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**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
CITY OF CHICAGO**

**\$75,720,000**

**Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds  
(Dedicated Revenues), Series 2009D**



**Dated: Date of Issuance**

**Due: See inside front cover**

The Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Dedicated Revenues), Series 2009D (the "Bonds") will be issued by the Board of Education of the City of Chicago (the "Board") as fully registered bonds and will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as registered owner and nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their interests in the Bonds purchased. Principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee, registrar and paying agent for the Bonds to DTC, which in turn will remit such principal and interest payments to its participants for subsequent disbursement to the beneficial owners of the Bonds. As long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner as nominee of DTC, payments on the Bonds will be made to such registered owner, and disbursement of such payments to beneficial owners will be the responsibility of DTC and its participants. See "THE BONDS—Book-Entry Only System" herein.

The proceeds of the Bonds, together with available funds of the Board, will be used to (i) currently refund all of the Board's outstanding Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds (Dedicated Revenues), Series 2004D and Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds (Dedicated Revenues), Series 2004E, and (ii) pay costs of issuance of the Bonds (including the Underwriters' discount and the insurance premium allocable to the Insured Bonds). See "PLAN OF FINANCE," and "ESTIMATED SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS."

The Bonds will be a general obligation of the Board to the payment of which the Board will pledge its full faith and credit. The Bonds will be payable from Pledged State Aid Revenues and Pledged Taxes, all as described herein. To the extent that the Pledged State Aid Revenues are insufficient to pay the debt service on the Bonds, the Bonds will be payable from ad valorem taxes levied by the Board, without limitation as to rate or amount, against all of the taxable property in the school district governed by the Board, the boundaries of which are coterminous with the boundaries of the City of Chicago. The Bonds are also payable from all Funds, Accounts and Sub-Accounts (each as defined in Appendix B hereto) pledged as security for the Bonds pursuant to the Trust Indenture dated as of July 1, 2009, between the Board and by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee (the "Indenture"). See "SECURITY FOR THE BONDS."

Interest on the Bonds will be payable on each June 1 and December 1, commencing December 1, 2009.

**The Bonds will be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity as described in the Indenture.**

The scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds maturing on December 1 of the years 2016 to 2022, inclusive (the "Insured Bonds"), when due will be guaranteed under a financial guaranty insurance policy to be issued concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds by Assured Guaranty Corp.



The maturities, amounts, interest rates, prices or yields, and CUSIP numbers of the Bonds are set forth on the inside cover.

The Bonds are being offered when, as and if issued and received by the Underwriters, subject to the delivery of the approving legal opinion of Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, Chicago, Illinois, Bond Counsel. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Board by its General Counsel, Patrick J. Rocks, and by its special counsel Charity & Associates, P.C., Chicago, Illinois, and for the Underwriters by its counsel, Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP, Chicago, Illinois. Delivery of the Bonds is expected to be made through the facilities of DTC in New York, New York, on or about July 30, 2009.

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE**  
**CITY OF CHICAGO**  
**Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds**  
**(Dedicated Revenues),**  
**Series 2009D**

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

**Serial Bonds**

<b>Maturity December 1</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>Yield</b>	<b>CUSIP<sup>1</sup></b>
2009	\$4,340,000 <sup>†</sup>	1.00%	0.419%	167505 HZ2
2011	3,075,000 <sup>†</sup>	2.00	1.500	167505 JS6
2012	1,550,000 <sup>†</sup>	3.00	1.700	167505 JA5
2012	3,545,000 <sup>†</sup>	4.00	1.700	167505 JC1
2013	1,605,000 <sup>†</sup>	3.00	2.150	167505 JB3
2013	3,675,000 <sup>†</sup>	4.00	2.150	167505 JD9
2014	5,465,000 <sup>†</sup>	3.00	2.610	167505 JE7
2015	2,235,000 <sup>†</sup>	3.50	2.920	167505 JF4
2015	3,390,000 <sup>†</sup>	4.00	2.920	167505 JP2
2016	5,900,000* <sup>†</sup>	4.00	3.100	167505 JG2
2017	1,945,000* <sup>†</sup>	4.00	3.390	167505 JH0
2017	4,115,000* <sup>†</sup>	5.00	3.390	167505 JQ0
2018	6,335,000* <sup>†</sup>	5.00	3.610	167505 JJ6
2019	6,635,000*	5.00	3.800	167505 JK3
2020	6,960,000*	5.00	3.960	167505 JL1
2021	5,300,000*	5.00	4.120	167505 JM9
2021	2,000,000* <sup>†</sup>	5.00	4.030	167505 JR8
2022	7,650,000*	4.00	4.240	167505 JN7

**\*Insured Bond**

**† Non-Callable**

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No dealer, broker, salesperson or other person has been authorized by the Board or the Underwriters to give any information or to make any representation with respect to the Bonds, other than those contained in this Official Statement, and, if given or made, such other information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorized by any of the foregoing. This Official Statement is neither an offer to sell nor the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Bonds offered hereby, by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation or sale. The information and expressions of opinion set forth herein have been furnished by the Board and include information from other sources that the Board believes to be reliable. Such information is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness, and is not to be construed as a representation by the Underwriters. Such information and expressions of opinion 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 since the date hereof. Neither this Official Statement nor any statement that may have been made verbally or in writing is to be construed as a contract with the registered or beneficial owners of the Bonds.

The Underwriters have provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. The Underwriters have reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with, and as part of, its responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Underwriters do not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

This Official Statement should be considered in its entirety. All references herein to laws, agreements and documents are qualified in their entirety by reference to the definitive forms thereof, and all references to the Bonds are further qualified by reference to the information with respect thereto contained in the Indenture for the Bonds. Copies of the Indenture are available for inspection at the offices of the Board and the Trustee. The information contained herein is provided as of the date hereof and is subject to change.

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

**\$75,720,000**

**Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds  
(Dedicated Revenues), Series 2009D**

**INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this Official Statement, including the cover page, the inside cover page and the Appendices hereto, is to set forth information in connection with the offering and sale by the Board of Education of the City of Chicago (the “Board”) of \$75,720,000 of its Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Dedicated Revenues), Series 2009D (the “Bonds”).

All capitalized terms used in this Official Statement and not otherwise defined herein have the same meanings as assigned thereto in APPENDIX B — “SUMMARY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE INDENTURE.”

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, together with available funds of the Board, will be used to (i) currently refund all of the Board’s outstanding Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds (Dedicated Revenues), Series 2004D (the “Series 2004D Refunded Bonds”) and Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds (Dedicated Revenues), Series 2004E (the “Series 2004E Refunded Bonds,” and collectively with the Series 2004D Refunded Bonds, the “Refunded Bonds”), and (ii) pay costs of issuance of the Bonds (including the Underwriters’ discount and the insurance premium allocable to the Insured Bonds (as defined below)). See “PLAN OF FINANCE.”

The Bonds will be general obligations of the Board to the payment of which the Board will pledge its full faith and credit. The Bonds are authorized and issued pursuant to the provisions of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended (the “School Code”), the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended (the “Debt Reform Act”), a resolution adopted by the Board on June 28, 2006 (the “2006 Authorization”) authorizing the issuance of alternate bonds, being general obligation bonds payable from any revenue source as provided by the Debt Reform Act (“Alternate Bonds”), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$750,000,000, and Resolution 09-0624-RS34 in respect to the Bonds, adopted by the Board on June 24, 2009, authorizing the issuance of Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Dedicated Revenues), in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$90,000,000 (the “Bond Resolution” and, together with the 2006 Authorization, the “Resolutions”).

