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Wisconsin Rapids Public School District - Board of Education
510 Peach Street
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AGENDA

Business Services Committee

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Christopher Inda, Member
Jaime Sparkes, Member
John A. Krings, President

August 4, 2025

LOCATION: Board of Education Office, 510 Peach Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
Conference Room C

TIME: Immediately following the Educational Services Committee Meeting, but not before 6:15 p.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Public Comment

Persons who wish to address members of the Committee may make a statement pertaining to a specific agenda item. The Committee Chair will establish limits for speakers due to time constraints. Comments made by the public shall be civil in content and tone. Speakers bear the personal risk if comments made are defamatory, slanderous, or otherwise harmful to another individual. Please remember that this is a Committee meeting of the Board open to the public, and not a public hearing.

III. Actionable Items

A. Miron Scope Summary and Fee Proposal - Approval

IV. Updates and Reports

A. Purchases - Update
B. Washington Soccer Complex - Update
C. Wisconsin Retirement System Rate Increase - Update
D. Moody's Credit Rating - Update
E. Donations - Update

V. Agenda Items

VI. Future Agenda Items

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Miron Construction has been working with the District and Plunkett Raysich Architects in preparation for a facilities study, developing high-level floor plans, establishing a construction timeline, and creating budgets for a community survey. Miron will also support the District with community engagement, outreach, graphic design, and general referendum support services. Miron is waiving all fees, contingent upon the District contracting Miron for Construction Management Services during the project implementation, pending a successful referendum. If a referendum is successful, Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools agrees to enter into a construction management agreement with Miron Construction based on the fees provided (see Attachment A).

The Administration recommends accepting the Scope Summary and Fee Proposal from Miron Construction.

IV. Updates and Reports

A. Purchases - Update

Copies of the following invoices, bid specs, and purchase orders will be reviewed:
- Altmann - $54,000.00 - Pay App 2 - Fund 49 - Howe Playground Project
- Ascent - $89,209.27 - Pay App #2 - Fund 49 - Think Playground Project
- BG INV - $258,780.00 - Technology Budgets - BenQ Monitors
- Blocksi - $49,450.00 - Technology Budget - Software Renewal
- Boland - $152,626.00 - Pay App #1 - Fund 49 - Grove Playground Project
- Boland - $186,338.00 - Pay App #1 - Fund 49 - Think Playground Project
- Boys & Girls Club - $50,000.00 - Community Service Fund – Jumpstart
- Cegielski - $18,065.00 - B&G Budget - Lincoln & WRAMS Concrete Work
- CommonLit - $10,500.00 - Curriculum & Acquisition - Professional Development Software
- Comp Office - $28,814.73 - Supply Budget - Student Supplies

- Duet - $17,033.70 - LHS Budget - Tables & Chairs
- Gaggle - $22,425.00 - Technology Budget - Software Renewal
- Heartland - $10,440.00 - Food Service Budget - Food Service Payment System
- Heartland - $19,042.26 - Technology Budget - Software Renewal
- Honeywell - $14,528.50 - B&G Budget - Control Automation
- Johnson Controls - $12,360.60 - B&G Budget - Simplex Intercoms
- Kickup - $33,028.00 - Curriculum & Acquisition - Student Learning Subscription
- Kompan - $58,328.37 - Pay App #2 - Washington Playground
- McGraw Hill - $406,980.00 - Curriculum Budget - Literacy Support Software
- Move This World - $24,373.38 - Curriculum & Pupil Services - Mental Health Software
- Quality Door - $11,607.92 - Doors – Pitsch
- Red Run - $170,000.00 - Pay App #1 - Fund 49 - Grove Playground Project
- Red Run - $239,760.00 - Pay App #1 - Fund 46 & 49 - Washington Playground Project
- Red Rover - $14,509.50 - Business Office - Sub Management System
- Renaissance - $11,354.00 - Curriculum & Acquisition - Math Student Subscription
- Renaissance - $73,320.00 - Curriculum & Acquisition - eduCLIMBER Software
- Riverside Insights - $14,867.38 - Flow Through Budget - IEP Assessment Software
- School Specialty - $12,840.10 - Supply Budget - Student Supplies
- Skyward - $26,687.00 - Business Office Budget - School Financial Software
- Skyward - $50,358.00 - Business Office Budget - Student Financial Software
- Swank - $12,880.00 - Common School Library Budgets - K-12 Streaming & License
- Tweet Garot Mechanical - $10,400.00 - B&G Budget - Boiler Maintenance
- US Math - $10,862.50 - Curriculum & Acquisition - Math Recovery Kits
- Vyron - $11,195.00 - B&G Budget - Destratification Fans
- WASB - $11,541.00 - School Board Budget - WASB Membership

B. Washington Soccer Complex – Update

RASI, Rapids Area Soccer, Inc., will be present to share updates on the Washington Soccer Complex improvements.

