnings on amounts held in any Account of the Project Fund, excluding earnings required no less frequently than quarterly to be transferred to the Rebate Fund in compliance with the Tax Compliance Certificate and as described under the heading "Payments into Rebate Fund; Application of Rebate Fund" below, shall be maintained within the respective Account of the Project Fund and made available for Project Costs.

Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the balance in the Project Fund, after making any transfer to the Rebate Fund as directed pursuant to the Tax Compliance Certificate and as described under the heading "Payments into Rebate Fund; Application of Rebate Fund" below, shall be deposited in the Bond Fund to be applied toward payment of the Bonds as provided under the heading "Application of Revenues and Other Moneys After Default" below.

<u>Payments into Bond Fund</u>. On or before November 10 of each Fiscal Year (as defined in the State Aid Trust Agreement), commencing November 10, 2012, the Trustee shall deliver a Base Facilities Agreement Payment Certificate (computed as of the immediately preceding last Business Day of October of such Fiscal Year) to the Depository Bank in accordance with the State Aid Trust Agreement. The Trustee shall promptly deposit the following receipts into the Bond Fund:

(a) Funds from the Series 2004 Bonds Indenture received by the Trustee shall be deposited in the Interest Account of the Bond Fund pursuant to the Series 2012A Indenture. Upon the issuance of any Series of Additional Bonds, there shall be deposited in the Interest Account of the Bond Fund such amount, if any, of the proceeds of such Series of Additional Bonds as may be set forth in the related Supplemental Indenture.

(b) Moneys received from the Depository Bank pursuant to the disbursement provisions of the State Aid Trust Agreement shall be deposited into the Bond Fund and applied first, to the payment of interest (and deposited in the Interest Account), second, to the payment of principal (and deposited in the Principal Account), and third, to the payment of sinking fund payments (and deposited in the Redemption Account).

(c) Moneys received from the State Comptroller pursuant to the State Aid intercept provisions of the Indenture in respect of Installment Purchase Payments and available for the payment of interest on the Bonds, which, subject to the priority for the application of such moneys so received set forth below under "State Aid Intercept", shall be placed in the Interest Account of the Bond Fund and applied, together with amounts available in the Interest Account, to the payment of interest on the Bonds.

(d) Moneys received from the State Comptroller pursuant to the State Aid intercept provisions of the Indenture in respect of Installment Purchase Payments and available for the payment of principal of the Bonds, which, subject to the priority for the application of such moneys so received set forth below under "State Aid Intercept", shall be placed in the Principal Account of the Bond Fund and

applied, together with amounts available in the Principal Account, to the payment of principal of the Bonds.

(e) Moneys received from the State Comptroller pursuant to the State Aid intercept provisions of the Indenture in respect of Installment Purchase Payments and available for the payment of the Redemption Price of Bonds to be redeemed in whole or in part, which, subject to the priority for the application of such moneys so received set forth below under "State Aid Intercept", shall be placed in the Redemption Account of the Bond Fund and applied, together with amounts available in the Redemption Account, to the payment of the Redemption Price of Bonds to be redeemed in whole or in part.

(f) Excess amounts on deposit in the Redemption Account of the Bond Fund and not applied within twelve (12) months of their deposit to the purchase or redemption of Bonds, which shall be credited to the Interest Account of the Bond Fund.

(g) Moneys transferred by the Trustee from the Redemption Account of the Bond Fund which shall be deposited in either the Interest Account or Principal Account of the Bond Fund, as so directed by an Authorized Representative of the Buffalo CSD.

(h) [Reserved].

(i) All other receipts when and if required by the State Aid Trust Agreement, by the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, by the Indenture or by any other Security Document to be paid into the Bond Fund, which shall be credited (except as provided under the heading "Application of Revenues and Other Moneys After Default" below) to the Redemption Account of the Bond Fund and applied as provided in the Indenture.

In the event that any Installment Purchase Payment received by the Trustee shall be an amount insufficient to pay the interest, principal and sinking fund payments next coming due on the Bonds, such amount shall be applied first, to the payment of interest, second, to the payment of principal, and third, to the payment of sinking fund payments.

State Aid Intercept. Pursuant to the Buffalo Schools Act, in the event the Buffalo CSD shall fail (for any reason, including the failure of the appropriate legislative body of the Buffalo CSD to appropriate moneys for such purpose) to make a payment under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement in the amount and by the date the same is due, of which failure the Trustee has actual knowledge in the case of a failed Installment Purchase Payment (or other failed payment payable to the Trustee in its capacity as Trustee), or, in the case of any other failed payment of which the Trustee has received written notice from the party to whom such failed payment is owed under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, the Issuer irrevocably appoints the Trustee to act as its agent for the purpose of delivering a certificate to the State Comptroller (in substantially the form set forth in the appendices attached to the Indenture) by no later than the next Business Day following the Trustee obtaining such actual knowledge or such notice of such failed payment, certifying as to such failure and setting forth the amount of such deficiency, and the State Comptroller, upon receipt of such certificate, shall, in accordance with the Buffalo Schools Act, withhold from the Buffalo CSD such State Aid Revenues as are payable to the Buffalo CSD to the extent of the amount so stated in such certificate of the Trustee as not having been made, and the State Comptroller shall immediately pay over to the Trustee on behalf of the Issuer, the amount of such State Aid Revenues so withheld. All State Aid Revenues so received shall be applied, first, to deposit in the Interest Account of the Bond Fund to the extent of any deficiency therein, second, to deposit in the Principal Account of the Bond Fund to the extent of any deficiency therein, third, to deposit in the Redemption Account of the Bond Fund to the extent of any deficiency therein, *fourth*, to satisfy any obligation of the Buffalo CSD

under certain indemnification provisions of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and *fifth*, to satisfy any other obligations of the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.

The appointment by the Issuer of the Trustee as agent as above-described shall be deemed a non-exclusive but irrevocable appointment (coupled with an interest) and the Issuer may appoint any other Series Trustee to similar purpose under the related Series Indenture. The Trustee accepts such agency and agrees so to act on behalf of the Issuer. Any amounts of such State Aid Revenues received by the Trustee from the State Comptroller shall, subject to the priority set forth in the preceding paragraph, be deemed to satisfy the Buffalo CSD's obligation to make such defaulted payment to the extent of the amount received. Any amounts of such State Aid Revenues received by the Trustee from the State Comptroller shall Revenues received by the Trustee from the State Comptroller by the Trustee from the State Comptroller shall forthwith be forthwith paid to or upon the order of the Issuer.

The Issuer covenants and agrees that it shall enter into no agreement, indenture or other instrument, including any Series Indenture or Series Facilities Agreement, in connection with the issuance of a Series of Project Bonds under a Series Indenture which shall have the effect, directly or indirectly, of providing a greater priority or preference to the intercept of State Aid Revenues under the Buffalo Schools Act than the pledge effected pursuant to the Indenture; provided, however, that nothing contained in the Indenture shall be deemed (y) to limit or deny the ability of the Issuer or any other public entity, in connection with the issuance of another Series of Project Bonds, to pledge State Aid Revenues under the Buffalo Schools Act on a parity with the pledge effected under the Indenture, or (z) to require that any Series of Project Bonds issued under any other Series Indenture have the same payment dates or amortize principal on a schedule comparable to that of the Bonds Outstanding under the Indenture, or that any payment dates under a Series Facilities Agreement be the same as those under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.

<u>Application of Bond Fund</u>. The Trustee shall (i) on each Interest Payment Date pay or cause to be paid out of the Interest Account in the Bond Fund the interest due on the Bonds, and (ii) further pay out of the Interest Account of the Bond Fund any amounts required for the payment of accrued interest upon any redemption of Bonds.

The Trustee shall on each principal payment date for the Bonds pay or cause to be paid to the Paying Agents therefor out of the Principal Account of the Bond Fund, the principal amount, if any, due on the Bonds (other than such as shall be due by mandatory sinking fund redemption), upon the presentation and surrender of the requisite Bonds (such presentation and surrender not being required if Cede & Co. is the Holder of the Bonds).

There shall be paid from the Redemption Account of the Bond Fund to the Paying Agents on each sinking fund payment date in immediately available funds the amounts required for the sinking fund payment due and payable with respect to Bonds which are to be redeemed from sinking fund payments on such date (accrued interest on such Bonds being payable from the Interest Account of the Bond Fund). Such amounts shall be applied by the Paying Agents to the payment of such sinking fund payment when due. The Trustee shall call for redemption, in the manner provided in the Indenture, Bonds for which sinking fund payments are applicable in a principal amount equal to the sinking fund payment then due with respect to such Bonds. Such call for redemption shall be made even though at the time of mailing of the notice of such redemption sufficient moneys therefor shall not have been deposited in the Redemption Account of the Fund.

Amounts in the Redemption Account of the Bond Fund shall be applied, at the written direction of the Buffalo CSD, as promptly as practicable, to the purchase of Bonds of a Series as directed by the Buffalo CSD at prices not exceeding the Redemption Price thereof applicable on the earliest date

upon such Series of Bonds are next subject to optional redemption, plus in each case accrued interest to the date of redemption (accrued interest on such Bonds being payable out of the Interest Account of the Bond Fund). Any Bonds purchased in lieu of a mandatory redemption shall be surrendered to the Trustee for cancellation. Any amount in the Redemption Account not so applied to the purchase of Bonds by forty-five (45) days prior to the next date on which the Bonds are so redeemable shall be applied to the redemption of Bonds on such redemption date; provided that if such amount aggregates less than \$5,000, it need not be then applied to such redemption. Any amounts deposited in the Redemption Account and not applied within twelve (12) months of their date of deposit to the purchase or redemption of Bonds (except if held in accordance with the defeasance provisions of the Indenture) shall be transferred to the Interest Account. The Bonds to be purchased or redeemed shall be selected by the Trustee in the manner provided in the Indenture. Amounts in the Redemption Account to be applied to the redemption of Bonds shall be paid to the Paying Agents on or before the redemption date and applied by them on such redemption date to the payment of the Redemption Price of the Bonds being redeemed plus interest on such Bonds accrued to the redemption date (accrued interest on such Bonds being payable from the Interest Account of the Bond Fund). Upon the purchase of any Bonds subject to sinking fund payments, or upon the redemption of any Bonds subject to sinking fund payments, an amount equal to the principal of such Bonds so purchased or redeemed shall be credited against the next ensuing and future sinking fund payments in such order as an Authorized Representative of the Buffalo CSD shall direct, or, in the absence of any such direction, in chronological order of the due dates of such sinking fund payments, until the full principal amount of such Bonds so purchased or redeemed shall have been so credited. The portion of any such sinking fund payment remaining after the deduction of such amounts so credited shall constitute and be deemed to be the amount of such sinking fund payment for the purposes of any calculation thereof under the Indenture.

Moneys in the Redemption Account of the Bond Fund which are not set aside or deposited for the redemption or purchase of Bonds shall be transferred by the Trustee to the Interest Account or the Principal Account of the Bond Fund, as directed by an Authorized Representative of the Buffalo CSD.

In the event of the issuance of a Series of Refunding Bonds pursuant to the provisions under the heading "Additional Bonds" above, the Trustee shall, upon the written direction of the Buffalo CSD, withdraw from the specified Accounts of the Bond Fund those amounts deposited in each such Account so specified held for the payment of the principal, sinking fund payments, Redemption Price and interest on the Series of Bonds or principal portion thereof to be refunded, provided, however, that such withdrawal shall not be made unless (i) immediately thereafter, the Series of Bonds or principal portion thereof being refunded shall be deemed to have been paid pursuant to the defeasance provisions of the Indenture, and (ii) the amount remaining in each Account of the Bond Fund after such withdrawal shall not be less than that amount otherwise then required to be on deposit in each such Account to pay the principal, sinking fund payments, Redemption Price and interest of those Series of Bonds or principal portions thereof not being refunded.

Investment of Funds and Accounts. Amounts in the Bond Fund, the Project Fund and the Rebate Fund, may, if and to the extent then permitted by law, be invested only in Qualified Investments. Any investment authorized by the Indenture is subject to the condition that no portion of the proceeds derived from the sale of the Bonds shall be used, directly or indirectly, in such manner as to cause any Bond to be an "arbitrage bond" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code. Such investments shall be made by the Trustee only at the written request of an Authorized Representative of the Buffalo CSD accompanied by a certificate to the effect that the related investment constitutes a Qualified Investment. Any investment under the Indenture shall be made in accordance with the Tax Compliance Certificate, and the Buffalo CSD shall so certify to the Trustee with each such investment direction as referred to in the Indenture. Such investments shall mature in such amounts and at such times as may be necessary to

provide funds when needed to make payments from the applicable Fund. Net income or gain received and collected from such investments shall, in the case of the Project Fund or the Bond Fund, be credited and losses charged to such Fund, as applicable, subject, however, in each case as described under the heading "Payments into Rebate Fund; Application of Rebate Fund" below.

Upon timely request of an Authorized Representative of the Buffalo CSD, the Trustee shall notify the Buffalo CSD ten (10) days prior to each Installment Purchase Payment Date under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement of the amount of such net investment income or gain received and collected subsequent to the last such installment purchase payment and the amount then available in the Project Fund and in each Account of the Bond Fund.

Upon the written direction of an Authorized Representative of the Buffalo CSD, the Trustee shall sell at the best price reasonably obtainable, or present for redemption or exchange, any obligations in which moneys shall have been invested to the extent necessary to provide cash in the respective Funds or Accounts, to make any payments required to be made therefrom, or to facilitate the transfers of moneys or securities between various Funds and Accounts as may be required from time to time pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture.

In computing the amount in any Fund or Account, obligations purchased as an investment of moneys therein shall be valued at fair market value as determined by the Trustee on the last Business Day of each October.

The fair market value of Qualified Investments shall be determined as follows:

(i) as to investments the bid and asked prices of which are published on a regular basis in <u>The Wall Street Journal</u> (or, if not there, then in <u>The New York Times</u>), the average bid and asked prices for such investments so published on or most recently prior to such time of determination;

(ii) as to investments the bid and asked prices of which are not published on a regular basis in <u>The Wall Street Journal</u> or <u>The New York Times</u>, the average bid price at such nationally recognized government securities dealers (selected by the Trustee in its absolute discretion) at the time making a market in such investments or as quoted in the Interactive Data Service; and

(iii) as to certificates of deposit and bankers acceptances and other investments, the face amount thereof, plus accrued interest.

If more than one provision of this definition of "fair market value" shall apply at any time to any particular investment, the fair market value thereof at such time shall be determined in accordance with the provision establishing the lowest value for such investment.

Neither the Trustee nor the Issuer shall be liable for any loss arising from, or any depreciation in the value of any obligations in which moneys of the Funds and Accounts shall be invested. The investments authorized by the Indenture shall at all times be subject to the provisions of applicable law, as amended from time to time.

<u>Moneys to be Held in Trust</u>. All moneys required to be deposited with or paid to the Trustee for the credit of any Fund or Account under any provision of the Indenture (excluding the Rebate Fund) and all investments made therewith shall be held by the Trustee in trust for the benefit of the Bondholders and while held by the Trustee constitute part of the Trust Estate, and be subject to the lien of

the Indenture, but subject to the Granting Clauses thereof. Moneys held by the Depository Bank under the State Aid Trust Agreement are not part of the Trust Estate unless and until the same are transferred to the Trustee for deposit in the Bond Fund in accordance with the State Aid Trust Agreement. Moneys held by the Trustee in the Rebate Fund are not part of the Trust Estate nor subject to the lien of the Indenture.

<u>Repayment to the Buffalo CSD from the Funds</u>. After payment in full of the Bonds (in accordance with the defeasance provisions of the Indenture) and the payment of all fees, charges and expenses of the Issuer, the Trustee, the Bond Registrar and the Paying Agents and all other amounts required to be paid under the Indenture and under each of the Security Documents, and the payment of any amounts which the Buffalo CSD is required to rebate to the federal government pursuant to the Indenture and the Tax Compliance Certificate, all amounts remaining in the Project Fund and the Bond Fund shall be paid to the Buffalo CSD upon the expiration or sooner or later termination of the term of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.