The Bonds will be issued under a Trust Indenture dated as of July 1, 2009 (the “Indenture”), by and between the Board and Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois, as trustee and paying agent (the “Trustee” or “Paying Agent”). The Bonds will be secured by and are payable (i) from the Pledged State Aid Revenues (as defined herein), (ii) to the extent that the Pledged State Aid Revenues are insufficient to pay the debt service on the Bonds, from the ad valorem taxes levied by the Board pursuant to the 2006 Authorization, against all of the taxable property in the School District (as defined herein), without limitation as

to rate or amount, and pledged under the Indenture as security for the Bonds (the “Pledged Taxes”) and (iii) from all Funds, Accounts and Sub-Accounts pledged pursuant to the Indenture.

The Pledged State Aid Revenues for the Bonds issued under the 2006 Authorization consist of \$125,000,000 of unrestricted General State Aid payments to be made to the Board in any year pursuant to Article 18 of the School Code. For additional information, see “SECURITY FOR THE BONDS — General” and “— General State Aid” below. For a discussion of other obligations of the Board payable from the Board’s annual receipt of State Aid Revenues see “— Prior Alternate Bonds” below.

The scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds maturing on December 1 of the years 2016 to 2022, inclusive (the “Insured Bonds”), when due will be guaranteed under a financial guaranty insurance policy to be issued concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds by Assured Guaranty Corp. For additional information, see “BOND INSURANCE.”

### **Prior Alternate Bonds**

Alternate Bonds payable from the Pledged State Aid Revenues issued under the 2006 Authorization are currently outstanding and additional Alternate Bonds payable from State Aid Revenues issued under the 2006 Authorization may be issued in the future under other resolutions of the Board. See “SECURITY FOR THE BONDS – General” and “– General State Aid.” The Board’s (i) \$54,487,780 Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds (Dedicated Revenues), Series 2006B (the “Series 2006B Bonds”); (ii) \$238,720,000 Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds (Dedicated Revenues), Series 2007D (the “Series 2007D Bonds”); (iii) \$75,410,000 Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Dedicated Revenues), Series 2009B (the “Series 2009B Bonds”) and (iv) \$20,265,000 Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Dedicated Revenues), Series 2009C (the “Series 2009C Bonds” and collectively with the Series 2006B Bonds, the Series 2007D Bonds and the Series 2009B Bonds, the “Outstanding 2006 Authorization Bonds”) are the only Alternate Bonds currently outstanding and payable from Pledged State Aid Revenues issued under the 2006 Authorization.

## **THE BONDS**

### **General**

The Bonds initially are registered through a book-entry only system operated by The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”). Details of payments of the Bonds and the book-entry only system are described below under the subcaption “— Book-Entry Only System.” Except as described under the subcaption “— Book-Entry Only System” below, beneficial owners of the Bonds will not receive or have the right to receive physical delivery of Bonds, and will not be or be considered to be the registered owners thereof. Accordingly, beneficial owners must rely upon (i) the procedures of DTC and, if such beneficial owner is not a DTC “Participant” (as defined below), the Participant who will act on behalf of such beneficial owner to receive notices and payments of principal and purchase price of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, and to exercise voting rights and (ii) the records of DTC and, if such beneficial owner is not a Participant, such beneficial owner’s Participant, to evidence its beneficial ownership of the Bonds. So long as DTC or its nominee is the



registered owner of the Bonds, references herein to Bondholders or registered owners of such Bonds mean DTC or its nominee and do not mean the beneficial owners of such Bonds.

The Bonds shall be issued only in fully registered form without coupons and shall be dated the date of issuance. Each Bond shall bear interest from the interest payment date to which interest has been paid or as of the date on which it is authenticated prior to the first date on which interest is to be paid, which interest shall be payable on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 2009, computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The Bonds shall mature on December 1 of each of the years and in the principal amounts and shall bear interest at the respective rates shown on the inside cover page hereof. The Bonds shall be issued in Authorized Denominations, as defined in the Indenture, (but no single Bond shall represent principal maturing on more than one date). Interest on each Bond will be payable on each Interest Payment Date to the person in whose name the Bond is registered at the close of business on the fifteenth day of the calendar month next preceding each Interest Payment Date. See APPENDIX B — “SUMMARY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE INDENTURE.”

## **Redemption**

*Optional Redemption.* The Bonds maturing on or after December 1, 2019, with the exception of the Bonds maturing December 1, 2021 issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,000,000 and bearing the initial CUSIP number 167505 JR8, are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the Board, in such principal amounts and from such maturities as the Board shall determine, in integral multiples of \$5,000, on any date on or after December 1, 2018, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof to be redeemed plus accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption.

*Redemption Procedures.* In the case of any redemption of Bonds at the option of the Board, the Board shall give written notice to the Trustee of its election or direction so to redeem, of the date fixed for redemption, and of the principal amounts of the Bonds of the same maturity, interest rate and redemption provisions to be redeemed. Such notice shall be given at least 60 days prior to the specified redemption date or such shorter period as shall be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event notice of redemption shall have been given as provided in the Indenture, (i) there shall be paid on or prior to the specified redemption date to the Trustee an amount in cash and/or Government Obligations maturing on or before the specified redemption date which, together with other moneys, if any, available therefor held by the Trustee, will be sufficient to redeem all of the Bonds to be redeemed on the specified redemption date at their redemption price plus interest accrued and unpaid to the date fixed for redemption; such amount and moneys shall be held in a separate, segregated account for the benefit of the registered owners of the Bonds so called for redemption, or (ii) such redemption notice given under certain provisions in the Indenture may state that any redemption is conditional on such funds being deposited on the redemption date, and that failure to deposit such funds shall not constitute an Event of Default under the Indenture.

If less than all of the Bonds of the same maturity, interest rate, and redemption provisions shall be called for optional redemption under provisions of the Indenture permitting partial redemption, the particular Bonds (or portions thereof) to be redeemed shall be selected at

random by the Trustee in such a manner as the Trustee in its discretion may deem fair and appropriate; *provided, however*, that the portion of any Bond of a denomination of more than \$5,000 shall be in the principal amount of an Authorized Denomination and that, in selecting portions of such Bonds for redemption, the Trustee shall treat each such Bond as representing that number of Bonds of denominations of \$5,000 which is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such Bond to be redeemed in part by \$5,000. If all Bonds are held in book-entry only form, the particular Bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed shall be selected by the securities depository for the Bonds in such manner as such securities depository shall determine.

*Notice of Redemption.* For a description of the giving of notices while the Bonds are in the book-entry only system, see “— Book-Entry Only System” below. When the Trustee shall receive notice from the Board of its election or direction to redeem Bonds pursuant to the Indenture or when the Trustee shall be required to redeem Bonds pursuant to the Indenture, the Trustee shall give notice, in the name of the Board, of the redemption of such Bonds, which notice shall specify, the maturities, interest rates and CUSIP numbers of the Bonds to be redeemed, the date fixed for the redemption, and the place or places where amounts due upon such date fixed for redemption will be payable and, if less than all of the Bonds of any like maturity are to be redeemed, the letters and numbers or other distinguishing marks of such Bonds so to be redeemed, and, in the case of Bonds to be redeemed in part only, such notice shall also specify the respective portions of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. Such notice shall further state whether the redemption is conditioned upon sufficient moneys being available on the redemption date, or any other conditions. Such notice shall further state that on the redemption date there will become due and payable the redemption price of each Bond to be redeemed, or the redemption price of the specified portions of the principal thereof in the case of Bonds to be redeemed in part only, together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption, and that from and after such date, interest thereon shall cease to accrue and be payable. The Trustee shall mail copies of such notice by first class mail, postage prepaid, not less than 30 days and not more than 60 days before the date fixed for redemption, to the registered owners of the Bonds to be redeemed at their addresses as shown on the registration books of the Board maintained by the Registrar; provided, that if all Bonds are held in book entry only form, such notice may be given pursuant to the then existing agreement with the securities depository for the Bonds. The failure of the Trustee to give notice to a registered owner of any Bond or any defect in such notice shall not affect the validity the redemption of any other Bonds as to which proper notice was given.

