Annual Report of Certain Financial and Local Debt Information

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

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This report was posted on the District’s website on December 18, 2020.
Overview: Ector County Independent School District (the “District”) has been assigned the following independent financial/bond ratings that indicate the relative strength of the District’s financial and debt management:

- **School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (“FIRST”):** Pursuant to Subchapter D, Chapter 39 of the Texas Education Code, the State annually deploys a financial accountability rating system to distinguish the level of a school district’s financial performance based upon certain uniform criteria.
  
  ✔ Based on data for year 2018/19, the District was assigned a 2019/20 FIRST Rating of “Superior” and the District’s score was 100 out of a possible 100 points.

- **Credit Ratings:** The District also maintains independent ratings from certain nationally recognized credit rating agencies, such as Moody’s Investors Service and S&P Global Ratings, that evaluate the District’s financial strength and its ability to pay its existing bonds.
  
  ✔ **Moody’s Investors Service:** Assigns a “A1” credit rating to the District, defined as “Judged to be upper-medium grade and are subject to low credit risk.”

  ✔ **S&P Global Ratings:** Assigns a “A+” credit rating to the District, defined as “Having a strong capacity to meet its financial commitments but is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligors in higher-rated categories.”
Local Option, Additional Homestead Exemption: Unlike many Texas school districts, the District has approved an additional residential homestead exemption equal to 20% of the assessed value. In this regard, the residential homestead exemption lowers the taxable value of a taxpayer’s home for purposes of levying the District’s tax rate.

The following summarizes the estimated benefit that accrued to residential homeowners in year 2019/20.

### 20% Optional Residential Homestead Exemption – Estimated Decrease of Local Property Taxes – Year 2019/20

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<tr>
<th>Appraised Home Value</th>
<th>Decrease</th>
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<tr>
<td>$100,000</td>
<td>$236</td>
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<tr>
<td>$200,000</td>
<td>$471</td>
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<tr>
<td>$300,000</td>
<td>$707</td>
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State Funding System – Where Do the District’s Revenues Come From: Ector County ISD is legally required to operate pursuant to the requirements of the Texas Education Code. In particular, the Texas Education Code determines the District’s ability to generate local tax revenues for maintenance & operation purposes and for the repayment of voter-approved bonds. In this regard, the District annually sets two (2) separate tax rates that are levied upon its certified taxable value that is independently determined by the Ector County Appraisal District:

Maintenance & Operations ("M&O") Tax Rate: To provide funds for the “day to day” operational expenses of the District, including instructional programs, teacher salaries, instructional supplies, security, student transportation, extracurricular activities, utilities, facility infrastructure/maintenance, etc.

- The District’s annual funds for maintenance & operation purposes primarily consist of a combination of State funding and local M&O taxes. In general, the dollar amount of each component is determined by the District’s “Equalized Wealth per Student” (i.e. taxable value / weighted average daily attendance) as set by the State. For year 2019/20, the District’s sources for M&O revenues are summarized to the right.

- On November 6, 2018, voters approved a tax ratification election to increase the District’s M&O tax rate to $1.17. Prior to such ratification, the District was limited to a $1.04 tax rate for maintenance and operations. Beginning in year 2019/20, the District’s M&O tax rate is subject to compression pursuant to House Bill 3 that was enacted during the 2019 legislative session.

Source: District’s Audited Financial Statements and District records.
Interest & Sinking Fund ("I&S") Tax Rate: To provide funds to pay the principal and interest on bonds approved by a majority of voters for capital improvements. The District does not receive any facilities funding from the State for the payment of bonds. The following summarizes the District’s bond programs approved by voters over the last 19 years:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Election Date</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
<th>Student Enrollment</th>
<th>Election Amount</th>
<th>Dollar Amount Of Bonds Remaining To Be Issued</th>
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<tr>
<td>October 20, 2001</td>
<td>School Building</td>
<td>26,996</td>
<td>$89,510,000</td>
<td>$0</td>
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<tr>
<td>November 6, 2012</td>
<td>School Building</td>
<td>29,649</td>
<td>$129,750,000</td>
<td>$0</td>
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Total Dollar Amount Of Authorized But Unissued Bonds - As of June 30, 2020: $0

Source: Texas Bond Review Board, Texas Education Agency - PEIMS and District records.
Historical Student Enrollment

Over the last 5 years, the number of students within the District has increased by 1,851 or an increase of 5.79%.