<u>Payments into Rebate Fund</u>; <u>Application of Rebate Fund</u>. The Rebate Fund and the amounts deposited therein shall not be subject to a security interest, pledge, assignment, lien or charge in favor of the Trustee or any Bondholder or any other Person.

The Trustee, following the receipt of a certificate of written direction from an Authorized Representative of the Buffalo CSD pursuant to the Tax Compliance Certificate, shall deposit in the Rebate Fund that amount from the Project Fund, to the extent available, as shall be so specified in such certificate of written direction as necessary to satisfy the requirements of the Tax Compliance Certificate. In the case of the Project Fund, the Buffalo CSD shall so direct the Trustee no less frequently than quarterly.

In the event that the amount on deposit in the Rebate Fund exceeds the Rebate Amount as determined in accordance with the Tax Compliance Certificate, the Trustee, upon the receipt of written instructions from an Authorized Representative of the Buffalo CSD, shall withdraw such excess amount and deposit it (i) to any Account of the Project Fund or (ii) to the Interest Account of the Bond Fund, as the Buffalo CSD shall determine.

The Trustee, upon the receipt of written instructions from an Authorized Representative of the Buffalo CSD, shall pay to the United States, out of amounts in the Rebate Fund, (i) not less frequently than once each five (5) years after the date of original issuance of each Series of the Bonds, an amount such that, together with prior amounts paid to the United States, the total paid to the United States is equal to 90% of the Rebate Amount with respect to such Series of Bonds as of the date of such payment and (ii) notwithstanding the defeasance provisions of the Indenture, not later than thirty (30) days after the date on which all Bonds have been paid in full, 100% of the Rebate Amount as of the date of payment.

The Trustee shall have no obligation under the Indenture to transfer any amounts to the Rebate Fund unless the Trustee shall have received specific written instructions from an Authorized Representative of the Buffalo CSD to make such transfer.

<u>Payment of Principal and Interest</u>. The Issuer covenants that it will from the sources contemplated by the Indenture promptly pay or cause to be paid the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and the Redemption Price, if any, together with interest accrued thereon to the date of redemption, at the place, on the dates and in the manner provided in the Indenture and in the Bonds according to the true intent and meaning thereof. All covenants, stipulations, promises, agreements and obligations of the Issuer contained in the Indenture shall be deemed to be covenants, stipulations, promises, agreements and obligations of the Issuer and not of any member, officer, director, employee or agent thereof in his individual capacity, and no resort shall be had for the payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if

any, or interest on the Bonds or the Redemption Price, if any, together with interest accrued thereon to the date of redemption or for any claim based thereon against any such member, officer, director, employee or agent or against any natural person executing the Bonds. Neither the Bonds, the principal thereof, the interest thereon, nor the Redemption Price thereof, if any, together with interest accrued thereon to the date of redemption, shall ever constitute a debt of the State or of the County and neither the State nor the County shall be liable on any obligation so incurred, and the Bonds shall not be payable out of any funds of the Issuer other than those pledged therefor. The Issuer shall not be required under the Indenture or the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement or any other Security Document to expend any of its funds other than (i) the proceeds of the Bonds, (ii) the Installment Purchase Payments pledged to the payment of the Bonds, and (iii) any income or gains therefrom.

<u>Performance of Covenants; Authority</u>. The Issuer covenants that it will faithfully perform at all times any and all covenants, undertakings, stipulations and provisions contained in the Indenture, in any and every Bond executed, authenticated and delivered under the Indenture and in all proceedings pertaining thereto. The Issuer covenants that it is duly authorized under the Constitution and laws of the State, including particularly and without limitation the IDA Act, to issue the Bonds authorized by the Indenture and to execute the Indenture, to sell its leasehold interest in the Facilities under the Ground Lease pursuant to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, to assign the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and to pledge the Installment Purchase Payments pledged in the manner and to the extent set forth in the Indenture; that all action on its part for the issuance of the Bonds and the execution and delivery of the Indenture has been duly and effectively taken; and that the Bonds in the hands of the Holders thereof are and will be the valid and enforceable special obligations of the Issuer according to the import thereof.

<u>Creation of Liens; Indebtedness; Sale of Facilities</u>. Except to the extent contemplated in the last paragraph under the heading "State Aid Intercept" with respect to the issuance of Project Bonds under a Series Indenture other than the Indenture, the Issuer shall not create or suffer to be created, or incur or issue any evidences of indebtedness secured by, any lien or charge upon or pledge of the Trust Estate, except the lien, charge and pledge created by the Indenture, the Ground Lease and the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. The Issuer further covenants and agrees not to sell (except pursuant to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement or the Series 2007 Bonds Facilities Agreement), convey, transfer, lease, sublease, mortgage or encumber the real property constituting part of the Facilities or any of them or any part of such real property, except for Permitted Encumbrances or as specifically permitted under the Indenture, the Ground Lease, the Series 2007 Ground Sublease, the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and the Series 2007 Bonds Facilities Agreement, including. The Issuer shall have no pecuniary liability for its covenants set forth in the Indenture, including those described in this paragraph.

<u>Issuer Tax Covenant</u>. The Issuer covenants that it shall not take any action within its control, nor refrain from taking any action reasonably requested by the Buffalo CSD or the Trustee, which would cause the interest on the Bonds to become includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes; provided, however, the breach of this covenant shall not result in any pecuniary liability of the Issuer and the only remedy to which the Issuer shall be subject shall be specific performance.

<u>Events of Default; No Acceleration of Due Date</u>. Each of the following events shall constitute an "Event of Default" under the Series 2012A Indenture:

(1) Failure to duly and punctually pay the interest on any Bond when the same shall become due and payable;

(2) Failure to duly and punctually pay the principal or redemption premium, if any, of any Bonds, when the same shall become due and payable, whether at the stated maturity thereof or upon proceedings for redemption thereof or otherwise, or interest accrued thereon to the date of redemption after notice of redemption therefor or otherwise;

(3) Failure of the Issuer to observe or perform any covenant, condition or agreement in the Bonds or under the Indenture on its part to be performed (except as set forth in subparagraphs (1) or (2) above) and (A) continuance of such failure for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt by the Issuer and the Buffalo CSD of written notice specifying the nature of such default from the Trustee or the Holders of more than twenty-five percent (25%) in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds Outstanding, or (B) if by reason of the nature of such default the same can be remedied, but not within the said thirty (30) days, the Issuer or the Buffalo CSD fails to proceed with reasonable diligence after receipt of said notice to cure the same or fails to continue with reasonable diligence its efforts to cure the same; and

(4) The occurrence of an "Event of Default" under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.

In no event shall the principal of any Bond be declared due and payable in advance of its final stated maturity, anything in the Indenture or in any of the Bonds contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Enforcement of Remedies. Subject to the last paragraph of the immediately preceding heading, upon the occurrence and continuance of any Event of Default, then and in every case the Trustee may proceed, and, upon the written request of the Holders of over twenty-five percent (25%) in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds Outstanding shall proceed, to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the Bondholders under the IDA Act, the Buffalo Schools Act, the Bonds, the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, the Indenture and under any other Security Document forthwith by such suits, actions or special proceedings in equity (including mandamus) or at law, or by proceedings in the office of any board or officer having jurisdiction, whether for the specific performance of any covenant or agreement contained in the Indenture or in any other Security Document or in aid of the execution of any power granted in the Indenture or in any other Security Document or in the IDA Act or the Buffalo Schools Act or for the enforcement of any legal or equitable rights or remedies as the Trustee, being advised by counsel, shall deem most effectual to protect and enforce such rights or to perform any of its duties under the Indenture or under any other Security Document. In addition to any rights or remedies available to the Trustee under the Indenture or elsewhere, upon the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default the Trustee may take such action, without notice or demand, as it deems advisable, to the extent permitted by law.

In the enforcement of any right or remedy under the Indenture, under any other Security Document, under the IDA Act or under the Buffalo Schools Act, the Trustee shall be entitled to sue for, enforce payment on and receive any or all amounts then or during any default becoming, and any time remaining, due from the Issuer, for principal, interest, Redemption Price, or otherwise, under any of the provisions of the Indenture, of any other Security Document or of the Bonds, and unpaid, with interest on overdue payments at the rate or rates of interest specified in the Bonds, together with any and all costs and expenses of collection and of all proceedings under the Indenture, under any such other Security Document and under the Bonds, without prejudice to any other right or remedy of the Trustee or of the Bondholders, and to recover and enforce judgment or decree against the Issuer, but solely as provided in the Indenture and in the Bonds, for any portion of such amounts remaining unpaid, with interest, costs and expenses, and to collect (but solely from the moneys in the Bond Fund and other moneys available therefor to the extent provided in the Indenture) in any manner provided by law, the moneys adjudged or decreed to be payable. The Trustee shall file proof of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee and the Bondholders allowed in any judicial proceedings relative to the Buffalo CSD or the Issuer or their creditors or property.

Regardless of the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Trustee, if requested in writing by the Holders of over twenty-five percent (25%) in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding, and furnished with reasonable security and indemnity, shall institute and maintain such suits and proceedings as it may be advised shall be necessary or expedient to prevent any impairment of the security under the Indenture or under any other Security Document by any acts which may be unlawful or in violation of the Indenture or of such other Security Document or of any resolution authorizing any Bonds, and such suits and proceedings as the Trustee may be advised shall be necessary or expedient to preserve or protect its interests and the interests of the Bondholders; provided, that such request shall not be otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of law and of the Indenture and shall not be unduly prejudicial to the interests of the Bonds not making such request.

<u>Application of Revenues and Other Moneys After Default</u>. All moneys received by the Trustee pursuant to any right given or action taken under the provisions of the Indenture or under any other Security Document shall, after payment of the cost and expenses of the proceedings resulting in the collection of such moneys and of the fees, expenses, liabilities and advances (including legal fees and expenses) incurred or made by the Trustee, be deposited in the Bond Fund and all moneys so deposited and available for payment of the Bonds shall be applied, subject to the provisions of the Indenture relating to compensation of the Trustee, the Bond Registrar and the Paying Agents, as follows:

<u>First</u>: To the payment to the Persons entitled thereto of all installments of interest then due on the Bonds, in the order of the maturity of the installments of such interest and, if the amount available shall not be sufficient to pay in full any particular installment, then to the payment ratably, according to the amounts due on such installment, to the Persons entitled thereto, without any discrimination or privilege; and

Second: To the payment to the Persons entitled thereto of the unpaid principal or Redemption Price, if any, of any of the Bonds or principal installments which shall have become due (other than Bonds or principal installments called for redemption for the payment of which moneys are held pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture), in the order of their due dates, with interest on such Bonds, at the rate or rates expressed thereon, from the respective dates upon which they become due and, if the amount available shall not be sufficient to pay in full Bonds or principal installments due on any particular date, together with such interest, then to the payment ratably, according to the amount of principal due on such date, to the Persons entitled thereto without any discrimination or privilege.

After payment of the costs and expenses of the proceedings resulting in the collection of such moneys and of the fees, expenses, liabilities and advances (including legal fees and expenses) incurred or made by the Trustee, the funds realized following the occurrence of an Event of Default shall be applied *first*, as provided in paragraph <u>First</u> and <u>Second</u> under the heading, *second*, to pay any amounts which the Buffalo CSD is required to rebate to the federal government pursuant to the Indenture and the Tax Compliance Certificate, *third*, to satisfy any obligation of the Buffalo CSD regarding indemnification of the Issuer and the Trustee under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and *fourth*, to satisfy any other obligations of the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. Nothing outlined under this heading shall be deemed to modify the application of State Aid Revenues pursuant to the provisions outlined above under the heading "State Aid Intercept".

Whenever moneys are to be applied pursuant to the above provisions, such moneys shall be applied at such times, and from time to time, as the Trustee shall determine, having due regard to the amount of such moneys available for application and the likelihood of additional moneys becoming available for such application in the future. Whenever the Trustee shall apply such funds, it shall fix the date upon which such application is to be made and upon such date interest on the amounts of principal to be paid on such dates shall cease to accrue. The Trustee shall give such written notice to all Bondholders promptly upon receipt of the deposit with it of any such moneys of such deposit and of the fixing of any such date, and shall not be required to make payment to the Holder of any Bond until such Bond shall be presented to the Trustee for appropriate endorsement or for cancellation if fully paid.

<u>Actions by Trustee</u>. All rights of actions under the Indenture, under any other Security Document or under any of the Bonds may be enforced by the Trustee without the possession of any of the Bonds or the production thereof in any trial or other proceedings relating thereto and any such suit or proceeding instituted by the Trustee shall be brought in its name as Trustee without the necessity of joining as plaintiffs or defendants any Holders of the Bonds, and any recovery of judgment shall, subject to the provisions outlined above under the heading "Application of Revenues and Other Moneys After Default", be for the equal benefit of the Holders of the Outstanding Bonds.

<u>Majority Bondholders Control Proceedings</u>. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding shall have the right, at any time, by an instrument or instruments in writing executed and delivered to the Trustee, to direct the method and place of conducting all proceedings to be taken in connection with the enforcement of the terms and conditions of the Indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or any other proceedings under the Indenture; provided, that such direction shall not be otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of law and of the Indenture.

Individual Bondholder Action Restricted. No Holder of any Bond shall have any right to institute any suit, action or proceeding at law or in equity for the enforcement of any provisions of the Indenture or of any other Security Document or the execution of any trust under the Indenture or for any remedy under the Indenture or under any other Security Document, unless such Holder shall have previously given to the Trustee written notice of the occurrence of an Event of Default as provided in the Indenture, and the Holders of over twenty-five percent (25%) in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding shall have filed a written request with the Trustee, and shall have offered it reasonable opportunity either to exercise the powers granted in the Indenture or in such other Security Document or by the IDA Act or the Buffalo Schools Act or by the laws of the State or to institute such action, suit or proceeding in its own name, and unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee adequate security and indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred therein or thereby, and the Trustee shall have refused to comply with such request for a period of sixty (60) days after receipt by it of such notice, request and offer of indemnity, it being understood and intended that no one or more Holders of Bonds shall have any right in any manner whatever by his, its or their action to affect, disturb or prejudice the pledge created by the Indenture, or to enforce any right under the Indenture except in the manner therein provided; and that all proceedings at law or in equity to enforce any provision of the Indenture shall be instituted, had and maintained in the manner provided in the Indenture and, subject to the provisions described under the headings "Application of Revenues and Other Moneys After Default" and "Majority Bondholders Control Proceedings" above, be for the equal benefit of all Holders of the Outstanding Bonds, to the extent permitted by law.

Nothing in the Indenture, in any other Security Document or in the Bonds contained shall affect or impair the right of any Bondholder to payment of the principal or Redemption Price, if applicable, of, and interest on any Bond at and after the maturity thereof, or the obligation of the Issuer to pay the principal or Redemption Price, if applicable, of, and interest on each of the Bonds to the

respective Holders thereof at the time, place, from the source and in the manner provided in the Indenture and in said Bonds expressed.

Effect of Discontinuance of Proceedings. In case any proceedings taken by the Trustee on account of any Event of Default shall have been discontinued or abandoned for any reason, or shall have been determined adversely to the Trustee, then and in every such case, the Issuer, the Trustee and the Bondholders shall be restored, respectively, to their former positions and rights under the Indenture, and all rights, remedies, powers and duties of the Trustee shall continue as in effect prior to the commencement of such proceedings.

<u>Remedies Not Exclusive</u>. No remedy by the terms of the Indenture conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the Holders of the Bonds is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to any other remedy given under the Indenture or existing at law or in equity or by statute.

<u>Delay or Omission</u>. No delay or omission of the Trustee or of any Holder of the Bonds to exercise any right or power arising upon any default shall impair any right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver of any such default or an acquiescence therein; and every power and remedy given by the Indenture to the Trustee and the Holders of the Bonds, respectively, may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient by the Trustee or by the Bondholders.