### **Bond Registration and Transfers**

For a description of the procedure to transfer ownership of a Bond of any series while in the book-entry only system, see “— Book-Entry Only System” below. Subject to the limitations described below, the Bonds are transferable upon surrender thereof at the principal corporate trust office of the Trustee, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form satisfactory to, the Trustee and duly executed by the Bondholder or such Bondholder’s attorney duly authorized in writing. Subject to the limitations described below, any Bond may be exchanged at the principal corporate trust office of the Trustee upon surrender thereof, together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner thereof or such registered owner’s attorney in such form and with

guarantee of signature as shall be satisfactory to the Trustee for an equal aggregate principal amount of Bonds of like date and tenor of any Authorized Denomination as the Bonds surrendered for exchange bearing numbers not contemporaneously outstanding. The Trustee and the Board may charge a fee sufficient to cover any tax, fee or other governmental charge in connection with any exchange or transfer of any Bond.

### **Book-Entry Only System**

*General.* The following information concerning The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, (“DTC”) has been furnished by DTC for use in this Official Statement. Neither the Board nor the Underwriters are responsible for its accuracy or completeness.

DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered Bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC’s partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered bond certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world’s largest depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organization” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “*Exchange Act*”). DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments from over 100 countries that DTC’s participants (“*Direct Participants*”) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants’ accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (“*DTCC*”). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly (“*Indirect Participants*”). DTC has Standard & Poor’s highest rating: AAA. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “*SEC*”). More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com) and [www.dtc.org](http://www.dtc.org).

Purchases of Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC’s records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond (“*Beneficial Owner*”) is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants’ records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive

written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued. See “THE BONDS - General.”

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

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

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds of a maturity in a series of Bonds are being redeemed, DTC’s practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such maturity to be redeemed.

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

Redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC’s practice is to credit Direct Participants’ accounts, upon DTC’s receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the Board or its Agent on the payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC’s records. Payment 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 Board or the Trustee, as applicable, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Board, or the 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 Direct and Indirect Participants.

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

The Board may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond certificates are required to 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 Board believes to be reliable, but the Board takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

NEITHER THE BOARD NOR THE TRUSTEE HAS ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATION TO THE PARTICIPANTS OR THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS WITH RESPECT TO THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC, CEDE & CO. OR ANY PARTICIPANT; THE PAYMENT BY DTC OR ANY PARTICIPANT OF ANY AMOUNT WITH RESPECT TO THE PRINCIPAL OR PURCHASE PRICE OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, OR INTEREST ON THE BONDS; ANY NOTICE WHICH IS PERMITTED OR REQUIRED TO BE GIVEN TO BENEFICIAL OWNERS UNDER THE INDENTURE; THE SELECTION BY DTC OR ANY PARTICIPANT OF ANY PERSON TO RECEIVE PAYMENT IN THE EVENT OF A PARTIAL REDEMPTION OF THE BONDS; OR ANY CONSENT GIVEN OR OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY DTC.

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## ESTIMATED SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

The following table shows the estimated sources and uses of funds in connection with the issuance of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds:

### Estimated Sources:

Proceeds of the Bonds	\$79,958,498.45
Board Funds	<u>8,808,500.66</u>
 Total Estimated Sources of Funds	 \$88,766,999.11

### Estimated Uses:

Redemption of Refunded Bonds <sup>1</sup>	\$82,482,920.63
Deposit to Interest Deposit Sub-Account	1,026,206.05
Deposit to Pledged State Aid Revenues Sub-Account	4,340,000.00
Deposit to Costs of Issuance Account <sup>2</sup>	400,000.00
Insurance Premium	244,474.10
Underwriter's Discount	<u>273,398.33</u>
 Total Estimated Uses of Funds	 \$88,766,999.11

<sup>1</sup> Includes accrued interest on the Refunded Bonds payable on the redemption date.

<sup>2</sup> Includes the rating agency fees, legal and accounting fees and other costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

## PLAN OF FINANCE

### **Use of Proceeds of the Bonds**

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, together with available funds of the Board, will be used to (i) refund the Refunded Bonds, and (ii) pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds (including the Underwriters' discount and the bond insurance premium allocable to the Insured Bonds). See "ESTIMATED SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS".

### **Refunding of the Refunded Bonds**

Proceeds of the Bonds together with available funds of the Board will be deposited with the trustee for the Refunded Bonds to provide for the refunding and redemption of \$53,030,000 outstanding principal amount of the Series 2004D Refunded Bonds and \$29,155,000 outstanding principal amount of the Series 2004E Refunded Bonds. The Refunded Bonds will be redeemed on the date of issuance of the Bonds at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds to be redeemed plus accrued interest thereon to the redemption date.

## **SECURITY FOR THE BONDS**

### **General**

The Bonds will be issued pursuant to the School Code, the Debt Reform Act, the Resolutions and the Indenture. The Bonds will be general obligations of the Board to the payment of which the Board will pledge its full faith and credit, and will be payable, both as to principal and interest, from any moneys, revenues, receipts, income, assets or funds of the Board legally available for such purpose.

The Bonds will be payable from and secured by a pledge of (i) that amount of payments received by the Board in any year pursuant to Article 18 of the School Code, or such successor or replacement fund or act as may be enacted in the future (“State Aid Revenues”), not in excess of amounts available under the 2006 Authorization in any year, as shall provide for the payment of annual debt service on the Bonds, the Outstanding 2006 Authorization Bonds and any Additional Bonds and the provision of not less than an additional .10 times annual debt service thereon in such year (the “Pledged State Aid Revenues”), (ii) the ad valorem taxes levied against all of the taxable property in the School District without limitation as to rate or amount, and pledged under the Indenture as security for the Bonds (the “Pledged Taxes”), (iii) all Funds, Accounts and Sub-Accounts established pursuant to the Indenture (except the Costs of Issuance Account), and (iv) any and all other moneys, securities and property furnished from time to time to the Trustee, by the Board or on behalf of the Board or by any other persons, to be held by the Trustee under the Indenture. As described herein, the Pledged Taxes have been levied and will be collected only as and to the extent that the Pledged State Aid Revenues are not available in sufficient amounts to pay the debt service on the Bonds.

The scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Insured Bonds when due will be guaranteed under a financial guaranty insurance policy to be issued concurrently with the delivery of the Insured Bonds by the Bond Insurer. For additional information, see “BOND INSURANCE.”

### **General State Aid**

General State Aid (“GSA”) represents the major portion of state support for Illinois public elementary and secondary schools. GSA is not targeted or categorical in nature, but may generally be expended at the discretion of the local school districts. However, the School Code requires the Board to dedicate a minimum of \$261.0 million annually from its GSA revenue to supplemental programs in the Supplemental General State Aid Fund (formerly known as State Chapter One Fund) for children from low-income families.

GSA consists of a regular foundation formula claim, as explained below, and a poverty grant. The calculation of the regular foundation claim depends primarily upon a school district’s best three months’ average daily attendance and local resources, such as equalized assessed valuation of property and corporate personal property replacement tax revenues within the school district. The GSA formula used through fiscal year 1998 provided for different methods of allocation, depending primarily upon the equalized assessed valuation of property within a school district’s boundaries. The amount of GSA distributed to school districts was determined

by the annual State appropriation. The GSA formula was amended in 1997, and as a result, the minimum or “foundation level” of GSA per pupil was \$4,964 in fiscal year 2005, \$5,164 in fiscal year 2006, \$5,334 in fiscal year 2007, \$5,734 in fiscal year 2008 and \$5,959 in fiscal year 2009. In subsequent years, this “foundation level” will be set by the General Assembly. No assurance can be given that the “foundation level” will be increased or even funded at current levels in future fiscal years. Legislation adopted in 1999 by the General Assembly increased GSA funding for school districts that would otherwise experience a decrease in this funding because of increases in equalized assessed valuation of real property.