C. Wisconsin Retirement System Rate Increase - Update

Wisconsin Retirement System rates will increase by .5% as of January 1st. This increase will be split between the employer and the employee. The total annual cost increase for the district is estimated to be approximately $88,324.00 (see Attachment B).

D. Moody's Credit Rating - Update

We have received Moody's most recent credit rating for the school district. The rating is Aa3, which is high quality and very low credit risk. Moody's credit rating helps lenders assess the district's credit capacity. The higher the rating, the more likely the district will receive favorable interest rates (see Attachment C).

E. Donations - Update

- McCain Foods - $5,000.00 - Scoreboard Donation
- The Dental Suite - $5,000.00 - Scoreboard Donation
- Spranger & Sach Real Estate - $500.00 - Scoreboard Donation
- Pinnacle Performance Therapy - $500.00 - Scoreboard Donation
- Legacy Foundation - $56.661.00 - Addressing Period Poverty

V. Agenda Items

Committee members will be asked to indicate which agenda items from the Committee meeting will be included on the consent agenda for the regular Board of Education meeting.

VI. Future Agenda Items

July 22, 2025

Mr. Ronald Rasmussen
Superintendent of Schools
Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools
510 Peach Street
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin 54494

Dear Ronald:

Thank you for the opportunity for Miron Construction Co., Inc. (Miron) to partner with Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools on another exciting project.

Scope Summary and Fee Proposal

We are submitting a three-phased proposal, commencing with facility planning to develop a schematic design and budget to incorporate into a community-wide survey. Pending positive feedback from the survey, we then began referendum planning services. Following a successful referendum, we will move forward with pre-construction and construction of the facility improvements approved by voters of Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools.

<u>Phase 1 | Facilities Planning, Budget Creation, Constructability and Community-Wide Survey</u>

Our services include evaluating and identifying existing facilities in Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools. A series of meetings will be held with the District to prepare a facilities study, define space programs, develop high-level floor plans, establish a construction timeline, and create budgets for the survey. The process also includes community engagement support through regular Board of Education updates, public information sharing, and collaboration with School Perceptions, a third-party consultant contracted directly by the District. School Perceptions will create and distribute a district-wide survey in the Fall of 2025 to assess community support that could lead to a November 2026 referendum

As a testament to our strong partnership, Miron is waiving all fees associated with Phase 1, contingent upon the District contracting Miron for Construction Management Services during the project implementation, pending a successful referendum.

<u>Phase 2 | Referendum Assistance and Support Services</u>

After the completion of Phase 1 and adoption by the Board of Education, Miron will support the District with community engagement, outreach, graphic design, strategy/messaging, and general referendum support services.

As a testament to our strong partnership, Miron is waiving all fees associated with Phase 2, contingent upon the District contracting Miron for Construction Management Services during the project implementation, pending a successful referendum.

<u>Phase 3 | Project Implementation Services</u>

If a referendum is successful, Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools agrees to enter into a construction management agreement (AIA Contract A133-2019) with Miron Construction Co., Inc. based on the following fees:

Cost of the Work	New Construction Fee %	Additions + Renovations Fee %
Less than $2,500,000	3.00%	3.00%
$2,500,001 - $10,000,000	2.75%	2.75%
$10,000,001 - $20,000,000	1.85%	1.85%
$20,000,001 - $30,000,000	1.75%	1.75%
$30,000,001 - $50,000,000	1.65%	1.65%
$50,000,001 and above	1.55%	1.55%

We appreciate the opportunity to once again partner with Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools on the planning, design, and construction phases of this important project.

Upon acceptance, please sign and return one copy of this proposal letter to each of us for our files.