<u>Notice of Default</u>. The Trustee shall promptly mail to the Issuer, to registered Holders of Bonds and to the Buffalo CSD by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, written notice of the occurrence of any Event of Default. The Trustee shall not, however, be subject to any liability to any Bondholder by reason of its failure to mail any notice required under this heading.

<u>Waivers of Default</u>. The Trustee shall waive any default under the Indenture and its consequences only upon the written request of the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of all the Bonds then Outstanding; provided, however, that there shall not be waived without the consent of the Holders of all the Bonds Outstanding (a) any default in the payment of the principal of any Outstanding Bonds at the date specified therein or (b) any default in the payment when due of the interest on any such Bonds, unless, prior to such waiver, all arrears of interest, with interest (to the extent permitted by law) at the rate borne by the Bonds on overdue installments of interest in respect of which such default shall have occurred, and all arrears of payment of principal when due, as the case may be, and all expenses of the Trustee and reasonable legal fees and expenses in connection with such default shall have been paid or provided for, and in case of any such waiver, or in case any proceeding taken by the Trustee on account of any such default shall have been discontinued or abandoned or determined adversely to the Trustee, then and in every such case the Issuer, the Trustee and the Bondholders shall be restored to their former positions and rights under the Indenture, respectively, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default, or impair any right consequent thereon.

<u>Indemnity</u>. The Trustee shall be under no obligation to institute any suit, or to take any remedial action under the Indenture or under any other Security Document or to enter any appearance or in any way defend in any suit in which it may be made defendant, or to take any steps in the execution of the trusts created or in the enforcement of any rights and powers under the Indenture, or under any other Security Document, until it shall be indemnified to its satisfaction against any and all reasonable compensation for services, costs and expenses, outlays, and counsel fees and other disbursements, and against all liability not due to its willful misconduct, unlawful conduct or gross negligence.

<u>Approvals or Consents by Trustee</u>. The Trustee shall grant no approval, request or consent under the Security Documents except upon a Rating Confirmation or at the direction of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds Outstanding.

Defeasance. If the Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid, or there shall otherwise be paid, to the Holders of all Bonds the principal or Redemption Price, if applicable, of, interest and all other amounts due or to become due thereon or in respect thereof, at the times and in the manner stipulated therein and in the Indenture, and all fees and expenses and other amounts due and payable under the Indenture and the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, and any other amounts required to be rebated to the federal government pursuant to the Tax Compliance Certificate or the Indenture, shall be paid in full or duly provided for, then the pledge of the Installment Purchase Payments under the Indenture and the estate and rights thereby granted, and all covenants, agreements and other obligations of the Issuer to the Bondholders under the Indenture shall thereupon cease, terminate and become void and be discharged and satisfied and the Bonds shall thereupon cease to be entitled to any lien, benefit or security under the Indenture, except as to moneys or securities held by the Trustee or the Paying Agents as provided below. At the time of such cessation, termination, discharge and satisfaction, the Trustee and the Paying Agents shall pay over or deliver to the Buffalo CSD or on its order all moneys or securities held by them pursuant to the Indenture which are not required (i) for the payment of principal or Redemption Price, if applicable, or interest on Bonds not theretofore surrendered for such payment or redemption, (ii) for the payment of all such other amounts due or to become due under the Security Documents or (iii) for the payment of any amounts to the federal government under the Tax Compliance Certificate or the Indenture.

Bonds or interest installments for the payment or redemption of which moneys (and/or Defeasance Obligations which shall not be subject to call or redemption or prepayment prior to maturity and the full and timely payment of the principal of and interest on which when due, together with the moneys, if any, set aside at the same time, will provide funds sufficient for such payment or redemption) shall then be set aside and held in trust by the Trustee or Paying Agents, whether at or prior to the maturity or the redemption date of such Bonds, shall be deemed to have been paid within the meaning and with the effect expressed in the first paragraph under this heading, if (i) in case any such Bonds are to be redeemed prior to the maturity thereof, all action necessary to redeem such Bonds shall have been taken and notice of such redemption shall have been duly given or provision satisfactory under the requirements of the Indenture to the Trustee shall have been made for the giving of such notice, and (ii) if the maturity or redemption date of any such Bond shall not then have arrived, provision shall have been made by deposit with the Trustee or other methods satisfactory to the Trustee for the payment to the Holders of any such Bonds upon surrender thereof of the full amount to which they would be entitled by way of principal or Redemption Price and interest and all other amounts then due under the Security Documents to the date of such maturity or redemption, and provision satisfactory to the Trustee shall have been made for the mailing of a notice to the Holders of such Bonds that such moneys are so available for such payment.

Prior to any defeasance becoming effective as provided in the immediately preceding paragraph, there shall have been delivered to the Issuer and to the Trustee (A) an opinion of Nationally Recognized Bond Counsel addressed to, and acceptable in form and substance to, the Issuer and the Trustee, to the effect that interest on any Bonds being discharged by such defeasance will not become subject to federal income taxation by reason of such defeasance, and that the Bonds being defeased are no longer "Outstanding" under the Indenture, (B) a verification report from an independent certified public accountant or firm of independent certified public accountants or other recognized consultant or verification agent (in each case reasonably acceptable to the Issuer and to the Trustee) to the effect that the moneys and/or Defeasance Obligations are sufficient, without reinvestment, to pay the principal of, interest on, and redemption premium, if any, of the Bonds to be defeased on the maturity or redemption date, as applicable, (C) an escrow deposit agreement (reasonably acceptable to the Issuer and the Trustee), and (D) a certificate of discharge of the Trustee with respect to the Bonds being defeased.

<u>Supplemental Indentures Without Bondholders' Consent</u>. The Issuer and the Trustee may, from time to time and at any time, enter into Supplemental Indentures without consent of the Bondholders, for any of the following purposes:

(1) To cure any formal defect, omission or ambiguity in the Indenture or in any description of property subject to the lien of the Indenture, if such action is not materially adverse to the interests of the Bondholders.

(2) To grant to or confer upon the Trustee for the benefit of the Bondholders any additional rights, remedies, powers, authority or security which may lawfully be granted or conferred and which are not contrary to or inconsistent with the Indenture as theretofore in effect.

(3) To add to the covenants and agreements of the Issuer in the Indenture other covenants and agreements to be observed by the Issuer which are not contrary to or inconsistent with the Indenture as theretofore in effect.

(4) To add to the limitations and restrictions in the Indenture other limitations and restrictions to be observed by the Issuer which are not contrary to or inconsistent with the Indenture as theretofore in effect.

(5) To confirm, as further assurance, any pledge under, and the subjection to any lien or pledge created or to be created by, the Indenture, of the Installment Purchase Payments or of any other moneys, securities or funds, or to subject to the lien or pledge of the Indenture additional revenues, properties or collateral.

(6) To modify or amend such provisions of the Indenture as shall, in the opinion of Nationally Recognized Bond Counsel, be necessary to assure the federal tax exemption of the interest on the Bonds.

(7) To authorize the issuance of a Series of Additional Bonds and prescribe the terms, forms and details thereof not inconsistent with the Indenture.

(8) To effect any other change in the Indenture which, in the judgment of the Trustee, is not to the material prejudice of the Trustee or the Bondholders.

(9) To effect the delivery of a Credit Facility and/or a Qualified Swap for a Series of Bonds.

(10) To modify, amend or supplement the Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture in such manner as to permit the qualification of either thereof under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 or any similar federal statute in effect or to permit the qualification of the Bonds for sale under the securities laws of the United States of America or of any of the states of the United States of America, and, if they so determine, to add to the Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture such other terms, conditions and provisions as may be permitted by said Trust Indenture Act of 1939 or similar federal statute.

(11) To permit the appointment of a co-trustee under the Indenture.

(12) To effect any other amendment or supplement (except for which the written consents of one hundred percent (100%) of the Holders of the Outstanding Bonds, or affected

Series of Bonds, are required as provided in the next heading) provided that the Trustee shall receive, in connection therewith, a Rating Confirmation.

Before the Issuer and the Trustee shall enter into any Supplemental Indenture pursuant to the Indenture, there shall have been filed with the Trustee an opinion of Nationally Recognized Bond Counsel stating that such Supplemental Indenture is authorized or permitted by the Indenture and complies with its terms, and that upon execution it will be valid and binding upon the Issuer in accordance with its terms.

Supplemental Indentures With Consent of Bondholders. Subject to the terms and provisions contained in the Indenture, the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding shall have the right from time to time, to consent to and approve the entering into by the Issuer and the Trustee of any Supplemental Indenture as shall be deemed necessary or desirable by the Issuer for the purpose of modifying, altering, amending, adding to or rescinding, in any particular, any of the terms or provisions contained in the Indenture; provided, however, that if any such Supplemental Indenture would affect only the Holders of a single Series of Bonds then Outstanding, then only the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds Outstanding of such affected Series shall be required. Nothing contained in the Indenture shall permit, or be construed as permitting, (i) a change in the times, amounts or currency of payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, or interest on any Outstanding Bonds, a change in the terms of redemption or maturity of the principal of or the interest on any Outstanding Bonds, or a reduction in the principal amount of or the Redemption Price of any Outstanding Bond or the rate of interest thereon, or any extension of the time of payment thereof, or a change in the method of determining the rate of interest on any Bond, without the consent of the Holder of such Bond, (ii) the creation of a lien upon or pledge of Installment Purchase Payments other than the liens or pledge created by the Indenture, except as provided in the Indenture with respect to Additional Bonds, (iii) a preference or priority of any Bond or Bonds over any other Bond or Bonds, (iv) a reduction in the aggregate principal amount of Bonds required for consent to such Supplemental Indenture, or (v) a modification, amendment or deletion with respect to any of the terms set forth in this paragraph, without, in the case of items (ii) through and including (v) of this paragraph, the written consents of one hundred percent (100%) of the Holders of the Outstanding Bonds.

If at any time the Issuer shall determine to enter into any Supplemental Indenture for any of the purposes of this heading, it shall cause notice of the proposed Supplemental Indenture to be mailed, postage prepaid, to S&P, Moody's and all Bondholders at least ten (10) days prior to the effective date thereof. Such notice shall briefly set forth the nature of the proposed Supplemental Indenture, and shall state that a copy thereof is on file at the offices of the Trustee for inspection by all Bondholders.

Within one year after the date of such notice, the Issuer and the Trustee may enter into such Supplemental Indenture in substantially the form described in such notice only if there shall have first been filed with the Trustee (i) the written consents of the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding (or, as provided in the first paragraph under this heading if applicable, the Holders of 100% in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds Outstanding) (or, if such Supplemental Indenture shall affect only a single Series of Bonds, the written consents of the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of such affected Series of Bonds Outstanding) and (ii) an opinion of Nationally Recognized Bond Counsel stating that such Supplemental Indenture is authorized or permitted by the Indenture and complies with its terms, and that upon execution it will be valid and binding upon the Issuer in accordance with its terms. Each valid consent shall be effective only if accompanied by proof of the holding, at the date of such consent, of the Bonds with respect to which such consent is given. A certificate or certificates by the Trustee that it has examined such proof and that such proof is sufficient in accordance with the Indenture shall be conclusive that the

consents have been given by the Holders of the Bonds described in such certificate or certificates. Any such consent shall be binding upon the Holder of the Bonds giving such consent and upon any subsequent Holder of such Bonds and of any Bonds issued in exchange therefor (whether or not such subsequent Holder thereof has notice thereof), unless such consent is revoked in writing by the Holder of such Bonds giving such consent or a subsequent Holder thereof by filing such revocation with the Trustee prior to the execution of such Supplemental Indenture.

If the Holders of not less than the percentage of Bonds required above shall have consented to and approved the execution thereof as provided in the Indenture, no Holder of any Bond shall have any right to object to the execution of such Supplemental Indenture, or to object to any of the terms and provisions contained therein or the operation thereof, or in any manner to question the propriety of the execution thereof, or to enjoin or restrain the Issuer from executing the same or from taking any action pursuant to the provisions thereof.

Upon the execution of any Supplemental Indenture pursuant to the provisions of this heading, the Indenture shall be deemed to be modified and amended in accordance therewith, and the respective rights, duties and obligations under the Indenture of the Issuer, the Trustee and all Holders of Bonds then Outstanding shall thereafter be determined, exercised and enforced under the Indenture, subject in all respects to such modifications and amendments.

<u>Rights of Buffalo CSD</u>. Any Supplemental Indenture which materially and adversely affects any rights, powers and authority of the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement or requires a revision of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement shall not become effective unless and until the Buffalo CSD shall have given its written consent to such Supplemental Indenture signed by an Authorized Representative of the Buffalo CSD.

Amendments of Related Security Documents Not Requiring Consent of Bondholders. Subject to the heading below, the Issuer and the Trustee may, without the consent of or notice to the Bondholders, consent to any amendment, change or modification of any of the Related Security Documents for any of the following purposes: (i) to cure any ambiguity, inconsistency, formal defect or omission therein; (ii) to grant to or confer upon the Trustee for the benefit of the Bondholders any additional rights, remedies, powers, authority or security which may be lawfully granted or conferred; (iii) to subject thereto additional revenues, properties or collateral; (iv) to provide for the issuance of a Series of Additional Bonds; (v) to evidence the succession of a successor Trustee or to evidence the appointment of a separate or co-Trustee or the succession of a successor separate or co-Trustee; (vi) to make any change required in connection with a permitted amendment to a Related Security Document or a permitted Supplemental Indenture; (vii) to make any change if, in connection therewith, the Trustee shall receive a Rating Confirmation (except for which the written consents of one hundred percent (100%) of the Holders of the Outstanding Bonds, or affected Series of Bonds, are required as provided in clause (i) of the heading below); and (viii) to make any other change that, in the judgment of the Trustee (which, in exercising such judgment, may conclusively rely, and shall be protected in relying, in good faith, upon an Opinion of Counsel or an opinion or report of accountants or other experts) does not materially adversely affect the Bondholders. The Trustee shall have no liability to any Bondholder or any other Person for any action taken by it in good faith pursuant to this heading. Before the Issuer or the Trustee shall enter into or consent to any amendment, change or modification to any of the Related Security Documents, there shall be filed with the Trustee an opinion of Nationally Recognized Bond Counsel to the effect that such amendment, change or modification will not adversely affect the exclusion from federal income taxation of interest on any Series of Bonds Outstanding.

Amendments of Related Security Documents Requiring Consent of the Bondholders. Except as provided in the immediately preceding heading, the Issuer and the Trustee shall not consent to any amendment, change or modification of any of the Related Security Documents, without mailing of notice and the written approval or consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds Outstanding given and procured as provided in the Indenture (or, if such amendment, change or modification shall only affect one Series of Bonds, the consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the affected Series of Bonds Outstanding); provided, however, there shall be no amendment, change or modification to (i) the obligation of the Buffalo CSD to make Installment Purchase Payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement (except as provided therein or in connection with the issuance of a Series of Additional Bonds), without the prior written approval of the Holders of 100% in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds at the time Outstanding given and procured as provided in the Indenture (or, if such amendment, change or modification shall affect only one Series of Bonds, the consent of the Holders of 100% in aggregate principal amount of the affected Series of Bonds Outstanding), or (ii) the Tax Compliance Certificate without the delivery of an opinion of Nationally Recognized Bond Counsel to the effect that such amendment, change, modification, reduction or postponement will not cause the interest on the related Series of Bonds to become includable in gross income for Federal income tax purposes. If at any time the Buffalo CSD shall request the consent of the Trustee to any such proposed amendment, change or modification, the Trustee shall cause notice of such proposed amendment, change or modification to be mailed to the same Persons and in the same manner as is provided in the Indenture with respect to Supplemental Indentures. Such notice shall briefly set forth the nature of such proposed amendment, change or modification and shall state that copies of the instrument embodying the same are on file at the principal corporate trust office of the Trustee for inspection by all Bondholders. Before the Trustee shall enter into or consent to any amendment, change or modification to any of the Related Security Documents, there shall be filed with the Trustee an opinion of Nationally Recognized Bond Counsel to the effect that such amendment, change or modification will not adversely affect the exemption from federal income taxation of interest on any Series of Bonds Outstanding.