The poverty grant provides additional resources for school districts that have a high concentration of low-income pupils. Before fiscal year 2004, the low-income eligible pupil count came from the most recently available federal census. The per-pupil amount of the poverty grant that applied to the Board was \$1,333 for fiscal year 2002 and \$1,362 for fiscal year 2003. In May 2003, the General Assembly adopted a new poverty grant formula. Instead of the most recent federal census poverty data, a new poverty count prepared by the Illinois Department of Human Services was used starting in fiscal year 2004. The fiscal year 2004 count was an average of the 2002 and 2003 count of children who were eligible for assistance under Medicaid, Kidcare, Food Stamps, or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (“TANF”). The poverty count for fiscal year 2005 and each year thereafter is the average of the children eligible for Medicaid, Kidcare, Food Stamps and TANF for the three previous years. Under the new formula, the per-pupil poverty grant amount changed from \$1,230 for fiscal year 2004, to \$1,264 for fiscal year 2005, \$1,327 for fiscal year 2006, \$1,466 for fiscal year 2007, \$1,638 for fiscal year 2008 and \$1,861 for fiscal year 2009. This per-pupil poverty grant amount is multiplied by the poverty count to generate a poverty grant total.

The following chart sets forth the total GSA allocated to the Board for each of the fiscal years 2000 through 2009, the required contributions for Supplemental General State Aid allocations to individual schools, and the net amount available for deposit into the General Fund.

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**General State Aid**  
Fiscal Years 2000 – 2009  
(Dollars in Millions)

Fiscal Year	Total GSA Claim <sup>(1)</sup>	Supplemental General State Aid Allocation	Unrestricted GSA General Fund Deposit <sup>(2)</sup>
2000	711.1	261.0	450.1
2001	724.5	261.0	463.5
2002	787.2	261.0	526.2
2003	768.1	261.0	507.1
2004	840.7	261.0	579.7
2005	910.4	261.0	649.4
2006	962.5	261.0	701.5
2007	1,023.9	261.0	762.9
2008	1,091.1	261.0	830.1
2009	1,139.7	261.0	878.7

(1) Source: Illinois State Board of Education. Net of Illinois State Board of Education audit adjustments.

(2) Reflects moneys available to fund Pledged State Aid Revenues and pledges of State Aid Revenues made in connection with other obligations of the Board.

In calculating GSA, the State employs a formula consisting of a variety of variables, including one referred to as “available local resources.” One factor used in determining a school district’s available local resources is the amount of revenue that it derives from local property taxes. Consequently, the level of GSA in future years may be impacted by a number of factors, including (i) changes in the equalized assessed valuation of property within the School District, (ii) the addition of new property to the School District’s tax base, and (iii) the determination of the School District’s maximum operating tax rate in any given year under the Illinois Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (the “Limitation Law”).

**Pledged Taxes**

The Board has levied the Pledged Taxes to satisfy the debt service on the Bonds if Pledged State Aid Revenues are insufficient. The Pledged Taxes are *ad valorem* taxes levied against all of the taxable property in the School District without limitation as to rate or amount. However, based on projected receipts of Pledged State Aid Revenues, the Board anticipates that all Pledged Taxes will be abated on a year-by-year basis prior to such taxes being extended. To the extent that the Pledged State Aid Revenues are not available in sufficient amounts, the debt service on the Bonds is payable from the Pledged Taxes. In the event the Pledged Taxes are extended for collection, in any year, the Board will direct the County Collectors to segregate from each distribution of property taxes to be paid to the Board that percentage attributable to the levy of the Pledged Taxes for the payment of the debt service on the Bonds, and that amount will be paid directly to the Trustee for application in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture. The Board has covenanted in the Indenture to take all actions necessary to cause the levy and extension of additional Pledged Taxes in excess of those previously levied if necessary to pay debt service on the Bonds. For additional information concerning the levy and collection of the Pledged Taxes, see “THE REAL PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM – Real Property Assessment, Tax Levy and Collection Procedures.”

## **Debt Service Fund and Accounts**

The Indenture for the Bonds establishes the Debt Service Fund as a separate fund pledged to the payment of debt service on the Bonds. The Indenture also establishes four separate accounts in the Debt Service Fund, known as the “Pledged State Aid Revenues Account,” the “Pledged Taxes Account,” the “Bond Payment Account” and the “Swap Payment Account.” The Pledged State Aid Revenues Account consists of the “Interest Deposit Sub-Account” and the “Pledged State Aid Revenues Sub-Account” and the Bond Payment Account consists of the “Interest Sub-Account” and the “Principal Sub-Account.”

The Trustee shall deposit to the credit of the Interest Deposit Sub-Account (i) any amounts paid by the Board to the Trustee from time to time with instructions for deposit into such Sub-Account, including such portion of the sums deposited by the Board upon the delivery of the Bonds, and (ii) any payments made by Swap Providers, if any, under Swap Agreements to the extent set forth in a certificate of a Designated Official filed with the Trustee. The Board is not entering into an interest rate swap agreement in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. All or a portion of such amounts so deposited to the credit of the Interest Deposit Sub-Account shall be transferred no later than the next succeeding date upon which interest on the Bonds is due (an “Interest Payment Date”) to the Interest Sub-Account in the Bond Payment Account and applied to pay up to the amount of interest then due on the Bonds on such Interest Payment Date. See APPENDIX B – “SUMMARY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE INDENTURE.”

### **Application of Pledged State Aid Revenues; Abatement of Pledged Taxes**

On or before February 15 of each year, or such earlier date as may be necessary to permit the Board to lawfully make the abatement of the Pledged Taxes with respect to the Bonds as described below (each such date being referred to as a “Deposit Date”), the Board shall deposit to the credit of the Pledged State Aid Revenues Sub-Account such amounts derived from Pledged State Aid Revenues as shall be necessary to cause the amount on deposit in said Account to equal the interest on and principal of the Bonds that will be become due and payable during the then current annual period beginning on December 2 of the prior year to and including December 1 of the such year (each a “Bond Year). Once such deposit has been made, the Board shall take such actions as are necessary to abate in full the Pledged Taxes levied to otherwise provide funds for the payment of the debt service on the Bonds during the then-current Bond Year. The Board shall make the deposit required pursuant to this paragraph on such earlier date as may be necessary in the future to permit the Board to make the abatement of taxes described in the preceding sentence.

On or before February 16 of each year, whenever sufficient funds are on deposit in the Pledged State Aid Revenues Account to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds due during the current Bond Year, the Trustee shall deliver to the Board a notice evidencing the sufficiency of such deposit for said purpose and directing the Board to take such actions as are necessary to abate the Pledged Taxes with respect to the Bonds.

In the event that on any Deposit Date there has been deposited to the credit of the Pledged State Aid Revenues Account an insufficient amount to satisfy the amount described in the preceding paragraph, the Board shall take such actions as are necessary to cause the

extension of the Pledged Taxes levied for the calendar year next preceding the calendar year of such Deposit Date in an amount sufficient, when added to the amount then on deposit in the Pledged State Aid Revenues Account, to provide funds sufficient to satisfy such amount described in the preceding paragraph.

All amounts on deposit in the Pledged State Aid Revenues Sub-Account on December 2 of each year, following the transfers required to be made to the Bond Payment Account, shall be withdrawn from said Sub-Account and paid to the Board free and clear of the lien of the Indenture. See APPENDIX B – “SUMMARY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE INDENTURE.”