Sincerely,

MIRON CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

Megan Prestebak, Senior Vice President of Education

Accepted by:

WISCONSIN RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Signature: ____________________________

Name: _______________________________

Title: ________________________________

Date:_________________________________

ETF Board Approves 2026 WRS Contribution Rates

Employer News

JUNE 26, 2025

At its June 19, 2025 meeting, the Employee Trust Funds Board approved Wisconsin Retirement System contribution rates for 2026, including rates for Wis. Stat. § 40.65 protective occupation duty disability and the Wisconsin Sick Leave Credit Conversion programs (state employers only). These rates are based on current benefit levels and recommendations from the Board's independent consulting actuary.

Contribution rates effective for salaries and wages paid beginning January 1, 2026 are available online at WRS Employer Rates Current/Future Rates Inquiry.

WRS Employment Category	Contribution Rate Change (Employer and participant rates combined)
General, Teachers, and Educational Support Personnel; Executive, Elected, and Judges	Increase 0.50%
Protective with Social Security	No Change
Protective without Social Security	Decrease 0.20%

Employers who have either elected to increase prior service coverage or pay off their unfunded liability balances may also experience a change in their prior service rates.

Factors Impacting WRS Rates

There are many factors that affect WRS contribution rates, such as investment performance, legislative adjustments to benefit levels, demographics, etc.

Impacts to the 2026 rate calculations include revised actuarial assumptions and higher-than-expected salaries which were partially offset by favorable investment performance. For more information about the 2026 rates, the actuarial valuation report and presentation are available in the board meeting materials. Under Section 40.05 of the Wisconsin statutes, contribution rates are split evenly between the employer normal cost and the participant normal cost for both General Participants, and Executive and Elected Officials. For protective occupations, the participant normal cost is set equal to the participant normal cost for General Participants, except for those who are protective under the definition of WI Act 4, effective January 1, 2024.

The annual actuarial valuation incorporates current economic and demographic data into the existing financial condition of the WRS in order to set new contribution rates for the system. It is normal for contribution rates to fluctuate somewhat from year to year, based on investment earnings, wage inflation, and demographic trends. In addition, the change in contribution rates may vary between employment categories, depending on varying demographic trends within those groups. Benefits being paid to current annuitants are not affected by these rate changes.

Duty Disability Rates

Duty Disability contribution rates are based on an experience rated tier schedule. Annually, an actuarial adjustment rate is applied to every tier in the schedule. Based on the actuarial valuation, duty disability rates for 2026 will be increased from 2025 rates by 0.1% of covered payroll.

Contact

For more information regarding the 2026 contribution rates or the Internet contribution rate calculator, please contact the Employer Communication Center at 1-877-533-5020.

WRS-Required Contributions

Employee

(Paid by employee unless there is a collective bargaining agreement in force.)

- 7.20% General, Teachers and Educational Support Personnel; Judges, Elected Officials and State Executive Positions Designated in Wis. Stat. § 20.923 (4), (8), or (9) – (increased 0.25%)
- 7.20% Protective with Social Security – (increased 0.25%)
- 14.70% Protective with Social Security, WI Act 4 Jailers – (decreased 0.25%)
- 7.20% Protective without Social Security – (increased 0.25%)

Employer

(Paid by employer.)

- 7.20% General, Teachers and Educational Support Personnel; Judges, Elected Officials and State Executive Positions Designated in Wis. Stat. § 20.923 (4), (8), or (9) – (increased 0.25%)
- 14.70% Protective with Social Security – (decreased 0.25%)
- 7.20% Protective with Social Security, WI Act 4 Jailers – (increased 0.25%)
- 18.50% Protective without Social Security – (decreased 0.45%)

WRS Unfunded Actuarial Liability

(Paid by employer.)

Same rate as 2025, unless employer elected to provide increased prior service coverage or paid off liability at an accelerated rate.

Duty-Disability Rates

(Paid by employer except Protective County Jailers pursuant to WI Act 4 where employee pays rate.)