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The following is a summary of certain provisions of the Amended and Restated Installment Sale Agreement (Series 2004 Project), dated as of April 1, 2012 (the "2012A Installment Sale Agreement"), relating to the Series 2012A Bonds. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the document itself.

Sale of the Facilities. The Issuer sells to the Buffalo CSD, and the Buffalo CSD purchases from the Issuer, the Issuer's leasehold interest in the Facilities pursuant to the Ground Lease in their "as is", "where is" and "subject to all faults condition" and upon and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. The Buffalo CSD shall at all times during the Agreement Term occupy, use and operate each of the Facilities, or cause each of the Facilities to be occupied, used and operated, as an "educational facility" for "educational activities" in accordance with the provisions of the Buffalo Schools Act and the IDA Act and for the general purposes specified in the recitals to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. The Buffalo CSD shall not occupy, use or operate any of the Facilities or allow any of the Facilities or any part thereof to be occupied, used or operated for any unlawful purpose or in violation of any certificate of occupancy affecting any of the Facilities or which may constitute a nuisance, public or private.

It is the intention of the Issuer and the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement that the sale by the Issuer thereunder of its leasehold interest in the Facilities under the Ground Lease and the sale by the Issuer under the Series 2007 Bonds Facilities Agreement of its subleasehold interest in the Facilities under the Series 2007 Ground Sublease, shall not result in (i) a merger of the leasehold estates and interests of the Buffalo CSD and the Issuer under the Ground Lease, (ii) a termination or any other impairment of the Ground Lease on the basis of merger or any other grounds, or (iii) the granting to the Buffalo CSD of any contractual rights of the Issuer under the Ground Lease; and until the termination of the Ground Lease in accordance with its terms or the later of (y) the expiration of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and (z) the termination of the Series 2007 Ground Sublease, the Ground Lease shall continue in full force and effect to the same extent as if the Issuer had not sold (1) its leasehold interest in the Facilities to the Buffalo CSD pursuant to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement or (2) its subleasehold interest in the Facilities to the Buffalo CSD pursuant to the Series 2007 Bonds Facilities Agreement.

The 2012A Installment Sale Agreement does not constitute an "installment purchase contract" as referred to under Section 11 of the Buffalo Schools Act or under Section 109-b of the New York General Municipal Law.

Agreement Term. The Agreement Term of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement shall commence on the date of issuance of the Series 2012A Bonds and shall expire on midnight (New York City time) on May 1, 2026 (but in no event sooner than the date upon which the Series 2012A Bonds shall cease to be Outstanding and the lien of the Indenture shall have been discharged) or such earlier date as the Bonds shall cease to be Outstanding and all amounts payable by the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement have been paid in full. Upon any termination of the Ground Lease with respect to a Facility, the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement shall concurrently terminate at such time with respect to the affected Facility. The Issuer delivers to the Buffalo CSD and the Buffalo CSD accepts sole and exclusive possession of the Facilities, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. The Issuer makes no representations whatsoever in connection with the condition of any of the Facilities, and the Issuer shall not be liable for any defects therein.

Incorporation of Ground Lease Provisions. The 2012A Installment Sale Agreement is subject and subordinate to the Ground Lease, and all provisions thereof. In connection with the sale of the Issuer's leasehold interest in the Facilities under the Ground Lease, the Issuer delegates to the Buffalo CSD all Ground Lease Promises (as defined in the Ground Lease) of the Issuer contained in the Ground Lease, and the Buffalo CSD assumes all of the Ground Lease Promises. All terms, covenants and provisions of the Ground Lease applicable to the "Lessee" therein are incorporated into the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement by reference, and the Buffalo CSD agrees to comply with the same and be responsible therefor. The delegation and assumption within the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement by the Buffalo CSD shall not create a merger of the estates of the Issuer and the Buffalo CSD under the Ground Lease.

<u>The Series 2004 Project</u>. Pursuant to the Ground Lease, the City and the Buffalo CSD have vested the Issuer with a valid leasehold estate in the Facilities, which leasehold estate the Issuer is selling to the Buffalo CSD, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.

The Buffalo CSD, as agent for and on behalf of the Issuer, effected and completed the acquisition, construction, renovation, reconstruction, improvement, equipping and/or furnishing of those Facilities to be financed in whole or in part from the proceeds of sale of the Series 2004 Bonds.

Pursuant to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, as between the Issuer and the Buffalo CSD, the Buffalo CSD shall pay (i) all of the costs and expenses in connection with the preparation of any instruments of conveyance and transfer of a leasehold interest in the Facilities to the Issuer pursuant to the Ground Lease, together with the delivery of any instruments and documents and their filing and recording, if required, (ii) all taxes and charges payable, if any, in connection with such conveyance and transfer, or attributable to periods prior to such conveyance and transfer, and (iii) all expenses or claims incurred in connection with the Series 2004 Project and with the Series 2012A Project and not funded from the proceeds of sale of the Series 2012A Bonds (or of any Series of Additional Bonds).

Additional Facilities. The Issuer and the Buffalo CSD recognize that, under the provisions of and subject to the conditions set forth in the Indenture or a related Series Indenture, a Series of Additional Bonds or additional Series of Project Bonds may be issued from time to time pursuant to separate Series Indentures to finance the costs of the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, equipping and/or furnishing of Facilities and/or Additional Facilities.

Payment of Installment Purchase Payments. Subject to the provisions described under the heading "Nature of Obligations of the Buffalo CSD" below, the Buffalo CSD agrees to pay or cause to be paid, the Installment Purchase Payments for the Facilities in the amounts and on April 1 of the years as set forth in a schedule to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement (the "Installment Purchase Payment Schedule"). Notwithstanding the Installment Purchase Payment Schedule, in the event the Buffalo CSD shall have failed to appropriate by November 1, commencing November 1, 2012 under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, that amount of State Aid Revenues required to make (less any amount on deposit in the Bond Fund on such November 1 and available on such date), and for the stated purpose of making, the Installment Purchase Payment due on the immediately succeeding April 1 (as set forth in the Installment Purchase Payment Schedule), then, (y) the Buffalo CSD shall promptly deliver written notice of such failure to appropriate to the Issuer and the Trustee, and (z) that Installment Purchase Payment next due on such immediately succeeding April 1 (less any amount on deposit in the Bond Fund on such November 1 and available on such date) shall instead be due on the November 15 immediately following such November 1 as if that November 15 were the originally scheduled Installment Purchase Payment Date. Installment Purchase Payments must be deposited by or on behalf of the Buffalo CSD, as provided in the State Aid Trust Agreement, with the Trustee by no later than each Installment Purchase Payment Date; provided, however, that there shall be credited against any Installment Purchase Payments any amounts available for such purpose and on deposit in the Bond Fund, including any amounts deposited to the Bond Fund under the State Aid intercept provisions of the Indenture (such net amount being the "Net Base Facilities Agreement Payment").

The Buffalo CSD shall have the option to make from time to time prepayments in part of payments due as aforesaid of Installment Purchase Payments, together with interest accrued and to accrue and premium, if any, to be paid on a Series of Bonds, if, but only if, such prepayment is to be used for the redemption or defeasance of such Series of Bonds. The Trustee shall apply such prepayments in such manner consistent with the provisions of the Indenture as may be specified in writing by an Authorized Representative of the Buffalo CSD at the time of making such prepayment. Upon any such prepayment, the Trustee shall, if necessary, recalculate the Installment Purchase Payment Schedule in accordance with the Indenture and deliver a revised Installment Purchase Payment Schedule to the Buffalo CSD and the Issuer, and such revised Installment Purchase Payment Schedule shall be deemed to replace the then-existing Installment Purchase Payment Schedule attached to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.

<u>Direction as to Payment of Installment Purchase Payments</u>. Installment Purchase Payments shall be paid to the Trustee for credit to the Bond Fund.

Indemnification of the Issuer and Trustee and Limitation on Liability. The Buffalo CSD shall, to the maximum extent permitted by law, at all times protect, defend and hold the Issuer, the Trustee, the Bond Registrar, the Paying Agents and the Depository Bank and their respective officers, members, directors, employees and agents (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") harmless of, from and against any and all claims (whether in tort, contract or otherwise), demands, expenses and liabilities for losses, damage, injury and liability of every kind and nature and however caused, and taxes (of any kind and by whomsoever imposed), other than, with respect to any Indemnified Party, losses arising from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnified Party, arising upon or about any of the Facilities or resulting from, arising out of, or in any way connected with (i) pursuant to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, the financing of the costs of the Series 2004 Project and the Series 2012A Project and the marketing, remarketing, issuance and sale of the Series 2004 Bonds and the Series 2012A from time to time for such purpose, (ii) the planning, design, acquisition, site preparation, construction, renovation, equipping, furnishing, installation or financing of the Facilities or any part of any thereof or the effecting of any work done in or about any of the Facilities, (iii) any defects (whether latent or patent) in any of the Facilities, (iv) the maintenance, repair, replacement, restoration, rebuilding, upkeep, use, occupancy, ownership, leasing, subletting or operation of any of the Facilities or any portion thereof, or (v) the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, the Indenture or any other Project Document or other document or instrument delivered in connection therewith or the enforcement of any of the terms or provisions thereof or the transactions contemplated thereby. Except as provided above, no Indemnified Party shall be liable for any damage or injury to the person or property of the Buffalo CSD or its directors, officers, employees, agents or servants or persons under the control or supervision of the Buffalo CSD, or any other Person who may be about any of the Facilities, due to any act or negligence of any Person other than for the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnified Party.

The Buffalo CSD releases each Indemnified Party from, and agrees, to the maximum extent permitted by law, that no Indemnified Party shall be liable for and agrees to defend, indemnify and hold each Indemnified Party harmless against any expense, loss, damage, injury or liability incurred because of any lawsuit commenced as a result of action taken by such Indemnified Party with respect to any of the matters set forth in the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement or at the direction of the Buffalo CSD with respect to any of such matters above referred to; provided, however, that such indemnification by the Buffalo CSD shall not extend to any Indemnified Party whose gross negligence or willful misconduct resulted in such expense, loss, damage, injury or liability. An Indemnified Party shall

promptly notify the Buffalo CSD in writing of any claim or action brought against such Indemnified Party in which indemnity may be sought against the Buffalo CSD pursuant to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement; such notice shall be given in sufficient time to allow the Buffalo CSD to defend or participate in such claim or action, but the failure to give such notice in sufficient time shall not constitute a defense under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement nor in any way impair the obligations of the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, except that if (i) the Indemnified Party shall have had knowledge or notice of such claim or action but shall not have timely notified the Buffalo CSD of any such claim or action, (ii) the Buffalo CSD shall have had no knowledge or notice of such claim or action, and (iii) the Buffalo CSD's ability to defend or participate in such claim or action is materially impaired by reason of not having received timely notice thereof from the Indemnified Party, then the Buffalo CSD's obligation to so defend and indemnify such Indemnified Party shall be qualified to the extent (and only to the extent) of such material impairment.

The indemnifications and protections described under this heading shall be extended, with respect to each Indemnified Party, to its members, directors, officers, employees, agents and servants and persons under its control or supervision.

Anything to the contrary in the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement notwithstanding, the indemnification, hold harmless and release covenants of the Buffalo CSD described under this heading shall remain in full force and effect after the termination of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement until the later of (i) the expiration of the period stated in the applicable statute of limitations during which a claim or cause of action may be brought and (ii) payment in full or the satisfaction of such claim or cause of action and of all expenses and charges incurred by the Indemnified Party relating to the enforcement of the provisions therein specified.

<u>Nature of Obligations of the Buffalo CSD</u>. Except as otherwise provided under this heading, the obligation of the Buffalo CSD to pay Installment Purchase Payments and Additional Payments shall be absolute and unconditional, and such Installment Purchase Payments and Additional Payments shall be payable without any rights of set-off, recoupment or counterclaim or deduction and without any right of suspension, deferment, diminution or reduction it might otherwise have against the Issuer, the Trustee, any purchaser of any Bond or any other Person, and whether or not the Facilities or any of them are used or occupied by the Buffalo CSD or available for use or occupancy by the Buffalo CSD.

The obligation of the Buffalo CSD to pay Installment Purchase Payments shall be deemed executory only to the extent of State Aid Revenues appropriated and available to the Buffalo CSD for the purpose of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and the State Aid Trust Agreement, and moneys appropriated by the Buffalo CSD for such purpose, and no liability on account thereof shall be incurred by the Buffalo CSD beyond the amount of such moneys; provided, however, that the failure of the Buffalo CSD for any reason (including a failure by the State or the Buffalo CSD to appropriate State Aid Revenues) to make an Installment Purchase Payment or an Additional Payment shall be deemed a failure to make a payment for purposes of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and the Buffalo Schools Act, and in such event, the Issuer has appointed the Trustee to act as its agent for purposes of taking action under the State Aid intercept provisions of the Indenture. Further, the obligation of the Buffalo CSD to pay Installment Purchase Payments is not a general obligation of the City or the Buffalo CSD. Neither the full faith and credit nor the taxing power of the City or the Buffalo CSD are pledged to the payment of any Installment Purchase Payment or Additional Payment due under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. However, the obligations of the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement to pay Additional Payments shall be a general obligation of the Buffalo CSD, executory, however, only to the extent of moneys appropriated therefor by the Buffalo CSD. It is understood that neither the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement nor any representation by any public employee or officer

creates any legal or moral obligation to appropriate or make moneys available for the purposes of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.

The obligations of the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, including its obligation to pay the Installment Purchase Payments and Additional Payments in any Fiscal Year for which the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement is in effect, shall constitute a current expense of the Buffalo CSD for such Fiscal Year and shall not constitute an indebtedness of the City or the Buffalo CSD within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision or other laws of the State. The only source of moneys available to the Buffalo CSD for the payment of any Installment Purchase Payment coming due under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement shall be moneys comprising State Aid Revenues lawfully appropriated by the State and available therefor from time to time to or for the benefit of the Buffalo CSD, and appropriated for such purpose by the Buffalo CSD.

The Buffalo CSD agrees that its proposed expense budget for each ensuing Fiscal Year commencing with the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013 shall include, either as a separate unit of appropriation or as an expenditure within a unit of appropriation, the amount of Installment Purchase Payments and Additional Payments to come due in such next Fiscal Year, provided, however, that any such appropriation (y) of Installment Purchase Payments shall only be payable by the Buffalo CSD to the extent of State Aid Revenues available therefor and appropriated by the Buffalo CSD for such purpose, and (z) of Additional Payments shall only be payable by the Buffalo CSD.

Subject to the limitations contained in the second paragraph under this heading, the Buffalo CSD will not terminate the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement (other than such termination as is provided for therein) or be excused from performing its obligations therein for any cause including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any acts or circumstances that may constitute failure of consideration, failure of title, or frustration of purpose, or any damage to or destruction of any of the Facilities, or the taking by eminent domain of title to or the right of temporary use of all or any part of any of the Facilities, or the failure of the Issuer to perform and observe any agreement or covenant, whether expressed or implied, or any duty, liability or obligation arising out of or in connection with the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.

The Buffalo CSD intends to continue the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement for its entire term and to pay all Installment Purchase Payments specified in the Installment Purchase Payment Schedule as such Installment Purchase Payments come due under the terms and provisions of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.

No provision contained above shall be deemed to limit, impair or modify the State Aid Revenues intercept provisions of the Buffalo Schools Act or the application of the State Aid intercept provisions of the Indenture.