### **Pledge of Funds, Accounts and Sub-Accounts**

In addition to the Pledged State Aid Revenues and the Pledged Taxes, all Funds, Accounts and Sub-Accounts established pursuant to the Indenture are pledged to the payment of the Bonds. See APPENDIX B – “SUMMARY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE INDENTURE.”

### **Additional Obligations Payable From Pledged State Aid Revenues**

The Board reserves the right to issue Additional Bonds from time to time payable from all or any portion of the State Aid Revenues available under the 2006 Authorization or any other source of payment which may be pledged under the Debt Reform Act, and any such Additional Bonds shall share ratably and equally in the Pledged State Aid Revenues with the Bonds; provided, however, that no Additional Bonds shall be issued except in accordance with the provisions of the Debt Reform Act as in existence on the date of issuance of the Additional Bonds.

The Board reserves the right to issue bonds or other evidences of indebtedness payable from the State Aid Revenues available under the 2006 Authorization, which are subordinate to the Bonds. Such subordinate obligations will be paid from State Aid Revenues available under the 2006 Authorization that are available to the Board in each year in excess of those required to be deposited in the Pledged State Aid Account under the Indenture during such year.

### **Bonds Are Obligations of the Board**

The Bonds are the direct and general obligations of the Board to the payment of which the Board has pledged its full faith and credit and taxing power. The Bonds are not the obligations of the City, the State or any other political subdivision of the State (other than the Board). Neither the full faith and credit nor the taxing power of the City, the State or any other political subdivision of the State (other than the Board) is pledged to the payment of the Bonds.

## **BOND INSURANCE**

*The following information has been furnished by Assured Guaranty Corp. (“Assured Guaranty” or the “Bond Insurer”) for use in this Official Statement. No representation is made by the Board or the Underwriter as to the accuracy or completeness of this information. Reference is made to Appendix D for the form of the Bond Insurance Policy.*

### **The Bond Insurance Policy**

Concurrently with the issuance of the Insured Bonds, Assured Guaranty will issue its financial guaranty insurance policy (the “Bond Insurance Policy”) for the Insured Bonds. The Bond Insurance Policy guarantees the scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Insured Bonds when due as set forth in the form of the Bond Insurance Policy included as Appendix D to this Official Statement.

The Bond Insurance Policy is not covered by any insurance security or guaranty fund established under New York, California, Connecticut or Florida insurance law.

### **The Bond Insurer**

Assured Guaranty is a Maryland-domiciled insurance company regulated by the Maryland Insurance Administration and licensed to conduct financial guaranty insurance business in all fifty states of the United States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Assured Guaranty commenced operations in 1988. Assured Guaranty is a wholly owned, indirect subsidiary of Assured Guaranty Ltd. (“AGL”), a Bermuda-based holding company whose shares are publicly traded and are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “AGO.” AGL, through its operating subsidiaries, provides credit enhancement products to the U.S. and global public finance, structured finance and mortgage markets. Neither AGL nor any of its shareholders is obligated to pay any debts of Assured Guaranty or any claims under any insurance policy issued by Assured Guaranty.

Assured Guaranty’s financial strength is rated “AAA” (negative outlook) by Standard & Poor’s, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. (“S&P”), “Aa2” (on review for possible downgrade) by Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. (“Moody’s”) and “AA” (evolving) by Fitch, Inc. (“Fitch”). Each rating of Assured Guaranty should be evaluated independently. An explanation of the significance of the above ratings may be obtained from the applicable rating agency. The above ratings are not recommendations to buy, sell or hold any security, and such ratings are subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the rating agencies. Any downward revision or withdrawal of any of the above ratings may have an adverse effect on the market price of any security guaranteed by Assured Guaranty. Assured Guaranty does not guaranty the market price of the securities it guarantees, nor does it guaranty that the ratings on such securities will not be revised or withdrawn.

## *Recent Developments*

### Ratings

On July 1, 2009, S&P published a Research Update in which it affirmed its “AAA” counterparty credit and financial strength ratings on Assured Guaranty. At the same time, S&P revised its outlook on Assured Guaranty to negative from stable. Reference is made to the Research Update, a copy of which is available at [www.standardandpoors.com](http://www.standardandpoors.com), for the complete text of S&P’s comments.

On May 20, 2009, Moody’s issued a press release stating that it had placed the “Aa2” insurance financial strength rating of Assured Guaranty on review for possible downgrade. Reference is made to the press release, a copy of which is available at [www.moody.com](http://www.moody.com), for the complete text of Moody’s comments.

In a press release dated May 4, 2009, Fitch announced that it had downgraded the insurer financial strength rating of Assured Guaranty to “AA” from “AAA” and placed such rating on Rating Watch Evolving. Reference is made to the press release, a copy of which is available at [www.fitchratings.com](http://www.fitchratings.com), for the complete text of Fitch’s comments.

There can be no assurance as to the outcome of Moody’s review or the timing of when such review may be completed, or as to the further action that Fitch or S&P may take with respect to Assured Guaranty.

For more information regarding Assured Guaranty’s financial strength ratings and the risks relating thereto, see AGL’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, which was filed by AGL with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) on February 26, 2009, and AGL’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2009, which was filed by AGL with the SEC on May 11, 2009.

### Acquisition of FSA

On July 1, 2009, AGL acquired the financial guaranty operations of Financial Security Assurance Holdings Ltd. (“FSA”), the parent of financial guaranty insurance company Financial Security Assurance, Inc.

### *Capitalization of Assured Guaranty Corp.*

As of March 31, 2009, Assured Guaranty had total admitted assets of \$1,926,329,505 (unaudited), total liabilities of \$1,570,615,119 (unaudited), total surplus of \$355,714,386 (unaudited) and total statutory capital (surplus plus contingency reserves) of \$1,109,717,908 (unaudited) determined in accordance with statutory accounting practices prescribed or permitted by insurance regulatory authorities.

### *Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference*

The portions of the following documents relating to Assured Guaranty are hereby incorporated by reference into this Official Statement and shall be deemed to be a part hereof:

- The Annual Report on Form 10-K of AGL for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 (which was filed by AGL with the SEC on February 26, 2009); and
- The Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2009 (which was filed by AGL with the SEC on May 11, 2009).

All consolidated financial statements of Assured Guaranty and all other information relating to Assured Guaranty included in documents filed by AGL with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, subsequent to the date of this Official Statement and prior to the termination of the offering of the Bonds shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Official Statement and to be a part hereof from the respective dates of filing such consolidated financial statements.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated herein by reference or contained herein under the heading “BOND INSURANCE-The Bond Insurer” shall be modified or superseded for purposes of this Official Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any subsequently filed document which is incorporated by reference herein also modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Official Statement.

Copies of the consolidated financial statements of Assured Guaranty incorporated by reference herein and of the statutory financial statements filed by Assured Guaranty with the Maryland Insurance Administration are available upon request by contacting Assured Guaranty at 1325 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019 or by calling Assured Guaranty at (212) 974-0100. In addition, the information regarding Assured Guaranty that is incorporated by reference in this Official Statement that has been filed by AGL with the SEC is available to the public over the Internet at the SEC’s web site at <http://www.sec.gov> and at AGL’s web site at <http://www.assuredguaranty.com>, from the SEC’s Public Reference Room at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Room 1024, Washington, D.C. 20549, and at the office of the New York Stock Exchange at 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

Assured Guaranty makes no representation regarding the Bonds or the advisability of investing in the Bonds. In addition, Assured Guaranty has not independently verified, makes no representation regarding, and does not accept any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement or any information or disclosure contained herein, or omitted herefrom, other than with respect to the accuracy of the information regarding Assured Guaranty supplied by Assured Guaranty and presented under the heading “BOND INSURANCE”.