Source: Texas Education Agency - PEIMS and District records.
Over the last 5 years, the District’s full-time equivalent personnel has correspondingly increased by 263 to accommodate the additional 1,851 students attending schools within the District.

Source: Texas Education Agency - PEIMS and District records.
For year 2019/20, the District employed 0.1097 full-time equivalent personnel per student.

Source: Texas Education Agency - PEIMS and District records.
The District’s total tax rate increased by 13.0 cents in year 2018/19 as a result of voters approving a Tax Ratification Election.

For year 2019/20, the total tax rate decreased by 10.165 cents as a result of compression pursuant to House Bill 3 that was enacted during the 2019 legislative session.

Source: District’s Audited Financial Statements and District records.
Historical Total Property Taxes For Maintenance and Operations and Voter-Approved Bonds – For Various Appraised Home Values

Note: Taxes are net of the State-mandated residential homestead exemption and a 20% local option, additional homestead exemption.
In year 2019/20, a homeowner with a $200,000 Appraised Home Value and 1 or no children attending Ector County ISD paid approximately $8.83 of school property taxes for each school day.

A homeowner with a $200,000 Appraised Home Value and 2 children attending Ector County ISD paid approximately $4.42 of school property taxes per child for each school day.

This includes the cost of instructional programs, teacher salaries, instructional supplies, security, student transportation, extracurricular activities, facilities infrastructure/maintenance and bond payments.
For year 2019/20, Single-Family Residential properties comprised 36.7% of the District’s total assessed valuation and other property categories comprised 63.3%.

- Single-Family Residential (36.7%)
- Multi-Family Residential (4.2%)
- Vacant Lots, Acreage, Farm & Ranch Improvements (3.2%)
- Oil, Gas & Minerals (10.6%)
- Business, Commercial, Industrial, Utilities, Other (45.3%)

Source: Ector County Appraisal District.
The District’s taxable value per student has ranged from $376,604 to $445,907 over the last 5 years.
The State funding system is structured to provide the District with an “equalized” dollar amount per student. The revenue sources for maintenance and operations and repayment of bonds is summarized below.

The District does not receive any facilities funding from the State for the payment of voter-approved bonds.

(Referring to pie charts)

(A) Represents payment from State received for lost tax revenues resulting from increase of residential homestead exemption in year 2015/16.

Source: District’s Audited Financial Statements and District records.
Total Revenues (All Governmental Funds*) By Source

Revenues

$0
$50 Mil
$100 Mil
$150 Mil
$200 Mil
$250 Mil
$300 Mil
$350 Mil
$400 Mil


- Property Taxes
- Other Local & Intermediate Sources
- State Program Revenues
- Federal Program Revenues

(A) Includes maintenance and operation expenses and bond payments of voter-approved bonds.

*Excludes Capital Projects Fund. Source: District’s Audited Financial Statements and District records.
Total Revenues (All Governmental Funds*) Per Student

*Excludes Capital Projects Fund. Source: District’s Audited Financial Statements, Texas Education Agency - PEIMS and District records.

(A) Includes maintenance and operation expenses and bond payments of voter-approved bonds.
Total Expenditures (All Governmental Funds*) By Source

Expenditures

- Instruction & Instructional Support
- Central Administration
- District Operations
- Debt Service
- Other(A) / Capital Projects

*Excludes Capital Projects Fund expenditures funded from voter-approved bonds payable from a levy of the I&S tax rate. Source: District’s Audited Financial Statements.

(A) Includes Chapter 41 Recapture Payment to State.
Total Expenditures (All Governmental Funds*) Per Student

*Excludes Capital Projects Fund expenditures funded from voter-approved bonds payable from a levy of the I&S tax rate. Source: District’s Audited Financial Statements and TEA - PEIMS.

(A) Includes Chapter 41 Recapture Payment to State.
Unrestricted General Operating Fund Balance as a Percentage of General Operating Expenditures

- Unrestricted General Operating Fund Balance is a reserve maintained to meet future expenses, which equaled approximately 23.36% of the District’s operating expenditures for year 2019/20.
- The Texas Education Agency and the bond rating agencies rely upon a school district’s General Operating Fund Balance to determine financial management ratings.