Directed State Aid Revenues. Pursuant to instructions, the Comptroller of the City and the Superintendent of the Buffalo CSD have directed the State Comptroller's Office to deposit all State Aid Revenues into the State Aid Depository Fund established under the State Aid Trust Agreement, and the Comptroller of the City and the Superintendent of the Buffalo CSD have further instructed the Depository Bank, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the State Aid Trust Agreement, to transfer State Aid Revenues to the Trustee and each other Series Trustee in accordance with the State Aid Trust Agreement for the purpose of, in the case of the Indenture, making deposits in the Bond Fund with respect to amounts due on the Bonds. The Buffalo CSD agrees not to modify the procedures set forth in the State Aid Trust Agreement for the collection, deposit or disbursement of State Aid Revenues, except as and to the extent permitted under the State Aid Trust Agreement.

The Buffalo CSD acknowledges that, pursuant to the State Aid intercept provisions of the Indenture (and the Buffalo Schools Act), in the event it shall fail (for any reason, including the failure of the appropriate legislative body of the Buffalo CSD to appropriate moneys for such purpose) to make a payment under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement in the amount and by the date the same is due, the Issuer has appointed the Trustee to act as its agent under the Indenture for the purpose of delivering a certificate to the State Comptroller certifying as to such failure and setting forth the amount of such deficiency, and the State Comptroller, upon receipt of such certificate, shall be authorized to withhold from the Buffalo CSD such State Aid Revenues as is payable to the Buffalo CSD to the extent of the amount so stated in such certificate of the Trustee on behalf of the Issuer, the amount of such State Aid Revenues so withheld. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, amounts of such State Aid Revenues received by the Trustee on behalf of the Issuer and applied to the Installment Purchase Payments or Additional Payments shall be deemed to satisfy the Buffalo CSD's obligation to make such defaulted payment to the extent of the amount received.

<u>Operation, Maintenance and Repair</u>. During the Agreement Term, the Buffalo CSD shall be responsible for, and pay all costs of, operating the Facilities, maintaining the same in good and safe condition, and making all necessary repairs and replacements, interior and exterior, structural and nonstructural. All replacements, renewals and repairs shall be equal in quality, class and value to the original work and be made and installed in compliance with the requirements of all governmental bodies. The Issuer shall be under no obligation to replace, service, test, adjust, erect, maintain or effect replacements, renewals or repairs of any of the Facilities, to effect the replacement of any inadequate, obsolete, wornout or unsuitable parts of any of the Facilities, or to furnish any utilities or services for any of the Facilities and the Buffalo CSD agrees to assume full responsibility therefor.

<u>Utilities, Taxes and Governmental Charges</u>. The Buffalo CSD will pay or cause to be paid all charges for water, electricity, light, heat or power, sewage, telephone and other utility service, rendered or supplied upon or in connection with the Facilities during the Agreement Term.

In addition, the Buffalo CSD shall (i) pay, or make provision for payment of, all lawful taxes and assessments, including income, profits, property or excise taxes, if any, or other municipal or governmental charges, levied or assessed by any Federal, state or any municipal government upon the Issuer or the Buffalo CSD with respect to or upon any of the Facilities or any part thereof or upon any payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement when the same shall become due; (ii) duly observe and comply with all valid requirements of any governmental authority relative to the Facilities; (iii) not create or suffer to be created any lien or charge upon any of the Facilities or any part of any thereof, except Permitted Encumbrances, or upon the payments in respect thereof under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement; and (iv) pay or cause to be discharged or make adequate provision to satisfy and discharge, within sixty (60) days after the same shall come into force, any lien or charge upon any of the Facilities or any part of any thereof, except Permitted Encumbrances, or upon the facilities, or upon any payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and all lawful claims or demands for labor, materials, supplies or other charges which, if unpaid, might be or become a lien upon any payments under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.

<u>Additions, Enlargements and Improvements</u>. The Buffalo CSD shall have the right at any time and from time to time during the Agreement Term, at its own cost and expense, to make such additions, enlargements, improvements and expansions to, or repairs, reconstruction and restorations of, any of the Facilities, as the Buffalo CSD shall deem necessary or desirable in connection with the use of such Facilities. All such additions, enlargements, improvements, expansions, repairs, reconstruction and restorations when completed shall be of such character as not to reduce or otherwise adversely affect the value of the related Facility or the rental value thereof. The cost of any such additions, enlargements,
improvements, expansions, repairs, reconstruction or restorations shall be promptly paid or discharged so that the affected Facility shall at all times be free of liens for labor and materials supplied thereto other than Permitted Encumbrances. All additions, enlargements, improvements and expansions to, or repairs, reconstruction and restorations of, a Facility shall be and become a part of such Facility, and become subject to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and the Ground Lease.

Additional Rights of Buffalo CSD. The Issuer agrees that the Buffalo CSD shall have the right, option and privilege of erecting, installing and maintaining at its own cost and expense equipment (not constituting part of the Series 2004 Project as set forth in the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement) in or upon any Facility as may in the Buffalo CSD's judgment be necessary for its purposes. It is further understood and agreed that any equipment erected or installed under the provisions described under this heading shall be and remain the personal property of Buffalo CSD and, if not constituting part of the Series 2004 Project as set forth in the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, shall not become subject to the Ground Lease or the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, and may be removed, altered or otherwise changed, upon or before the termination of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.

<u>Damage or Destruction</u>. The Buffalo CSD agrees to notify the Issuer and the Trustee immediately in the case of damage to or destruction of any Facility or any portion thereof in an amount exceeding \$100,000 resulting from fire or other casualty, and shall state the plans of the Buffalo CSD with respect to the repair, reconstruction and restoration of the affected Facility.

<u>Condemnation</u>. If any Facility or portion thereof shall be condemned or taken by eminent domain, the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement (with respect to the affected Facility or portion thereof) and the interest of the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement shall terminate when title to such Facility or portion thereof vests in the party condemning or taking the same (hereinafter referred to as the "termination date"), and the Buffalo CSD will promptly give notice thereof to the Issuer and the Trustee, and shall state the plans of the Buffalo CSD with respect to the replacement or restoration of the affected Facility.

<u>Compliance with the IDA Act and the Buffalo Schools Act.</u> The Buffalo CSD covenants and agrees to operate each of the Facilities or cause each of the Facilities to be operated in accordance with (i) the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, and (ii) as a qualified "project" and "educational facility" for "educational activities" in accordance with and as defined under each of the IDA Act and the Buffalo Schools Act.

<u>Compliance with Laws and Regulations</u>. The Buffalo CSD will, at its own cost and expense, promptly comply with, or cause to be complied with, all laws, rules, regulations and other governmental requirements, whether or not the same require structural repairs or alterations, which may be applicable to the Buffalo CSD and any of the Facilities or the use or manner of use of any of the Facilities; provided, however, the Buffalo CSD's obligation to comply with any such law, rule, regulation or governmental requirement shall be suspended during any contest thereof in good faith by the Buffalo CSD, which contest is being diligently prosecuted. The Buffalo CSD will also observe and comply with the requirements of all policies and arrangements of insurance at any time in force with respect to the Facilities.

Assignment and Sale by Buffalo CSD. The Buffalo CSD will not sell, sublease, subsublease or otherwise dispose of or encumber its interest in any of the Facilities except in the case of Permitted Encumbrances or pursuant to the Ground Lease or the Series 2007 Ground Sublease or as provided in the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement as described under the headings "Subletting" and "Release of Facilities" below; provided, however, that the Buffalo CSD may sublet part of any Facility (x) for a purpose and use consistent with the Ground Lease, (y) upon delivery to the Trustee of an Opinion of Counsel to the Buffalo CSD to the effect that such sublease shall neither limit nor impair the obligations of the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, and (z) upon delivery to the Trustee of an opinion of Nationally Recognized Bond Counsel to the effect that such sublet will not cause interest on any of the Bonds to become includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes. The 2012A Installment Sale Agreement may be assigned in whole or in part by the Buffalo CSD upon written consent of the Issuer and the Trustee (which consents of the Issuer or the Trustee may be unreasonably withheld) but no assignment shall relieve the Buffalo CSD from primary liability for any of its obligations under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, and in the event of any such assignment the Buffalo CSD shall continue to remain primarily liable for the payments specified in the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.

<u>Subletting</u>. The Buffalo CSD may use, rent, sublease or sub-sublease space, as applicable, in any Facility, in excess of the space required for its purposes, as determined by an Authorized Representative of the Buffalo CSD. No such use, lease, sublease or sub-sublease shall have any adverse effect upon the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement or affect or reduce the Buffalo CSD's obligations under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. No sublease or sub-sublease to the Issuer (whether pursuant to the Ground Sublease or the Series 2007 Ground Sublease or otherwise) shall become merged in the Buffalo CSD's fee or beneficial title or leasehold interest. The Buffalo CSD shall not rent, sublease, sub-sublease or otherwise dispose of all or any portion of any Facility if such rental, sublease, sub-sublease or disposition would cause the interest on any of the Bonds then Outstanding to lose their exemption from Federal income taxation. Any such use, rental, sublet or sub-sublet shall be for a use consistent with the limitations thereon set forth in the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement Sale Agreement and the Ground Lease.

<u>Covenant not to Affect the Tax Exempt Status of the Bonds</u>. The Buffalo CSD agrees that throughout the Agreement Term, it will comply with the Tax Compliance Certificate and it will take no action, or permit any action to be taken, with respect to any Facility which will impair the exemption of interest on any Outstanding Bonds from Federal income taxes.

<u>Covenants as to State Aid Trust Agreement</u>. The Buffalo CSD agrees not to revoke the instructions furnished to the State Comptroller's office to forward all State Aid Revenues payments to the Depository Bank. The Buffalo CSD also agrees to comply with, and not to terminate, the State Aid Trust Agreement or materially modify the terms and provisions thereof in a manner which would materially adversely affect the owners of any Project Bonds, except as may be permitted under the terms of the State Aid Trust Agreement.

<u>Release of Facilities</u>. So long as there exists no event of default under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, nor any event which upon the giving of notice or the passage of time or both, would constitute an event of default, the Buffalo CSD may, upon written notice to the Issuer and the Trustee and compliance with the following, effect the release of a Facility, to no longer be used by the Buffalo CSD as a public school, or the costs with respect to which have been financed with the Bonds which are no longer Outstanding, from the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and the leasehold estate of the Ground Lease. Upon receipt of such notice, the Issuer and the Trustee shall, at the sole cost and expense of the Buffalo CSD, execute and deliver any and all instruments necessary or appropriate to so release and remove such Facility from the Facilities subject to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and the leasehold estate of the Ground Lease; provided, however, that in the event the release is of the last remaining Facility, the Buffalo CSD must further pay Installment Purchase Payments necessary to effect the redemption in whole of the Bonds. No conveyance or release effected under the provisions described under this heading shall entitle the Buffalo CSD to any abatement or diminution of the Installment Purchase Payments or the Additional Payments required to be made by the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.

<u>Compliance with Requirements for State Aid Revenues</u>. The Buffalo CSD will comply with all requirements necessary to ensure receipt of State Aid Revenues over the term of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.

<u>No Impairment of Pledge of State Aid Revenues</u>. The Buffalo CSD covenants and agrees that it shall enter into no agreement, indenture or other instrument, including any Series Facilities Agreement, in connection with a Series of Project Bonds under a Series Indenture, which shall have the effect, directly or indirectly, of providing a greater priority or preference to the intercept of State Aid Revenues under the Buffalo Schools Act than the pledge effected pursuant to the Indenture; provided, however, that nothing contained in the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement shall be deemed (y) to limit or deny the ability of the issuer of a Series of Project Bonds to pledge State Aid Revenues on a parity with the pledge effected by the Issuer under the Indenture, or (z) to require that any Series of Project Bonds issued under a Series Indenture have the same payment dates or amortize principal on a schedule comparable to that of the Bonds Outstanding under the Indenture, or that any lease rental payment dates or installment purchase payment dates, as applicable, under a Series Facilities Agreement be the same as provided for under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.

<u>Events of Default</u>. An "event of default" or a "default" shall mean any one or more of the following events:

(1) Failure by the Buffalo CSD to pay or cause to be paid when due (other than failure to pay as a result of an Event of Nonappropriation) the Installment Purchase Payments to be paid under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement;

(2) Failure by the Buffalo CSD to pay or to cause to be paid when due any Additional Payment required to be made under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, which failure shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days after payment thereof was due;

(3) Failure by the Buffalo CSD to observe and perform the covenants set forth in the fourth, fifth and sixth paragraphs under the heading "Nature of Obligations of the Buffalo CSD" above or as described under the headings "Covenants as to State Aid Trust Agreement" or "Compliance with Requirements for State Aid Revenues" above;

(4) Failure of the Buffalo CSD to observe and perform its covenants set forth in "Indemnification of the Issuer and Trustee and Limitation on Liability" above, and continuance of any such failure for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt by the Buffalo CSD of written notice specifying the nature of such default from the Issuer or the Trustee;

(5) Failure by the Buffalo CSD to observe and perform any covenant, condition or agreement on its part to be observed or performed, other than as referred to in subparagraphs (1), (2), (3) and (4) under this heading, which failure shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days after written notice, specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied, is given to the Buffalo CSD by the Issuer, the Trustee or the Holders of more than twenty-five percent (25%) in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds Outstanding, unless by reason of the nature of such failure the same can not be remedied within such thirty (30) day period and the Buffalo CSD has within such period commenced to take appropriate actions to remedy such failure and is diligently prosecuting such actions;

(6) The Buffalo CSD shall generally not pay its debts as such debts become due, or shall admit in writing its inability to pay its debts generally, or shall make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or any proceeding shall be instituted by or against the Buffalo CSD seeking to adjudicate it a bankrupt or insolvent, or seeking liquidation, winding up, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, protection, relief, or composition of it or its debts under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization or relief of debtors, or seeking the entry of an order for relief or the appointment of a receiver, trustee, or other similar official for it for any substantial part of its property; or the Buffalo CSD shall authorize any of the actions set forth above in this subparagraph or

(7) The entering of an order or decree appointing a receiver of the Facilities or any thereof with the consent or acquiescence of the Buffalo CSD or the entering of such order or decree without the acquiescence or consent of the Buffalo CSD if it shall not be vacated, discharged or stayed within ninety (90) days after entry.

Notwithstanding anything contained under this heading to the contrary, a failure by the Buffalo CSD to pay when due any payment required to be made under the provisions of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement or a failure by the Buffalo CSD to observe and perform any covenant, condition or agreement on its part to be observed or performed under the provisions of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, resulting from a failure by the Board of Education of the Buffalo CSD to appropriate moneys for such purposes, shall not constitute an event of default under the provisions of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. However, the failure by the Buffalo CSD to pay when due any payment required to be made by it under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement shall constitute a failure to make a payment under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement for purposes of the Buffalo Schools Act, and in such event the Issuer has appointed the Trustee to act as its agent for purposes of taking action under the State Aid intercept provisions of the Indenture. The Buffalo CSD submitted a budget to the Board of Education that fails to include a separate line item representing the full amount of Installment Purchase Payments payable during the applicable Fiscal Period or (ii) the Board of Education adopted a Buffalo CSD budget that fails to include such a separate line item.

<u>Remedies</u>. Whenever any event of default as provided above shall have happened and be continuing, or whenever an Event of Nonappropriation shall have occurred and be continuing, the Issuer (with the prior written consent of the Trustee) or the Trustee, subject in all respects to the provisions under the heading "Nature of Obligations of the Buffalo CSD" above, may take whatever action at law or in equity may appear necessary or desirable to collect the payments then due and thereafter to become due, or to enforce performance and observance of any obligation, agreement or covenant of the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. For so long as any of the Bonds are Outstanding or any amounts remain due and payable by the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement or the interest in or rights of possession of the Buffalo CSD in the Facilities, provided, however, that in addition to any other rights or remedies granted by the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement as described under this heading to the Issuer, the Issuer may enforce any of the Issuer's Reserved Rights without the consent of the Trustee or any other person, by an action for damages, injunction or specific performance.

No action taken pursuant to provisions under this heading shall relieve the Buffalo CSD from the Buffalo CSD's obligations under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, all of which shall survive any such action.