Rates for 2026 are listed below:

- 0.10% - The lesser of either groups in which the claims payout is less than or equal to 1.5% of total payroll, or employers with 1 or less in the number of total claims.
- 0.20% - The lesser of either groups in which the claims payout is greater than 1.5% but less than or equal to 3.0% of total payroll, or employers with 2 total claims.
- 0.41% - The lesser of either groups in which the claims payout is greater than 3.0% but less than or equal to 4.5% of total payroll, or employers with 3 total claims.
- 0.71% - The lesser of either groups in which the claims payout is greater than 4.5% but less than or equal to 6.0% of total payroll, or employers with a total of 4 claims.
- 1.12% - The lesser of either groups in which the claims payout is greater than 6.0% but less than or equal to 7.5% of total payroll, or employers with a total of 5 claims.
- 1.63% - The lesser of either groups in which the claims payout is greater than 7.5% but less than or equal to 9.0% of total payroll, or employers with a total of 6 claims.
- 2.24% - The lesser of either groups in which the claims payout is greater than 9.0% but less than or equal to 10.5% of total payroll, or employers with a total of 7 claims.
- 2.69% - The lesser of either groups in which the claims payout is greater than 10.5% of total payroll, or employers with 8 or more total number of claims.

Accumulated Sick Leave Credit Conversion Contributions

(Paid by employer.)

This rate applies to state agencies only. The basic program rate will increase by 0.1% in 2026 to 1.0% and the supplemental program will increase by 0.3% in 2026 to 0.6%. The total rate will increase 0.4%. Please see your individual rate page for the sick leave rate.

How would you rate this content?

Very poor Very good

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MOODY'S RATINGS

ISSUER COMMENT
6 June 2025

RATING

Issuer Rating [1]	
Aa3	No Outlook

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Wisconsin Rapids School District, WI

Update to credit metrics

Issuer profile

Wisconsin Rapids School District is located primarily in Wood and Portage Counties in central Wisconsin, approximately 110 miles north of Madison.

Key indicators

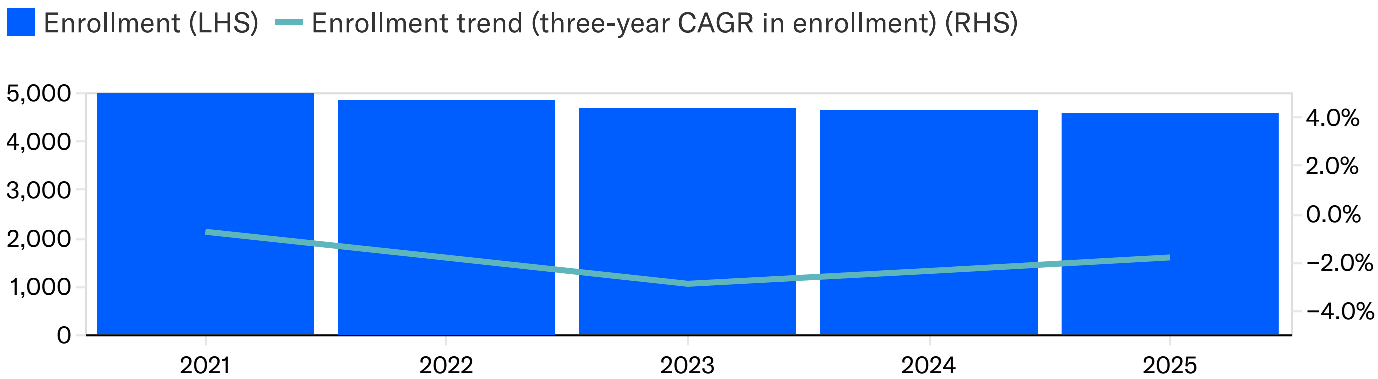
Exhibit 1
Wisconsin Rapids School District, WI