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

### **General**

The Board is a body politic and corporate and a school district of the State of Illinois. The Board is established under and governed by the School Code and is a non-home rule unit of government. The Board maintains a system of public schools within its boundaries (the “School District”) for grades kindergarten through twelve.

The School District has boundaries coterminous with the boundaries of the City of Chicago. In addition to its Board, elected local school councils, composed of parents, teachers, principals and community representatives, exercise certain powers relating to the operation of individual schools in the public school system, including selection of principals.

### **Governing Body**

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Act 89-15, approved and effective May 30, 1995 (the “1995 Amendatory Act”), the then-existing 15-member Chicago Board of Education (the “Prior Board”) was replaced with the Chicago School Reform Board of Trustees of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, Illinois (the “Reform Board of Trustees”). Under the 1995 Amendatory Act, the Reform Board of Trustees served as the governing board of the School District until June 30, 1999. On July 1, 1999, by operation of the 1995 Amendatory Act, the Reform Board of Trustees became the Board. The members of the Board were appointed by the Mayor of the City (the “Mayor”) and are listed below. The appointments to the Board did not require approval of the City Council.

Under the School Code, the Board is responsible for approving the annual budget, approving contracts (including collective bargaining agreements), levying real property taxes and establishing general policies of the Board. The current members of the Board are as follows:

**Michael W. Scott** is President of the Chicago Board of Education and he is the President of Michael Scott & Associates, LLC, a real estate development and investment firm. He also is a Commissioner on the Public Building Commission of Chicago. Formerly, Mr. Scott was Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for Comcast Corporation, Executive Director of the Lawndale People’s Planning and Action Council, and Vice President of Pyramidwest Development Corporation. He has served the City of Chicago over three decades under four different mayors. He was first appointed to the Board of Education by Mayor Jane Byrne in 1980. He also served under the late Mayor Harold Washington as Special Assistant to the Mayor, Director for the Mayor’s Office of Special Events, and Chief Cable Administrator for the City of Chicago’s Office of Communication. Under the late Mayor Eugene Sawyer, he again served as Director of the Mayor’s Office of Special Events. He was appointed a second time to the Board of Education, this time as president, by Mayor Richard M. Daley from 2001 to 2006, and again in 2009. Mr. Scott currently serves on the board of directors for the Community Bank of Lawndale and for a number of civic and charitable organizations, including Mount Sinai Hospital, Better Boys Foundation and the Chicago Historical Society.

**Clare Muñana** is Vice President of the Board and a public sector, not-for-profit and management consultant operating her own firm. Ms. Muñana has performed numerous domestic and international engagements for public sector and private sector clients in the U.S., Europe, Africa and Latin America. Ms. Muñana holds a Bachelors degree from Boston College, Masters degree in International Economics from the School of Advanced International Studies at The Johns Hopkins University and a Masters in Business (MBA) from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University. Ms. Muñana also holds a certificate in French Civilization and Language from the Sorbonne. Ms. Muñana is active in several civic organizations including the Chicago Public Education Fund and National Museum of Mexican Arts.

**Norman R. Bobins** is retired chairman and chief executive officer of LaSalle Bank Corporation. Mr. Bobins served as a Trustee of the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago and was a member of the Public Building Commission of Chicago. Mr. Bobins received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Chicago. Mr. Bobins is active in several civic organizations, chairman of the board of trustees of WTTW Communications, Inc., and member of the Field Museum, the Newberry Library and the Children's Brain Research Foundation.

**Dr. Tariq Butt** is a Board Certified Family Physician with teaching appointments at the University of Illinois' Medical College, Rush University Medical School, and the Faculty with Mt. Sinai Family Residency Program affiliated with the Chicago Medical School. Dr. Butt is Deputy Medical Director of the Access Community Health Network. As part of his medical practice, Dr. Butt provides a range of medical services to patients on the west side of the City, regardless of their ability to pay. Dr. Butt has also served as Chairman of the Mayor's Asian-American Advisory Council. Dr. Butt is currently serving as a member of the Board of Directors for the Illinois Association of School Boards and National School Board Association – Counsel of Urban Boards of Education (NSBA-CUBE) Steering Committee Member.

**Alberto A. Carrero, Jr.** is President of CBSS, USA, a firm which provides financial, operational and business consulting, advice and services. Mr. Carrero retired from Banco Popular North America ("Banco Popular") as Senior Vice President at the end of 2008, after a 21-year career which allowed him to hold a variety of executive positions in several different states in the U.S. Prior to joining Banco Popular, Mr. Carrero worked for the Federal Deposit Insurance Company (FDIC) in the New York Region. Mr. Carrero graduated from the University of Puerto Rico with a degree in Business Administration and Finance. On November 19, 2008, he was reappointed by the Board to serve as a Trustee of the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago. His affiliations include membership in the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials and the Institute of Puerto Rican Art and Culture, where he serves as a member of the Financial Committee. Mr. Carrero has been the recipient of numerous awards from Illinois and New York City and State agencies for excellence in business.

**Peggy A. Davis** is the Vice President of Diversity and Recruiting at the Exelon Business Services Corporation. Ms. Davis also serves as a Board Trustee to the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago. She was a former partner in the government relations and labor and employment practices at Winston & Strawn LLP. She also has extensive experience in the public sector, including her most recent service as chief of staff to the Chicago Public Schools CEO. She served nine years as general counsel to the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority and also worked for the City of Chicago's law department and the Chicago office of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Ms. Davis received a bachelor's degree in social welfare and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee.

**Roxanne M. Ward** is Vice President and Corporate Liaison of Ariel Capital Management, LLC ("Ariel"), a Chicago-based investment management firm founded in 1983. Ms. Ward also is President of the Black Corporate Directors Conference. Prior to joining Ariel, Ms. Ward spent four years working for the Chicago Park District as the First Assistant General Counsel, Board Liaison and Legislative Liaison. Ms. Ward has spent more than 15 years working as a private sector attorney in the Chicago offices of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and



Flom and Mayer, Brown & Platt. Ms. Ward has been actively involved with many civic and community organizations. Ms. Ward served as Co-Chair of the City of Chicago Mayoral Policy Caucus on Prisoner Reentry and serves on the Board of Directors of WTTW, the Safer Foundation and the Federation for Community Schools. Ms. Ward is also a former member of the Desegregation Monitoring Commission and of the Boards of the Illinois Facilities Fund and Congo Square Theater Company. Ms. Ward graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Chicago with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Service Administration (“SSA”), followed by a Masters of Arts degree in SSA from the University of Chicago. She subsequently obtained her Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School.

The members of the Board have been appointed to serve terms ending as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Michael W. Scott, President.....	June 30, 2011
Clare Muñana, Vice President.....	June 30, 2010
Norman R. Bobins .....	June 30, 2010
Dr. Tariq Butt.....	June 30, 2011
Alberto A. Carrero, Jr. ....	June 30, 2010
Peggy A. Davis .....	June 30, 2011
Roxanne M. Ward.....	June 30, 2011

At the expiration of the term of each member, the Mayor shall appoint a successor for a four-year term from July 1 of the year in which the term commences. Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Mayor for the unexpired term.

The Board elects annually from its members a president and vice-president in such manner as the Board determines.

**Central Administration**

As authorized under the School Code, the Board has established the following offices and appointed the following individuals to serve in the capacities indicated.