<u>Cure</u>. Notwithstanding any remedy taken by the Issuer or the Trustee pursuant to the provisions described under the immediately preceding heading, if all arrears of Installment Purchase

Payments, and all other Additional Payments, shall have been paid, all other things shall have been performed in respect of which there was an event of default or Event of Nonappropriation and there shall have been paid the reasonable fees and expenses, including expenses of the Trustee (including reasonable attorneys' fees paid or incurred), then the event of default or Event of Nonappropriation shall be waived without further action by the Trustee or the Issuer.

<u>No Remedy Exclusive</u>. Subject to the provisions of the second sentence under the heading "Remedies" above, no remedy conferred in the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement upon or reserved to the Issuer or the Trustee is intended to be exclusive of any other available remedy or remedies, but each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given in the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute. No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair any such right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver thereof, but any such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. In order to entitle the Issuer or the Trustee to exercise any remedy reserved to it in the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement it shall not be necessary to give any notice, other than such notice as may be expressly required in the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.

Effect on Discontinuance of Proceedings. In case any proceeding taken by the Trustee under the Indenture or the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement or under any other Security Document on account of any event of default or Event of Nonappropriation under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement or the Indenture shall have been discontinued or abandoned for any reason or shall have been determined adversely to the Trustee, then, and in every such case, the Issuer, the Trustee and the Holders of the Bonds shall be restored, respectively, to their former positions and rights thereunder, and all rights, remedies, powers and duties of the Trustee shall continue as in effect prior to the commencement of such proceedings.

<u>Limitations on Termination of Agreement</u>. Neither the Issuer, the Trustee nor the Buffalo CSD shall take or fail to take any action which would cause the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement to terminate while any Bonds remain Outstanding or any amounts remain due and payable under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement or prior to the discharge of the lien of the Indenture.

Limitation on Liability of the Issuer, the State and the County. The liability of the Issuer to the Buffalo CSD under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and to the Trustee and the Holders of the Bonds shall be enforceable only out of, and limited to, the Issuer's interest under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and under the Ground Lease and the security interest created by the Indenture. There shall be no other recourse against the Issuer, its members, directors, officers, agents, servants and employees and persons under the Issuer's control or supervision, past, present or future, or against any of the property now or hereafter owned by it or them. Any obligation the Issuer may incur for the payment of money in the performance of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement shall not create a debt of the State or of the County, and neither the State nor the County shall be liable on any obligation so incurred. Any such obligation shall be payable solely out of any payments or other proceeds or funds derived from the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement. All obligations of the Issuer under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement shall be deemed to be the obligation of the Issuer, and not of any member, director, officer, servant, employee or agent of the Issuer or person under the Issuer's control or supervision, past, present or future, in his individual capacity. No recourse shall be had against any such persons, or against any natural person executing the Bonds, for any claim against the Issuer arising under the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement, including, without limitation, any claim for the payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds.

<u>No Merger</u>. During the Agreement Term, there shall be no merger of the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement and the interest sold thereby with the leasehold or fee interests of the City and/or the Buffalo CSD in the Facilities, as applicable, by reason of the fact that the Buffalo CSD both holds such leasehold or fee interest, as applicable, and is the purchaser of the Issuer's leasehold interest in the Facilities under the Ground Lease pursuant to the 2012A Installment Sale Agreement.

#### **APPENDIX E**

#### FORM OF BOND COUNSEL OPINION WITH RESPECT TO THE SERIES 2012A BONDS

Upon delivery of the Series 2012A Bonds, Bond Counsel to the Issuer proposes to issue its approving opinion in substantially the following form:

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April , 2012

Erie County Industrial Development Agency 143 Genesee Street Buffalo, New York 14203

> Re: Erie County Industrial Development Agency \$209,540,000 School Facility Refunding Revenue Bonds (City School District of the City of Buffalo Project), Series 2012A

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as Bond Counsel to the Issuer referred to below and, in such capacity, we have examined a record of proceedings relating to the issuance of School Facility Refunding Revenue Bonds (City School District of the City of Buffalo Project), Series 2012A, in the aggregate principal amount of \$209,540,000 (the "Series 2012A Bonds") of the Erie County Industrial Development Agency, a corporate governmental agency constituting a body corporate and politic and a public benefit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York (the "Issuer").

The Series 2012A Bonds are issued under and pursuant to the New York State Industrial Development Agency Act (constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York), as amended, and Chapter 293 of the 1970 Laws of New York, as amended (collectively, the "IDA Act"), Chapter 605 of the 2000 Laws of New York, as amended by Chapter 59 of the 2003 Laws of New York, by Chapter 421 of the 2004 Laws of New York, by Chapter 283 of the Laws of 2006 of New York, by Chapter 403 of the Laws of 2008 of New York, by Chapter 492 of the Laws of 2008 of New York, by Chapter 497 of the Laws of 2008 of New York, and by Chapter 209 of the Laws of 2009 of New York (collectively, the "Buffalo Schools Act"), an Amended and Restated Indenture of Trust (Series 2004 Project), dated as of April 1, 2012 (the "Indenture"), between the Issuer and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as trustee (the "Trustee"), and resolutions of the Issuer adopted on September 11, 2002, as amended on October 16, 2002 and on June 11, 2003, as amended and restated on November 10, 2004, and as amended on June 11, 2007, on January 17, 2008, on October 19, 2009 and on May 16, 2011, and as adopted on March 26, 2012, authorizing the Series 2012A Bonds.

The Series 2012A Bonds shall be dated, shall mature, shall bear interest and shall be payable as set forth in the Indenture. The Series 2012A Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity, all in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture.

The Series 2012A Bonds are issued for the purpose of refunding in whole the Agency's outstanding School Facility Revenue Bonds (City School District of the City of Buffalo Project), Series 2004 (the "2004 Bonds"), which were issued to finance a portion of the cost of the acquisition, renovation, reconstruction, improvement, equipping and furnishing of certain public schools (collectively, the "Facilities") for use by the City School District of the City of Buffalo CSD") within Erie County, New York (the "County").

Each of the Buffalo CSD, the City of Buffalo (the "City"), Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as Depository Bank (the "Depository Bank"), and the Trustee, as a Series Trustee, has entered into a certain Amended and Restated State Aid Trust Agreement, dated as of December 1, 2004, as amended by a First Amendment to Amended and Restated State Aid Trust Agreement dated as of June 28, 2005 (collectively, the "State Aid Trust Agreement"), pursuant to and with respect to which each of the Comptroller of the City and the Buffalo CSD has instructed the New York State Comptroller to pay all New York State building and operating aid appropriated by the State of New York for the Buffalo CSD (the "State Aid") directly to the State Aid Depository Fund established with and held by the Depository Bank pursuant to the State Aid Trust Agreement.

The City and the Buffalo CSD have leased their respective interests in the Facilities to the Issuer pursuant to a certain Amended and Restated Ground Lease (Series 2004 Project), dated as of April 1, 2012 (the "Ground Lease"), from the City and the Buffalo CSD, as landlords, to the Issuer, as tenant. The Issuer has sold its leasehold interest under the Ground Lease in the Facilities to the Buffalo CSD pursuant to a certain Amended and Restated Installment Sale Agreement (Series 2004 Project), dated as of April 1, 2012, from the Issuer to the Buffalo CSD (the "Installment Sale Agreement"). Pursuant to the Installment Sale Agreement, the Buffalo CSD has agreed to pay scheduled installment purchase payments in amounts equal to the principal of and interest on the Series 2012A Bonds; *provided, however*, that such installment purchase payment obligation of the Buffalo CSD is executory only to the extent of State Aid Revenues (as defined in the State Aid Trust Agreement) available for such payment from the State Aid Depository Fund and transferred therefrom to the Trustee by the Depository Bank, and is further subject to appropriation by the Buffalo CSD.

Pursuant to the Indenture, the Issuer has assigned to the Trustee substantially all of the Issuer's right, title and interest in, to and under the Installment Sale Agreement, including the foregoing installment purchase payments to be made by the Buffalo CSD.

It is provided in the Indenture that, upon satisfying certain conditions, the Issuer may issue one or more series of additional bonds (the "Additional Bonds") from time to time on the terms and conditions and for the purposes stated in the Indenture, and the Additional Bonds, if issued, will be equally and ratably secured under the Indenture with the Series 2012A Bonds. The Indenture further provides that the amount of installment purchase payments required to be paid under the Installment Sale Agreement shall be re-calculated so as to provide money for the full and timely payment of the principal of and interest on the Series 2012A Bonds and any such series of Additional Bonds.

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), establishes certain requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the Series 2012A Bonds in order that, for Federal income tax purposes, interest on the Series 2012A Bonds be excluded from gross income pursuant to Section 103 of the Code. These requirements include, but are not limited to, requirements relating to the use and expenditure of Series 2012A Bond proceeds, restrictions on the

investment of Series 2012A Bond proceeds prior to expenditure, and the requirement that certain earnings be rebated to the Federal government. Noncompliance with such requirements may cause interest on the Series 2012A Bonds to become included in gross income for Federal income tax purposes retroactive to their date of issue, irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs or is discovered.

On the date of delivery of the Series 2012A Bonds, the Issuer and the Buffalo CSD will execute a Tax Compliance Certificate, dated the date hereof (the "Tax Compliance Certificate"), containing provisions and procedures pursuant to which such requirements can be satisfied. In executing the Tax Compliance Certificate, the Issuer and the Buffalo CSD covenant that they will comply with the provisions and procedures set forth therein and that they will do and perform all acts and things necessary or desirable to assure that interest paid on the Series 2012A Bonds will, for Federal income tax purposes, be excluded from gross income under Section 103 of the Code.

### We are of the opinion that:

1. The Issuer is duly created and validly existing under the IDA Act, and has good right and lawful authority under the IDA Act and the Buffalo Schools Act to refund the 2004 Bonds and sell its leasehold interest under the Ground Lease in the Facilities to the Buffalo CSD and collect revenues and installment purchase payments therefrom, in accordance with the terms of the Installment Sale Agreement and as provided in the Indenture.

2. The Issuer has the right and power pursuant to the IDA Act and the Buffalo Schools Act to enter into the Indenture, and the Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Issuer, is in full force and effect, and is valid and binding upon the Issuer and enforceable against the Issuer in accordance with its terms.

3. The Issuer has the right and power pursuant to the IDA Act and the Buffalo Schools Act to enter into the Installment Sale Agreement, and the Installment Sale Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Issuer, is in full force and effect, and constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the Issuer enforceable against the Issuer in accordance with its terms.

4. The Issuer has the right and power pursuant to the IDA Act and the Buffalo Schools Act to enter into the Ground Lease, and the Ground Lease has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Issuer, is in full force and effect, and constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the Issuer enforceable against the Issuer in accordance with its terms.

5. The Series 2012A Bonds have been duly authorized and issued by the Issuer in accordance with law and in accordance with the Indenture, and are the valid and binding special limited obligations of the Issuer, payable by the Issuer solely from the installment purchase payments payable by the Buffalo CSD under the Installment Sale Agreement and pledged under the Indenture. The Series 2012A Bonds are enforceable in accordance with their terms and the terms of the Indenture and are entitled to the benefit of the IDA Act and the Indenture. The Indenture creates the valid pledge which it purports to create of the Installment Purchase Payments and all Funds and Accounts (as such terms are defined in the Indenture) established by the Indenture, including the investments thereof and the proceeds of such investments, if any, subject only to the provisions of the Indenture.

6. Under existing statutes and court decisions, and assuming continuing compliance with the tax covenants and procedures set forth in the Tax Compliance Certificate in the form as in effect on the date hereof, (i) interest on the Series 2012A Bonds is excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Code, and (ii) interest on the Series 2012A Bonds is

not treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations under the Code; such interest, however, is included in the adjusted current earnings of certain corporations for purposes of calculating the alternative minimum tax imposed on such corporations.

7. Under existing statutes, the interest on the Series 2012A Bonds is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York).

In rendering the opinions in paragraph 6 above, we have relied upon and assumed (i) the material accuracy of the representations, statements of intention and reasonable expectation, and certifications of fact contained in the Tax Compliance Certificate with respect to matters affecting the status of interest paid on the Series 2012A Bonds, and (ii) compliance by the Issuer and Buffalo CSD with the procedures and covenants set forth in the Tax Compliance Certificate and with the tax covenants set forth in the Installment Sale Agreement as to such tax matters.

Except as stated in paragraphs 6 and 7 above, we express no opinion as to any other Federal, state or local tax consequences arising with respect to the Series 2012A Bonds or the ownership or disposition thereof. Furthermore, we express no opinion herein as to the effect of any action hereafter taken or not taken in reliance upon an opinion of other counsel on the exclusion from gross income for Federal income tax purposes of interest on the Series 2012A Bonds, or the exclusion of interest on the Series 2012A Bonds from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York).

The foregoing opinions are qualified only to the extent that the enforceability of the Series 2012A Bonds, the Indenture, the Tax Compliance Certificate, the Installment Sale Agreement, the Ground Lease and the State Aid Trust Agreement may be limited by bankruptcy, moratorium or insolvency or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and are subject to general rules of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding at law or in equity).

In rendering this opinion, we have relied, as to the Issuer's leasehold interest under the Ground Lease in the real property constituting part of the Facilities, on the opinion of the Corporation Counsel to the City, dated the date hereof.

In rendering this opinion, we have assumed the due recording of each of the Ground Lease (or a memorandum thereof), the Installment Sale Agreement and the Indenture, and the due filing and sufficiency of financing statements under the New York State Uniform Commercial Code.

In rendering this opinion, with respect to (y) the due authorization, execution and delivery of the Installment Sale Agreement, the Ground Lease, the Tax Compliance Certificate and the State Aid Trust Agreement by the Buffalo CSD, and the validity and enforceability of such documents against the Buffalo CSD, and (z) the due authorization, execution and delivery of the Ground Lease and the State Aid Trust Agreement by the City, and the validity and enforceability of such documents against the City, we have relied upon the opinion of the Corporation Counsel to the City, dated the date hereof.

In rendering this opinion, with respect to (y) the due authorization, execution and delivery of the Indenture by the Trustee and the enforceability of the Indenture against the Trustee, and (z) the enforceability of the State Aid Trust Agreement against the Depository Bank, we have relied upon the opinion of Hodgson Russ LLP, counsel to the Trustee and the Depository Bank, dated the date hereof.

In rendering this opinion, we express no opinion as to the necessity for obtaining any licenses, permits or other approvals relating to the operation of any of the Facilities, or the application or effect of any environmental laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or other requirements of any governmental authority with respect to any of the Facilities or the transactions contemplated under the Indenture.

The foregoing opinions are further subject, however, to the qualification that we express no opinion as to matters relating to the rights in, title to or sufficiency of the description of any property or collateral described in the Ground Lease, the Installment Sale Agreement or the Indenture.

Attention is called to the fact that we have not been requested to examine and have not examined any documents or information relating to the City, the County or the Buffalo CSD other than the record of proceedings hereinabove referred to, and no opinion is expressed as to any financial or other information, or the adequacy thereof, which has been or may be supplied to any purchaser of the Series 2012A Bonds.

We undertake no responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or fairness of any official statement or other offering materials relating to the Series 2012A Bonds and express no opinion herein relating thereto.

We have examined a Series 2012A Bond in fully registered form numbered AR-1 and, in our opinion, the form of said Series 2012A Bond and its execution are regular and proper.

We are rendering our opinion under existing statutes and court decisions as of the date hereof. We assume no obligation to update, revise or supplement this opinion to reflect any action hereafter taken or not taken, or any facts or circumstances that may hereafter come to our attention, or changes in law or in interpretations thereof, or otherwise, that may hereafter arise or occur, or for any other reason.

Very truly yours,

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### **APPENDIX F**

#### FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT FOR THE SERIES 2012A BONDS

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### SERIES 2012A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

This SERIES 2012A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT (this "Disclosure Agreement") is entered into as of April 1, 2012 by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO (the "School District") and MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee (the "Trustee") in connection with the issuance by the Erie County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") of its \$209,540,000 aggregate principal amount School Facility Refunding Revenue Bonds (City School District of the City of Buffalo Project), Series 2012A (the "Series 2012A Bonds").