	2021	2022	2023	2024	Aa Medians
Economy					
Resident income	92.4%	92.7%	94.1%	N/A	118.5%
Full value ($000)	$2,572,441	$2,736,104	$3,100,948	$3,490,720	$4,184,901
Population	35,762	35,731	35,724	N/A	32,217
Full value per capita	$71,932	$76,575	$86,803	N/A	$123,578
Enrollment	4,985	4,838	4,678	4,637	4,143
Enrollment trend	-0.8%	-1.8%	-2.9%	-2.4%	-1.0%
Financial performance					
Operating revenue ($000)	$77,981	$82,648	$85,348	$87,493	$76,434
Available fund balance ($000)	$17,576	$14,680	$18,090	$18,966	$21,177
Net cash ($000)	$11,801	$14,856	$13,638	$14,337	$26,035
Available fund balance ratio	22.5%	17.8%	21.2%	21.7%	29.2%
Net cash ratio	15.1%	18.0%	16.0%	16.4%	35.9%
Leverage					
Debt ($000)	$17,833	$47,989	$38,822	$30,868	$52,318
ANPL ($000)	$122,652	$114,930	$56,403	$55,655	$107,625
OPEB ($000)	$28,863	$25,586	$20,891	$19,890	$8,874
Long-term liabilities ratio	217.2%	228.1%	136.1%	121.6%	301.4%
Implied debt service ($000)	$1,728	$1,251	$3,352	$2,697	$3,696
Pension tread water ($000)	$1,026	$1,125	$2,911	N/A	$1,705
OPEB contributions ($000)	$1,739	$1,798	$2,370	$1,786	$363
Fixed-costs ratio	5.8%	5.0%	10.1%	8.5%	9.8%

For definitions of the metrics in the table above please refer to the US K-12 Public School Districts Methodology or see the Glossary in the Appendix below. Metrics represented as N/A indicate the data were not available at the time of publication. The medians come from our most recently published K12 Median Report.
Sources: US Census Bureau, Wisconsin Rapids School District, WI's financial statements and Moody's Ratings