Chief Executive Officer.....	Ron Huberman
Chief Education Officer.....	Barbara Eason-Watkins
Acting Chief Administrative Officer	Robert Runcie
Acting Chief Operating Officer .....	Robert Runcie
Chief Financial Officer .....	Pedro Martinez
Chief Purchasing Officer .....	Opal L. Walls
General Counsel.....	Patrick J. Rocks

**Ron Huberman** is the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Board. Prior to joining the Board, Mr. Huberman served as President of the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), the second largest transit agency in the country. At CTA, he instituted a company-wide turnaround plan based on performance management principles. Prior to joining the CTA, Mr. Huberman also served as Chief of Staff for Mayor Richard M. Daley, and Executive Director of the City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communication. Mr. Huberman holds a Bachelor’s degree in English and Psychology from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and a Master’s degree in Business Administration and Social Service Administration

from the University of Chicago, where he was both a Paul and Daisy Soros Fellow and an Albert Schweitzer Fellow.

**Barbara Eason-Watkins** is the Chief Education Officer of the Board. Dr. Eason-Watkins is a nationally recognized school principal from Chicago's Woodlawn community who has spent her entire 29-year professional career in education, working with students, teachers and parents. A native of Detroit, Michigan, she received a Bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Michigan, a Masters degree in educational administration and supervision from Chicago State University, and a Doctorate in education, with a specialty in curriculum and instruction, from Loyola University, Chicago.

**Robert Runcie** is the Acting Chief Administrative Officer and Acting Chief Operating Officer of the Board. Mr. Runcie previously served as the Board's Chief Information Officer. Prior to joining the Board, Mr. Runcie was the president and founder of a Chicago-based management consulting and technology service company specializing in project management and systems of implementation. Mr. Runcie graduated from Harvard and has an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. He is also a member of the current class of the Broad Superintendents Academy.

**Pedro Martinez** is the Chief Financial Officer of the Board. He is a Certified Public Accountant. He has been employed with the Board of Education since September 2003. Prior to joining the Board of Education, he was the Director of Finance at the Archdiocese of Chicago, where he worked with their social service arm, Catholic Charities. He was employed there for eight years. Prior to joining the Archdiocese, he was an audit manager for Deloitte & Touche. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and obtained his MBA from DePaul University. He was a Vincentian Honors Scholar at DePaul. In addition Mr. Martinez serves as the President of The Resurrection Project's (TRP) Board of Directors and Vice-President of the Board at OAI, Inc., an employment services provider.

**Opal L. Walls** is the Chief Purchasing Officer of the Board. Ms. Walls previously served as the Board's Deputy Purchasing Officer and Director of Finance and Administration for the Department of Procurement and Contracts. Ms. Walls also served in the capacity of Project Manager for the Controller's Office. Prior to joining the Board, Ms. Walls worked for Allstate Insurance Company in Northbrook, Illinois and served in the capacity of Benefits Consultant, Pension Analyst and Senior Portfolio Manager. Ms. Walls holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Elmhurst College of Illinois.

**Patrick J. Rocks** is the General Counsel of the Board. He has served in that office since March 1, 2005. Prior to his current appointment, Mr. Rocks served in various offices in the Office of the Corporation Counsel of the City of Chicago from 1987 to 2005. From November 2002 to February 2005, he served as First Assistant Corporation Counsel. From May 1998 to November 2002, he served as Deputy Corporation Counsel for the Employment Litigation Division. From December 1993 to May 1998, he served as Chief Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Labor Division. From July 1987 to December 1993, he served as an Assistant Corporation Counsel in the General Litigation and Labor Divisions. Prior to his service with the City of Chicago, Mr. Rocks served as a judicial clerk and was engaged in private practice. Mr. Rocks

received his law degree from the John Marshall Law School in 1985 and his Bachelor’s degree from Loyola University of Chicago in 1980.

**School System**

The Chicago Public School system consists of 666 attendance centers consisting of 483 elementary schools, 116 high schools and 67 charter schools serving 407,955 children.

The following table presents the fall enrollment in the school system for the last five school years.

<b>School Year</b>	<b>Elementary School</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>Combined</b>
2008/2009	294,789	113,166	407,955
2007/2008	296,060	112,541	408,601
2006/2007	301,122	112,572	413,694
2005/2006	308,993	111,989	420,982
2004/2005	320,719	106,093	426,812

**Capital Improvement Program**

The Board continues to implement one of the largest school construction and rehabilitation programs in the nation. Initially adopted by the Board in 1996, the Capital Improvement Program is an ongoing plan of work, based on current projections of funding availability and project priorities (the “Capital Improvement Program”). The Capital Improvement Program is organized around three basic and critical objectives: (a) reducing student density to no more than 80% of each elementary school’s design capacity to relieve severe overcrowding; (b) achieving a minimum level of physical condition and operating efficiency for each facility; and (c) improving the overall quality of the learning environment at each individual school. To achieve these objectives, the Capital Improvement Program is organized into three general program areas:

1. New construction, including new schools, additions, annexes and modular units;
2. Building renovation, including new windows, new roofs, masonry, science labs, gymnasiums, Americans with Disabilities Act improvements, energy efficiencies and information technology, including wiring and equipment to connect all Chicago Public Schools facilities to an area wide network; and
3. Educational enhancements, including new campus parks and play lots.

The Refunded Bonds were issued to fund improvements that are part of the Board’s Capital Improvement Program.

*Program Management.* The Board utilizes a broad-based priority system for structuring the Capital Improvement Program, including architectural assessments that categorize capital projects by need. To date, the Capital Improvement Program has addressed primarily the highest

priority exterior envelope projects such as windows, roofs and masonry work. With many of these projects completed or underway, the next phase will be addressing high priority, interior projects such as electrical and heating/air ventilation systems.

Coupled with the broad-based priority system, the Capital Improvement Program is reevaluated annually to ensure that changing needs are incorporated into the program. For example, the Board annually updates space utilization reports to gauge current student overcrowding. To assess long-term classroom demand, the Board utilizes University of Illinois demographic forecasts. The Board also employs an aggressive preventative maintenance and evaluation program to (1) ensure that capital improvements are sustained through preventative measures and (2) provide an on-going capital needs assessment system-wide.

The Board uses third-party firms to provide program management services for the Capital Improvement Program to ensure appropriate oversight and cost control. Chicago School Associates, a joint venture of design, engineering, and construction firms, currently serves as program manager for the Capital Improvement Program.

*Summary of Work Performed and Expenditures.* Since the inception of the Capital Improvement Program, over 1,485 new permanent classrooms have been constructed, with more underway, increasing capacity to accommodate approximately 39,085 additional students. These new classrooms are distributed throughout 31 new schools, 15 replacement schools, 42 additions and 28 annexes. Additionally, 2,479 renovations have been completed to date, including new roofs at 458 schools, new windows for 418 schools, and masonry work for 382 schools. Over 779 local area network projects have been completed. The Board anticipates undertaking a similar number of renovation projects and installing local area networks in its remaining schools in the coming years. Finally, approximately 342 play lots and 27 gymnasiums have been renovated to provide students with safe facilities for play and sports.

To finance the Capital Improvement Program, the Board has issued approximately \$3.9 billion aggregate principal amount of Alternate Bonds (excluding refunding bonds). As of December 31, 2008, approximately \$3.9 billion of the proceeds of such Bonds have been spent, and substantially all of the net proceeds remaining have been “encumbered” (i.e., obligated for future expenditure on identified projects).

*Future Financings.* The Board may issue additional bonds to continue implementation of the Capital Improvement Program. Further, consistent with applicable provisions of State law, the Board has the authority to adopt additional authorizing resolution(s) under which some of these bonds may be issued.

Further, the Board anticipates that, subject to market conditions and other factors, it will issue one or more series of Alternate Bonds to refund, at or prior to maturity, a portion of the outstanding Alternate Bonds. Other types of debt obligations may also be used to provide the Board with funds for future implementation of certain components of the Capital Improvement Program.