The Series 2012A Bonds are being issued under the Act (as defined in the Series 2012A Indenture referred to below) by the Agency pursuant to an Amended and Restated Indenture of Trust (Series 2004 Project) dated as of April 1, 2012 by and between the Agency and the Trustee (the "Series 2012A Indenture"). Proceeds of the Series 2012A Bonds are being used to refund all of the Agency's outstanding School Facility Revenue Bonds (City School District of the City of Buffalo Project) Series 2004 in accordance with Chapter 605 of the Laws of 2000 of the State, as amended by Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2003 of the State, as further amended by Chapter 421 of the Laws of 2004 of the State, as further amended by Chapter 283 of the Laws of 2006 of the State, as further amended by Chapter 497 of the Laws of 2008 of the State, and as further amended by Chapter 209 of the Laws of 2009 of the State (collectively, the "Buffalo Schools Act").

In order to permit the Underwriters of the Series 2012A Bonds to comply with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in connection with the public offering of the Series 2012A Bonds, the parties hereto, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained and other good and lawful consideration, hereby agree for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Bondholders, as follows:

SECTION 1. <u>Purpose of the Disclosure Agreement</u>. This Disclosure Agreement is being executed and delivered by the School District and the Trustee for the benefit of Bondholders and Beneficial Owners (as defined below) of the Series 2012A Bonds and in order to assist the Underwriters in complying with the Rule (as defined below). The School District and the Trustee acknowledge that none of the Agency, the City of Buffalo or Erie County has undertaken responsibility with respect to any reports, notices or disclosures provided or required under this Disclosure Agreement, and that none of the Agency, the City of Buffalo, or Erie County has liability to any person, including any Bondholder or Beneficial Owner, concerning the Rule.

SECTION 2. <u>Definitions</u>. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Disclosure Agreement shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Series 2012A Indenture.

"Annual Report" shall mean any annual report and related annual information to be provided by the School District pursuant to Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Agreement.

"Beneficial Owner" shall mean any beneficial owner of a security, including a person who, directly or indirectly, through any contract, arrangement, understanding, relationship or otherwise, has or shares investment power which includes the power to dispose, or to direct the disposition, of such security subject to certain exceptions as set forth in the Undertaking, as defined below. Any assertion of beneficial ownership must be filed with full documentary support, as part of the written request described in Section 10 of this Disclosure Agreement.

"Disclosure Representative" shall mean the Superintendent of the School District or his or her designee, or such other person as the School District shall designate in writing to the Trustee from time to time.

"Dissemination Agent" shall mean the Trustee, acting in its capacity as Dissemination Agent hereunder, or any successor Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the School District and which has filed with the Trustee a written acceptance of such designation.

"EMMA" shall mean the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access system.

"Fiscal Year" shall mean the period of twelve months beginning July 1 of each year and ending on June 30 of the same year, or any other twelve month period adopted by the School District as its fiscal year for accounting purposes.

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

"MSRB" shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

"Repository" shall mean the MSRB as the sole repository of information required to be provided pursuant to the Rule, in each instance through and in accordance with EMMA.

"Rule" shall mean Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) promulgated by the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as such Rule may be amended from time to time.

"State" shall mean the State of New York.

"SEC" shall mean the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Underwriters" shall mean collectively, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., on its own behalf and as Representative of the other Underwriters set forth on Schedule I attached hereto, as the original underwriters of the Series 2012A Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with the offering of the Series 2012A Bonds.

### SECTION 3. Obligations to Provide Continuing Disclosure.

(a) On an annual basis, no later than 360 days after the end of each respective Fiscal Year, commencing with the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012, the School District shall provide, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to provide, to the Repository, an Annual Report which is consistent with the requirements of Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Agreement. In each case, the Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information, as provided in Section 4(ii) hereof. If the Fiscal Year changes, the School District shall give notice of such change in the same manner as required for a Listed Event. The School District shall provide sufficient copies

of the Annual Reports to facilitate the Dissemination Agent's carrying out its duties, as set forth under this Disclosure Agreement.

(b) If the Dissemination Agent has not received on or before the last business day of a Fiscal Year, an Annual Report from the School District for the preceding Fiscal Year, and the Dissemination Agent does not have actual knowledge that the Annual Report has been provided to the Repository, the Dissemination Agent shall send a notice to the Repository in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, with a copy to the School District.

(c) The Dissemination Agent shall file a report with the School District and (if the Dissemination Agent is not the Trustee) with the Trustee, certifying that the Annual Report has been provided to the Repository pursuant to this Disclosure Agreement, stating the date it was so provided.

SECTION 4. <u>Content of Annual Report</u>. The School District's Annual Report shall contain or include by reference the following core financial information and operating data:

# (i) <u>Specified Information</u>.

(a) The audited financial statements of the School District for the most recently ended Fiscal Year prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied, as promulgated from time to time by the Financial Accounting Standards Board. If the School District's audited financial statements are not available by the time the Annual Report is required to be filed pursuant to Subsection 3(a) of this Disclosure Agreement, the Annual Report shall contain unaudited financial statements, and the audited financial statements shall be filed in the same manner as the Annual Report promptly after they become available; and

(b) Material historical quantitative data, including, but not limited to, information on State Aid to be received by the School District and all statutory intercepts applicable to the School District, not otherwise described in the Final Official Statement dated April 13, 2012 ("Final Official Statement"), as well as any other revenues, expenditures, financial operations and indebtedness with respect to the Series 2012A Bonds generally of the type discussed in the sections and subsections of the Final Official Statement entitled, "PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS —The Buffalo CSD and Board of Education," "SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE SERIES 2012A BONDS —State Aid;" and

(c) A report consolidating the information required from the School District under subsection 4(i)(a) above.

(ii) <u>Cross-Reference</u>. All or any portion of the Annual Report may be incorporated in the Annual Report by cross-reference to any other documents which were and are being filed under the Rule with the Repository, through and in accordance with EMMA. The audited or unaudited financial statements of the School District may be provided in the same manner.

(iii) <u>Information Categories</u>. The requirements contained in this Disclosure Agreement under Section 4(i)(b) are intended to set forth a general description of the type of financial information and operating data to be provided; such descriptions are not intended to state more than general categories of financial information and operating data; and where the provisions of Section 4(i)(b) call for information that no longer can be generated because the operations to which it related have been materially changed or discontinued, a statement to that effect shall be provided.

# SECTION 5. <u>Reporting of Listed Events</u>.

(a) The School District shall provide or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to provide in a timely manner (not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the following significant events) to the Repository, written notice of any of the following significant events with respect to the Series 2012A Bonds ("Listed Events"):

- 1. Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- 2. Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- 3. Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- 4. Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- 5. Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- 6. Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issuer (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax-exempt status of the Series 2012A Bonds or events affecting the tax status of the Series 2012A Bonds;
- 7. Modifications to rights of Bondholders, if material;
- 8. Bond calls, if material;
- 9. Defeasances;
- 10. Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Series 2012A Bonds, if material;
- 11. Rating changes;
- 12. Tender offers;

- 13. Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar proceeding of the School District or the Agency<sup>1</sup>;
- 14. The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the School District or the Agency or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the School District or the Agency, 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;
- 15. Appointment of a successor or additional trustee, or the change of name of a trustee, if material; and
- 16. Failure of the School District to comply with the requirements of Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Agreement;

(b) Certain of the six Listed Events subject to a materiality standard may not be applicable. Whenever the School District obtains knowledge of the occurrence of such a Listed Event, the School District shall as soon as possible determine if such event would constitute material information for Bondholders of the Series 2012A Bonds.

(c) The School District shall provide or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to provide in a timely manner to the Repository, written notice of a failure of any officer or other person authorized by the School District to comply with Sections 3, 4 and/or 5 hereof.

(d) Notwithstanding the preceding, neither the School District nor the Dissemination Agent will undertake to provide any of the following:

1. Notice with respect to (i) credit enhancement if (A) the credit enhancement is added after the primary offering of the Series 2012A Bonds, (B) the School District does not apply for or participate in obtaining the enhancement, and (C) the School District does not apply for or participate in obtaining the enhancement and the enhancement is not described in the Final Official Statement, or (ii) tax exemption other than pursuant to Section 103 of the Code;

2. The event notice, as described in Section 5(a)(8) above, with regard to a mandatory scheduled redemption not otherwise contingent upon the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the purposes of the event identified in clause (a)(13), the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for an obligated person in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated person, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governmental body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated person.

occurrence of an event, if (i) the terms, dates and amounts of redemption are set forth in detail in the Series 2012A Indenture, (ii) the only open issue is which Series 2012A Bonds will be redeemed in the case of a partial redemption, (iii) notice of redemption is given to the Bondholders as required under the terms of the Series 2012A Bonds, and (iv) public notice of the redemption is given pursuant to 1934 Act Release No. 23856 of the SEC, even if the originally scheduled amounts are reduced by prior optional redemptions or Bond purchases; and

3. Updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained in the Final Official Statement, including, but not limited to, those that include the words "expects," "forecasts," "projects," "intends," "anticipates," "estimates," "assumes," "structured," "targets" or analogous expressions.

SECTION 6. <u>Termination of Reporting Obligation</u>. The School District's obligations under this Disclosure Agreement shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption, or payment in full of all of the Series 2012A Bonds.

SECTION 7. <u>Dissemination Agent</u>. The School District may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Agreement and may discharge any such Dissemination 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 School District pursuant to this Disclosure Agreement. If at any time there is not any other designated Dissemination Agent, the Trustee shall be the Dissemination Agent. The initial Dissemination Agent shall be the Trustee. For so long as the Trustee shall be the Dissemination Agent, the School District shall pay the Dissemination Agent an annual fee of \$500.00 upon the execution of this Disclosure Agreement and on each anniversary thereof.

SECTION 8. <u>Amendments</u>. An amendment to the requirements set forth in this Disclosure Agreement (the "Requirements") may only take effect if:

(a) The amendment is made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature, or status of the School District, or type of business conducted; the Requirements, as amended, would have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of sale of the Series 2012A Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and the amendment does not materially impair the interests of Bondholders and/or Beneficial Owners, as determined by parties unaffiliated with the School District (such as, but without limitation, the School District's financial advisor or transaction counsel) and the annual financial information containing (if applicable) the amendment and the "impact" (as that word is used in the letter from the SEC staff to the National Association of Bond Lawyers dated June 23, 1995) of the change in the type of operating data or financial information being provided; or

(b) All or any part of the Rule, as interpreted by the staff of the SEC at the date of the Series 2012A Bonds, ceases to be in effect for any reason, and the School District elects that the Requirements shall be deemed terminated or amended (as the case may be) accordingly.

SECTION 9. <u>Additional Information</u>. Nothing in this Disclosure Agreement shall be deemed to prevent the School District from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Agreement or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Agreement. If the School District chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Agreement, the School District shall have no obligation under this Disclosure Agreement to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

SECTION 10. <u>Default; Venue</u>. No Bondholder may institute any suit, action or proceeding at law or in equity ("Proceeding") for the enforcement of the Requirements (the "Undertaking") or for any remedy for breach thereof, unless such Bondholder shall have filed with the School District evidence of ownership and a written notice of and request to cure such breach, and the School District shall have refused to comply within a reasonable time. All Proceedings shall be instituted only as specified herein, in any federal or state court located in the State and for the equal benefit of all holders of the outstanding Series 2012A Bonds benefited by the same or a substantially similar covenant, and no remedy shall be sought or granted other than specific performance of the covenant at issue.

SECTION 11. Duties, Immunities and Liabilities of Trustee and Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent (if other than the Trustee or the Trustee in its capacity as Dissemination Agent) shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Disclosure Agreement, and the School District agrees to release the Dissemination Agent and the Trustee from any claim arising out of the discharge of any duties hereunder and to defend, indemnify and save the Trustee and 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 reasonable attorneys' fees) of defending against any claim of liability, but excluding liabilities due to the Trustee and the Dissemination Agent's negligence or willful misconduct. The obligations of School District under this Section 11 shall survive resignation or removal of the Dissemination Agent and payment of the Series 2012A Bonds. SECTION 12. <u>Notices</u>. Any notices or communications to or among any of the parties to this Disclosure Agreement may be given as follows:

To the School District:

City School District of the City of Buffalo City Hall, Room 708 Buffalo, New York 14202 Attention: Chief Financial Officer Tel: (716) 816-3676 Fax: (716) 851-3650

With a copy to

Harter, Secrest & Emery LLP Twelve Fountain Plaza, Suite 400 Buffalo, New York 14202-2293 Attention: Anthony D. Mancinelli

To the Trustee:

Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company Corporate Trust Administration – 7th Floor One M&T Plaza Buffalo, New York 14203-2399 Attention: Corporate Trust Department E-mail address: rwhitley@mtb.com Tel: (716) 842-5602 Fax: (716) 842-4474

Any person may, by written notice to the other persons noted above, designate a different address, telephone, electronic transmission, or facsimile number(s) to which subsequent notices or communications should be sent.

SECTION 13. <u>Beneficiaries</u>. This Disclosure Agreement shall inure solely to the benefit of Bondholders and Beneficial Owners (and the Trustee acting on behalf of Bondholders and/or Beneficial Owners), and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

SECTION 14. <u>Fiduciary Obligation</u>. The Dissemination Agent agrees that it shall be bound by Section 9.3 of the Series 2012A Indenture as if it were a fiduciary under the Series 2012A Indenture.

SECTION 15. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Disclosure Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

SECTION 16. <u>Governing Law</u>. THIS DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK DETERMINED WITHOUT REGARD TO PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICT OF LAW. TO THE EXTENT THIS DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT ADDRESSES MATTERS OF FEDERAL SECURITIES LAW, THIS DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS AND OFFICIAL INTERPRETATIONS THEREOF.

## CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO

By:\_\_\_

Name: Louis J. Petrucci Title: President, Board of Education

MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee

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

Authorized Officer

# SCHEDULE I

Citigroup Global Markets Inc. Lebenthal & Co., LLC Loop Capital Markets LLC Ramirez & Co., Inc. Siebert Brandford Shank & Co., LLC Sterne Agee & Leach, Inc.

## EXHIBIT A

## NOTICE TO REPOSITORY OF FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

Name of Issuer: Erie County Industrial Development Agency

Name of Bond Issue: \$209,540,000 Erie County Industrial Development Agency School Facility Refunding Revenue Bonds (City School District of the City of Buffalo Project), Series 2012A

Date of Issuance: April 19, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that City School District of the City of Buffalo (the "School District") has not provided an Annual Report with respect to the above-named Series 2012A Bonds as required by the Series 2012A Continuing Disclosure Agreement, dated as of April 1, 2012 between the School District and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as trustee. [The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ anticipates that an Annual Report will be filed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.]

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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# **APPENDIX G**

# SUMMARY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE STATE AID TRUST AGREEMENT

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The following is a summary of certain provisions of the State Aid Trust Agreement. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the document itself.