Economy

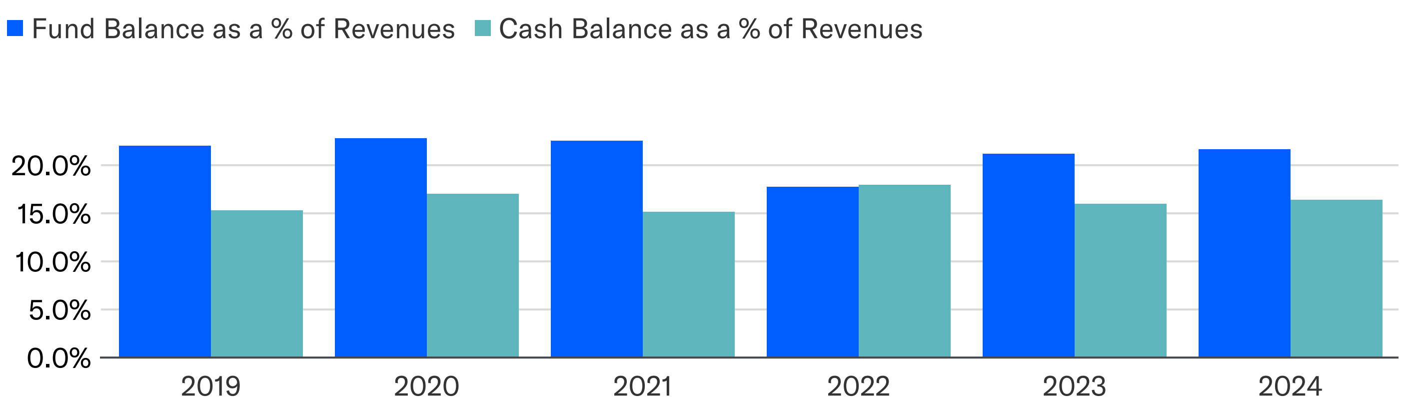
Exhibit 2
Enrollment



Source: Moody's Ratings

Financial performance

Exhibit 3
Financial Trends



Source: Moody's Ratings

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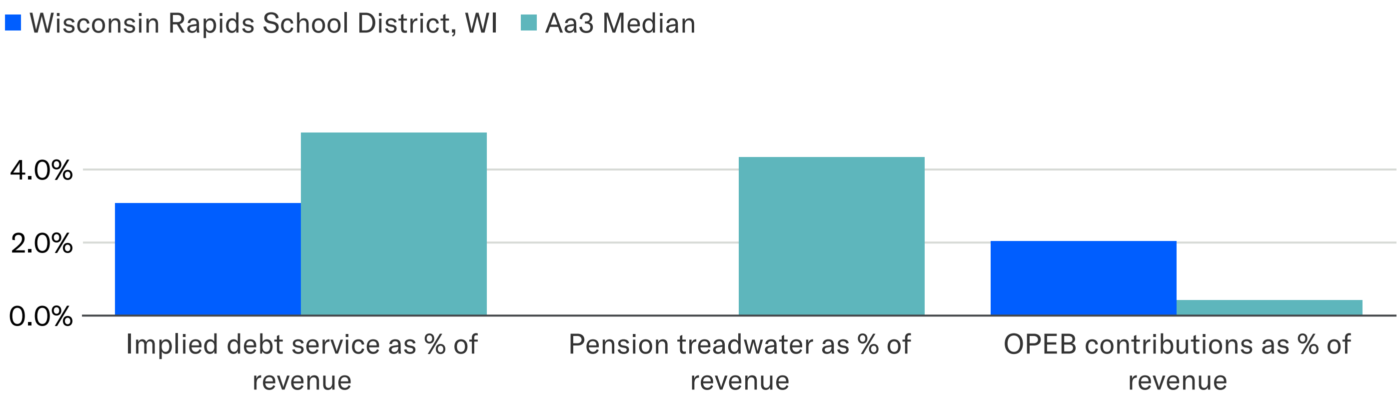
Leverage

Exhibit 4
Fixed costs components



Source: Moody's Ratings

Appendix

Exhibit 5
Key Indicators Glossary

	Definition	Source
Economy		
Resident income	Median Household Income (MHI), adjusted for Regional Price Parity (RPP), as a % of the US	MHI: American Community Survey (US Census Bureau) RPP: US Bureau of Economic Analysis
Full value ($000)	Estimated market value of taxable property accessible to the district	State repositories, district's audited financial reports, offering documents or continuing disclosure
Population	Population of school district	American Community Survey (US Census Bureau)
Full value per capita	Full value / population of school district	
Enrollment	Student enrollment of school district	State data publications
Enrollment trend	3-year Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of Enrollment	State data publications; Moody's Ratings
Financial performance		
Operating revenue ($000)	Total annual operating revenue in what we consider to be the district's operating funds	Audited financial statements
Avalable fund balance ($000)	Committed, assigned and unassigned fund balances in what we consider to be the district's operating funds	Audited financial statements
Net cash ($000)	Net cash (cash and liquid investments minus short-term debt) in what we consider to be the district's operating funds	Audited financial statements
Available fund balance ratio	Available fund balance / Operating Revenue	Audited financial statements
Net cash ratio	Net Cash / Operating Revenue	Audited financial statements
Leverage		
Debt ($000)	District's direct gross debt outstanding	Audited financial statements; official statements
ANPL ($000)	District's pension liabilities adjusted by Moody's to standardize the discount rate used to compute the present value of accrued benefits	Audited financial statements; Moody's Ratings
OPEB ($000)	District's net other post-employment benefit (OPEB) liabilities adjusted by Moody's to standardize the discount rate used to compute the present value of accrued benefits	Audited financial statements; Moody's Ratings
Long-term liabilities ratio	Debt, ANPL and OPEB liabilities as % of operating revenue	Audited financial statements, official statements; Moody's Ratings
Implied debt service ($000)	Annual cost to amortize district's long-term debt over 20 years with level payments	Audited financial statements; official statements; Moody's Ratings
Pension tread water ($000)	Pension contribution necessary to prevent reported unfunded pension liabilities from growing, year over year, in nominal dollars, if all actuarial assumptions are met	Audited financial statements; Moody's Ratings
OPEB contributions ($000s)	District's actual contribution in a given period, typically the fiscal year	Audited financial statements; official statements
Fixed-costs ratio	Implied debt service, pension tread water and OPEB contributions as % of operating revenue	Audited financial statements, official statements, pension system financial statements

*Note: If typical data source is not available then alternative sources or proxy data may be considered. For more detailed definitions of the metrics listed above please refer to the US K-12 Public School Districts Methodology.
Source: Moody's Ratings

Endnotes

1 Issuer Rating reflects the government's ability to repay debt and debt-like obligations without consideration of any pledge, security or structural features. In some circumstances, credit characteristics are sufficient to result in a GO bond rating that is higher than the Issuer Rating. Local governments with Moody's rated debt outstanding will have separate ratings detailed by security pledge on their Moody's.com issuer page and credit opinions explaining our credit view for each rating.

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