Source: District’s Audited Financial Statements and District records.
Total General Operating Fund Balance

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Source: District’s Audited Financial Statements and District records – As of June 30, 2020.
Ector County ISD has implemented 5 bond refunding programs and prepaid approximately $5.64 million of existing bonds to reduce the cost of voter-approved bonds – Which have generated more than $31.12 million of savings for District taxpayers in recent years.

### Summary of Interest Cost Savings – Bond Refunding Programs / Prepayment of Bonds

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<tr>
<th>Issue / Description</th>
<th>Series Refunded / Redeemed</th>
<th>Par Amount Refunded / Redeemed</th>
<th>Total Savings</th>
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<tr>
<td>Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016</td>
<td>2007</td>
<td>55,677,169</td>
<td>9,588,712</td>
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<td>Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2020-A</td>
<td>2013</td>
<td>9,700,000</td>
<td>2,147,289</td>
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<td>Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2020-B</td>
<td>2013</td>
<td>56,150,000</td>
<td>11,287,495</td>
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<td><strong>Total - Bond Refunding Programs at a Lower Interest Rate</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$182,677,282</strong></td>
<td><strong>$26,878,570</strong></td>
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<td>Prepayment of Series 2003A Bonds - August 2013</td>
<td>2003A</td>
<td>$1,644,874</td>
<td>$1,029,459</td>
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<tr>
<td>Prepayment of Series 2013 Bonds - August 2015</td>
<td>2013</td>
<td>4,000,000</td>
<td>3,220,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total - Prepayment of Bonds Prior to Scheduled Maturity</strong></td>
<td>---</td>
<td><strong>$5,644,874</strong></td>
<td><strong>$4,249,459</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Totals</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$188,322,156</strong></td>
<td><strong>$31,128,029</strong></td>
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Source: District records.
The following debt obligations are payable from ad valorem taxes (i.e. I&S taxes) levied annually against all taxable property located within the District, without legal limit as to rate or amount.

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<th>No.</th>
<th>Issue Description</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
<th>Original Principal Amount</th>
<th>Outstanding Principal</th>
<th>Total Outstanding Debt Service</th>
<th>Outstanding Principal Per Capita</th>
<th>Outstanding Debt Service Per Capita</th>
<th>Final Maturity Date</th>
<th>Total Proceeds Received</th>
<th>Spent Proceeds</th>
<th>Unspent Proceeds</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2012</td>
<td>Refunding at a lower interest rate, etc.</td>
<td>$4,690,000.00</td>
<td>$2,020,000.00</td>
<td>$2,192,875.00</td>
<td>$12.25</td>
<td>$13.30</td>
<td>08/15/2025</td>
<td>$4,938,900.17</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2013</td>
<td>Capital Improvements</td>
<td>$121,595,000.00</td>
<td>$112,705,000.00</td>
<td>$172,330,628.26</td>
<td>$683.47</td>
<td>$1,045.06</td>
<td>08/15/2038</td>
<td>$132,036,250.90</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016</td>
<td>Refunding at a lower interest rate, etc.</td>
<td>$49,235,000.00</td>
<td>$45,770,000.00</td>
<td>$55,560,000.00</td>
<td>$277.56</td>
<td>$336.93</td>
<td>08/15/2027</td>
<td>$58,854,816.26</td>
<td>$58,854,816.26</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
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Source: District’s Audited Financial Statements, 2010 U.S. Census (Interpolated) and District records. Per capita figures are based upon an estimated population of 164,901.
Tax-Supported Debt Obligations At Fiscal Year End and As a Percentage of Taxable Assessed Valuation

Source: District’s Audited Financial Statements, Ector County Appraisal District and District records.
Inflation-Adjusted Tax-Supported Debt Per Capita

- Reflects an estimate of District’s principal amount of tax-supported debt outstanding per capita, with years 2014/15 - 2018/19 adjusted by rate of inflation portrayed by the Consumer Price Index.

Inflation-Adjusted Tax-Supported Debt Cost Per Capita – Principal and Interest In Each of the Last 5 Years

On a per capita basis, reflects an estimate of local property taxes used to fund the District’s annual principal and interest requirements of its tax-supported debt, with years 2014/15 - 2018/19 adjusted by rate of inflation portrayed by the Consumer Price Index.

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