<u>Definitions</u>. In the State Aid Trust Agreement, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

(1) "Aggregate" means, when used to qualify any other term in the State Aid Trust Agreement, the aggregate, of the relevant term, with respect to all then existing Project Bonds, and then existing Series Facilities Agreements;

(2) "Base Facilities Agreement Payment" means, with respect to any Series Facilities Agreement, the Base Lease Payment, the Base Installment Purchase Payment or other like payment obligations as so defined in such Series Facilities Agreement;

(3) "Buffalo Schools Act" means the act of the Legislature of the State entitled: "AN ACT in relation to the construction of new educational facilities, the financing of such facilities, and the financing of the rehabilitation and reconstruction of existing facilities in the City of Buffalo", constituting Chapter 605 of the Laws of 2000 of the State, as amended by Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2003 of the State and by Chapter 421 of the Laws of 2004 of the State, and as the same may be further amended;

(4) "Chief Fiscal Officer" means the comptroller of the City or such other officer of the City who may be designated chief fiscal officer of the City;

(5) "City" means the City of Buffalo;

(6) "Collection Percentage" means, with respect to each month of a Collection Period, the ratio, expressed as a percentage, of the amount of State Aid Revenues expected to be received during such month of such Collection Period to the total amount of State Aid Revenues expected to be received during such Collection Period;

(7) "Collection Period" means the four month period from and including December 1 of a Fiscal Year through and including March 31 of such Fiscal Year;

(8) "Collecting Officer" means the Superintendent of the Buffalo CSD and any other official empowered to demand, collect and receive State Aid Revenues;

(9) "Debt Service Reserve Fund" means, with respect to a Series of Project Bonds, the Debt Service Reserve Fund established for such Series of Bonds under the related Series Indenture;

(10) "Depository Bank" means Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company or any trust company or bank having the powers of a trust company in the State, having reported capital and surplus of not less than \$100,000,000 and rated not lower than investment grade by any Rating Agency appointed by the School District in the manner set forth in the State Aid Trust Agreement, and any successor trust company or bank having the powers of a trust company in the

State which may be substituted in its place pursuant to the provisions of the State Aid Trust Agreement. The Depository Bank shall be the same financial institution as each Series Trustee;

(11) "ECIDA" means the Erie County Industrial Development Agency;

(12) "Facilities Agreement Payment Date" means, with respect to any Series Facilities Agreement, the date the Net Base Installment Purchase Payments or other base payment obligations for principal and interest are due under such Series Facilities Agreement;

(13) "Facilities Payment Obligations" means, with respect to any Facilities Agreement, the Lease Payments, the Installment Purchase Payments or other like payment obligations as so defined in such Series Facilities Agreement;

(14) "Fiscal Year" means the fiscal year of the City and the School District;

(15) "General Fund" means the bank account designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer in written instructions delivered to the Depository Bank on the date of issuance of the Series of 2003 Bonds, as the same may be re-designated;

(16) "Investment Securities" means any investments that the City would be permitted to invest in under the provisions of Section 11 of the General Municipal Law of the State, as amended from time to time;

(17) "Net Base Facilities Agreement Payments" means, with respect to any Facilities Agreement, the Net Base Installment Purchase Payments or other net base payment obligations for principal and interest on the related Project Bonds (net of (y) any Scheduled Debt Service Reserve Fund Earnings to the extent that any such Scheduled Debt Service Reserve Fund Earnings shall not first be required when received under the related Series Indenture to satisfy any deficiency in the Debt Service Reserve Fund established for such Project Bonds, and (z) any amounts available in the Bond Fund established under the Series Indenture for such Project Bonds) as so defined in such Series Facilities Agreement;

(18) "Project Bonds" means bonds issued by the ECIDA or some other public entity pursuant to Series Indentures and the Buffalo Schools Act;

(19) "Qualified Debt Service Reserve Fund Investment Agreement" means, with respect to a Series of the Project Bonds, that investment agreement entered into by the Series Trustee with respect to the Debt Service Reserve Fund as such Agreement is so defined in the related Series Facilities Agreement or Series Indenture;

(20) "Ratable Basis" means, ratably based on the ratio of the amount, at issue, owing to a Series Trustee to the Aggregate of such amounts, at issue, owing to all Series Trustees;

(21) "Rating Agency" means any nationally recognized credit rating agency then rating any Series of the Project Bonds;

(22) "Scheduled Debt Service Reserve Fund Earnings" means, with respect to any Base Facilities Agreement Payment, those earnings scheduled to be received under a Series Indenture from a Qualified Debt Service Reserve Fund Investment Agreement, based on the amount on deposit in the related Debt Service Reserve Fund and subject to the Qualified Debt Service Reserve Fund Investment Agreement as of the last Business Day of October immediately preceding the Facilities Agreement Payment Date for such Base Facilities Agreement Payment under the related Series Facilities Agreement, for the period commencing on such Facilities Agreement Payment Date through and including the next following October 23rd (or, if such October 23rd shall not be a Business Day, then on the next preceding Business Day) provided that such earnings are required by the related Series Indenture to be deposited into the Bond Fund under such Series Indenture after receipt by the Series Trustee under such Series Indenture of a Project Fund Sufficiency Certificate (as defined in such Series Indenture);

(23) "Series Facilities Agreement" means the Facilities Lease Agreement (Series 2003 Project), dated as of September 1, 2003, as amended by an Amendatory Installment Sale Agreement (Series 2003 Project), dated as of June 28, 2005, by and between the ECIDA and the Buffalo CSD, the Installment Sale Agreement (Series 2004 Project), dated as of December 1, 2004, between the ECIDA and the Buffalo CSD, and each other facilities lease agreement, facilities installment sale agreement or other facilities agreement, pursuant to which the ECIDA or some other public entity shall lease, sublease or sell its leasehold interest in facilities to the Buffalo CSD, in connection with the issuance of Project Bonds, as the same may be amended or supplemented;

(24) "Series Indenture" means the Indenture of Trust (Series 2003 Project) by and between the ECIDA and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as Trustee, dated as of September 1, 2003, the Indenture of Trust (Series 2004 Project), by and between the ECIDA and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as Trustee, dated as of December 1, 2004, and each other indenture of trust or bond resolution pursuant to which a series of Project Bonds shall be issued by ECIDA or some other public entity to finance all or a portion of the Buffalo Schools Reconstruction Project, as the same may be amended or supplemented;

(25) "Series Trustee" means Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as Trustee under the Indenture of Trust (Series 2003 Bonds) and under the Indenture of Trust (Series 2004 Bonds) and each financial institution acting as trustee under another Series Indenture, and its successors, if any, appointed pursuant to such Series Indenture;

(26) "State" means the State of New York;

(27) "State Aid Depository Fund" or "Fund" means the fund so entitled which is held by the Depository Bank and is described and provided for in the State Aid Trust Agreement;

(28) "State Aid Revenues" means the total amount of State aid to education annually appropriated by the New York State Legislature and paid to the Buffalo CSD or the City or any officer thereof, for the provision of public educational instruction in the City together with earnings on the investment thereof while in the custody of the Depository Bank; and

(29) "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of the City School District of the City of Buffalo.

Establishment of State Aid Depository Fund. In order to facilitate the purposes of the Buffalo Schools Act and the payment of the Aggregate Facilities Payment Obligations, the State Aid Trust Agreement establishes the State Aid Depository Fund to be held by and maintained with the Depository Bank. The Buffalo CSD agrees with the City, the Depository Bank and each Series Trustee that it will duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid the Aggregate Facilities Payment Obligations from amounts received from the Fund, and that it will maintain the Fund with the Depository Bank, and will operate the Fund in the manner set forth in the State Aid Trust Agreement.

<u>Operation of the Fund</u>. (1) Pursuant to written instructions to the New York State Comptroller, the Chief Fiscal Officer and the Collecting Officer have directed the New York State Comptroller's Office to deposit all State Aid Revenues into the Fund except for any amount of State Aid Revenues withheld from the City or School District in accordance with the provisions of the Buffalo Schools Act.

(2) Notwithstanding the following provisions outlined under this heading, if the Depository Bank receives written instructions from the Chief Fiscal Officer with an accompanying monthly payment schedule indicating that, pursuant to applicable state law, and if applicable any credit enhancement agreement to which the City is a party, State Aid Revenues must be set aside in a special bank account designated in such instructions to be used only for the payment in accordance with such payment schedule of outstanding revenue anticipation notes issued by the City (the "RAN Repayment Requirement"), then, each month, the Depository Bank shall immediately withdraw from the Fund all State Aid Revenues that are received and cause the amounts so withdrawn to be immediately paid, before any further withdrawal or payment under the State Aid Trust Agreement, to such special bank account until the total amount of such withdrawals is equal to the portion of such RAN Repayment Requirement required, in accordance with such payment schedule, to be withdrawn and paid to such special bank account for such month or any prior month to the extent not yet paid.

(3) Commencing on the date of issuance of the Series 2003 Bonds through and including November 30, 2003, the Depository Bank shall immediately upon receipt of any payment of State Aid Revenues pay over to the General Fund all such State Aid Revenues.

(4) On or before October 15, 2003 for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2004, and on or before July 15 of each subsequent Fiscal Year, the Collecting Officer and the Chief Fiscal Officer shall prepare and deliver to the Depository Bank and each Series Trustee a certificate (the "State Aid Payment Certificate") setting forth (i) a statement that the Buffalo CSD has appropriated an amount of State Aid Revenues necessary to fund the Aggregate Facilities Payment Obligations of the Buffalo CSD for such Fiscal Year, (ii) the total amount of State Aid Revenues expected to be received during the next Collection Period and the Collection Percentage applicable to each month of such Collection Period, and (iii) a statement, developed with the assistance of the Financial Advisor of the Buffalo CSD or a nationally recognized municipal securities underwriting firm, setting forth the long-term debt rating of each provider of a Qualified Debt Service Reserve Fund Investment Agreement by each of Fitch, Inc., Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. However, in the event that the Buffalo CSD shall not have appropriated such amount of State Aid Revenues in its adopted budget for such Fiscal Year, the State Aid Payment Certificate for such Fiscal Year shall set forth a statement to such effect and shall not include any information regarding the collection of State Aid Revenues during the Collection Period. Thereafter and not later than the end of the third business day immediately preceding March 31 of such Fiscal Year, if circumstances warrant, the Collecting Officer and the Chief Fiscal Officer shall from time to time prepare and deliver to the Depository Bank a revised State Aid Payment Certificate setting forth, as appropriate (i) a statement that the Buffalo CSD has, subsequent to adoption of its budget for such Fiscal Year, appropriated an amount of State Aid Revenues necessary to fund the Aggregate Facilities Payment Obligations of the Buffalo CSD for such Fiscal Year, or (ii) a revised total amount of State Aid Revenues expected to be received during the Collection Period for such Fiscal Year and, in either case, if applicable, Collection Percentages or revised Collection Percentage applicable to the remainder of such Collection Period.

(5) On or before November 10 of each Fiscal Year, commencing November 10, 2003, each Series Trustee shall prepare and deliver to the Collecting Officer, the Chief Fiscal Officer and the Depository Bank a certificate (the "Base Facilities Agreement Payment Certificate") setting forth the Net Base Facilities Agreement Payment and (computed as of the immediately preceding last business day

of October of such Fiscal Year) portion of the Facilities Payment Obligations due on the following April 1.

(6) On or before November 10 of each Fiscal Year, commencing November 10, 2003, each Series Trustee shall, in accordance with the provisions of the Series Indenture pursuant to which such Series Trustee has been appointed, prepare and deliver to the Collecting Officer, the Chief Fiscal Officer and the Depository Bank a certificate (the "Reserve Payment Certificate") setting forth the Reserve Payment (as defined in each Series Facilities Agreement and computed as of the immediately preceding last business day of October of such Fiscal Year) portion of the Facilities Payment Obligations due and the amount of the Debt Service Reserve Deficiency as of the date of such certificate.

(7) During each Collection Period beginning after November 30, 2003, if the Depository Bank has received a State Aid Payment Certificate with respect to such Collection Period that sets forth the statements required by clauses (i) and (ii) of the first sentence under paragraph (4) above, the Depository Bank shall, immediately upon receipt of any payment of State Aid Revenues, withdraw such State Aid Revenues from the Fund and cause the amounts so withdrawn to be immediately paid in the following order of priority:

(i) *first*, to each Series Trustee for deposit in the Bond Fund established pursuant to the related Series Indenture until the total amount of such withdrawals during each month of such Collection Period shall equal the sum of (A) the product of the Collection Percentage for such month multiplied by the Net Base Facilities Agreement Payment due the immediately following April 1 as set forth in the Base Facilities Agreement Payment Certificate most recently received by the Depository Bank, plus (B) during the months of January, February and March, the excess of the amount that should have been deposited in the Bond Fund in the immediately preceding month of the Collection Period pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph, over the amount in fact so deposited;

(ii) *second*, thereafter during each month of such Collection Period, to each Series Trustee for deposit in the Debt Service Reserve Fund established pursuant to the related Series Indenture until the total amount of such withdrawals is equal to the Reserve Payment due, if any, as set forth in the Reserve Payment Certificate most recently received by the Depository Bank, and

(iii) *third*, thereafter during each month of such Collection Period, to the General Fund.

In the event that any amount on deposit in the Fund in any month of the Collection Period, at any time, shall be less than the amount required to be paid to a Series Trustee under clauses (i) or (ii) above, the Depository Bank shall make payment to each Series Trustee on a Ratable Basis, in the priority indicated above. For purposes of the preceding sentence, "Ratable Basis" shall be first computed based on amounts payable to each Series Trustee under clause (i) above if there is not enough in the Fund to pay to each Series Trustee what is payable under clause (i) above, and, if the amounts payable under clause (i) have been paid in full, then computed based on the amount payable to each Series Trustee under clause (ii).

Thereafter from April 1 until the commencement of the next Collection Period, immediately upon receipt of any payment of State Aid Revenues, the Depository Bank shall withdraw such State Aid Revenues from the Fund and cause the amounts so withdrawn to be immediately paid to the General Fund.

(8) If the Depository Bank has not received with respect to a Collection Period for any reason a State Aid Payment Certificate that includes the statements required by clauses (i) and (ii) of the first sentence of paragraph (4) above, the Depository Bank, both during and after such Collection Period until the next Collection Period, shall withdraw any State Aid Revenues from the Fund and cause the amounts so withdrawn to be immediately paid to the General Fund.

<u>Procedure for Collection and Deposit of State Aid Revenues</u>. The procedures set forth in the State Aid Trust Agreement for the operation of the Fund is related to the current procedures of the Buffalo CSD for the collection, deposit and disbursement of State Aid Revenues. Nothing contained in the State Aid Trust Agreement shall prevent the City, the Depository Bank, the Buffalo CSD or the Series Trustees from effecting any change by amendment to the State Aid Trust Agreement modifying the procedures for the collection, deposit and disbursement of State Aid Revenues, without the consent of any other party; provided, however, that the Buffalo CSD agrees with the City, the Depository Bank and each Series Trustee that (i) prior to making any such change, the Buffalo CSD shall notify the Rating Agency of such change and that prior to any such change there shall be delivered to the Depository Bank a rating confirmation of the Rating Agency that the then current unenhanced rating of the Project Bonds will not be withdrawn or reduced as a result of such change and (ii) the Buffalo CSD will not change or alter the procedure for the collection and deposit of State Aid Revenues which in any manner would result in insufficient State Aid Revenues being available to timely pay Facilities Payment Obligations in accordance with the terms of the State Aid Trust Agreement.

<u>Moneys on Deposit with the Depository Bank in the Fund</u>. The Depository Bank shall hold all moneys deposited in the Fund in trust for the benefit of the Buffalo CSD and the City, and shall withdraw such moneys as provided in the State Aid Trust Agreement.

<u>Investment of State Aid Depository Fund</u>. Pending the withdrawals provided for under the heading "Operation of the Fund" above, moneys in the Fund shall be invested in Investment Securities maturing at such times and in such amounts as shall provide available moneys to make such withdrawals and payments from the Fund when required. Such investments shall be made for and on behalf of the Buffalo CSD by the Depository Bank upon written instructions from the Chief Fiscal Officer or his authorized deputy.

<u>Moneys held in Trust</u>. All moneys held by the Depository Bank, as such, at any time pursuant to the terms of the State Aid Trust Agreement shall be and are assigned, transferred and set over unto such Depository Bank in trust for the purposes and under the terms and conditions of the State Aid Trust Agreement.

<u>Regulations Regarding Investment of Fund</u>. Investment Securities purchased as an investment of moneys in the Fund established under the State Aid Agreement shall be deemed at all times to be a part of the Fund, and the interest thereon and any profit arising on the sale thereof shall be credited to the Fund, and any loss resulting on the sale thereof shall be charged to the Fund. In computing the amount in the Fund for any purpose under the State Aid Trust Agreement, such Investment Securities shall be valued at the lower of cost or market price thereof, exclusive of accrued interest, such valuation to be completed by a valuation service selected by the Depository Bank.



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