## **Educational Reform Initiatives**

Under Mayor Richard M. Daley's leadership, the Chicago Public School system ("CPS") has become a national model for urban education. School districts across the country, as well as foreign nations, are turning to Chicago for lessons in making public education effective once again. In July 2001, Mayor Daley appointed a new management team consisting of experienced managers who have guided CPS over the past several years as well as new talent drawn from the corporate, university, and nonprofit sectors. This team remains committed to enhancing the fundamental services efficiently and effectively provided to students and to bringing new vitality to CPS' educational programs.

*Focus on Educational Goals.* CPS has developed strategies that enhance educational opportunities and improve the academic skills of all CPS students. Working together with parents, community-based organizations, teachers, educators, and the elected officials of the Chicago Teachers Union, CPS' focus encompasses three areas: reading, teacher excellence, and community schools.

*Reading Enhancement Action Plan.* This top priority program focuses on teaching every student in every school to read. The program establishes a uniform instructional framework structured to provide continuity citywide at all grade levels. The program requires a minimum of two hours a day be devoted exclusively to reading and writing in every elementary school. At the high school level, double periods of reading and writing are required for students not performing at grade level. In addition, CPS is training an elite corps of reading specialists, recruited both locally and nationally, to ensure that teachers are trained to use books and materials appropriately.

*Teacher Excellence.* Rising student enrollments, an increasing number of teachers reaching retirement age, and a decreasing number of college students choosing a teaching career have led CPS to new initiatives to recruit and retain teachers. Teacher quality, one of the best predictors of student achievement, is being addressed through an initiative to ensure that all teachers are qualified and have appropriate certifications in all classrooms. Creating strong, nurturing environments that support teacher needs will further improve teacher classroom skills and drive student achievement.

*Community Schools.* Several CPS schools operate year-round and are open long hours to provide for the needs of the students before, during and after traditional school days. CPS' vision encompasses a comprehensive, coordinated and collaborative delivery of services jointly created and operated by the school, community organizations and parents as equal partners based on each school's needs. Programs currently offered include tutoring, art, sports and other enrichment activities designed to build on skills, talents and interests developed as part of the regular curriculum. By collaborating with community-based organizations already funded to provide social and health services to our students, schools can directly address the needs of children by providing services onsite.

*Educational Results.* There continue to be many positive educational trends at CPS. The 2009 results from the Illinois Standards Achievement Test show that 67.8% of students are meeting or exceeding state standards in reading, while 72.1% are meeting or exceeding state

standards in math. Overall, the composite scores are up 38.3% since 2001. Additionally, in high schools, the dropout rate has declined, the graduation rate has continued to grow, average ACT scores have increased, and more students are taking advanced placement classes than ever before.

*Renaissance 2010 Program.* Renaissance 2010 is a plan, announced by Mayor Daley, to improve the educational choices and opportunities for students throughout Chicago. Under the plan, at least 100 new schools will be created by the year 2010 which will be a combination of CPS-run, contract and charter schools. These new schools will help to address the under-utilization of CPS buildings, lack of high school options, over-crowding and low performance. Renaissance 2010 is an overarching plan that consists of multiple strategies. One strategy is to focus on geographic concentrations of under-utilized buildings and/or low performing schools with a comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of that geography and its neighborhoods. Selection of schools will be heavily informed by the community who will evaluate proposals and make recommendations to the Board. All schools will be accountable via Performance Agreements that outline expectations for student achievement, on-going community and parent involvement and school management.

*Modern Schools Across Chicago.* Modern Schools Across Chicago is a plan, announced by Mayor Daley, to build 24 new schools and renovate three others across the city over the next six years. The \$1 billion plan will be funded primarily through city tax incremental financing dollars, pending aldermanic support and CPS bond funds. It will bring nine new high schools, fifteen new elementary schools and three high school renovations to neighborhoods across the City. The Modern Schools Across Chicago plan will bring state of the art facilities to all parts of the City, which is the next step in CPS' ongoing effort to give children the same opportunity for a good neighborhood education, regardless of where they live. Five new schools and three school renovations are projected to be completed within the next three years. The remainder of the schools will be constructed over the following three years.

### **Chicago Teachers' Union and Other Employee Groups**

For its 2008 fiscal year, the Board employed approximately 47,000 persons. Approximately 90% of the Board's employees are represented by seven unions that engage in collective bargaining with the Board. As of June 1, 2008 approximately 74% of the Board's employees were represented by the Chicago Teachers' Union (the "CTU") and approximately 16% were represented by six other unions.

The Board's collective bargaining agreements with the seven labor organizations that represent Board employees are effective from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2012. Each agreement provides for a 4% increase to the employees' salary schedules in each year of the agreement and a freeze on increases to employee health care contributions from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010.

Issues addressed in all collective bargaining agreements with the Board include various working conditions, grievance procedures and employee benefits. The Board is seeking to maintain methods of alternative dispute resolution to reduce the number of union grievances and overall labor litigation including, but not limited to: a voluntary grievance mediation program, a

labor management committee and a class size monitoring committee designed to resolve class size complaints successfully divert numerous matters away from litigation each year.

For a discussion of pension and retirement benefits for eligible employees, see “– Employee Pension Obligations” below under this caption.

### **Recent Financial Information Concerning the Board**

For fiscal years 1996 through 2008, the Board adopted and achieved a balanced budget. In August 2008, the Board also adopted a balanced budget for fiscal year 2009 that reflected General Operating Fund appropriations of \$4.855 billion, of which \$145.2 million was derived from available fund balances. The most recent audited financial statements are for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, and are included as APPENDIX A.

### **General Operating Fund Balances**

As of June 30, 2008, the Board had a fund balance of \$669.6 million, of which \$237.2 million has been reserved for encumbrances and other specific purposes. The remaining unreserved balance was \$432.3 million, \$258.0 million of which was designated to provide operating capital. The fiscal year 2009 budget re-appropriated \$145.2 million of ending fiscal year 2008 fund balance, \$45.2 million for specific purposes and \$100.0 million to balance the General Fund.

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**General Operating Fund Revenues, Expenditures, Other Financing Sources and  
Changes in Fund Balances for the Board\***

(Amounts in Thousands)

	Actual (as of June 30)					Budget†
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Revenues:						
Property Taxes.....	\$1,520,557	\$1,587,803	\$1,666,118	\$1,716,516	\$1,763,282	\$1,831,200
Replacement Taxes.....	61,897	94,546	131,639	147,403	159,805	135,800
State Aid.....	1,329,390	1,417,423	1,492,361	1,549,493	1,692,351	1,732,800
Federal Aid.....	703,821	746,403	757,731	711,963	832,526	868,800
Investment Income.....	18,779	14,003	36,874	61,595	40,905	32,500
Other.....	<u>87,545</u>	<u>85,377</u>	<u>101,129</u>	<u>95,534</u>	<u>96,816</u>	<u>108,600</u>
Total Revenues.....	<u>\$3,721,989</u>	<u>\$3,945,555</u>	<u>\$4,185,852</u>	<u>\$4,282,504</u>	<u>\$4,585,685</u>	<u>\$4,709,700</u>
Expenditures						
Instruction.....	\$2,355,114	\$2,429,014	\$2,538,909	\$2,491,653	\$2,575,124	\$2,750,881
Pupil Services.....	327,653	323,225	333,968	349,324	362,325	373,867
Support Services.....	770,629	821,583	893,041	916,334	986,905	1,183,395
Food Services.....	180,588	173,872	172,774	179,902	181,778	194,469
Community Services.....	49,933	42,325	46,179	45,467	45,708	57,431
Teachers' Pension.....	65,045	65,045	75,398	155,563	206,651	263,047
Other.....	<u>9,548</u>	<u>7,332</u>	<u>24,824</u>	<u>8,126</u>	<u>36,194</u>	<u>31,810</u>
Total Expenditures.....	<u>\$3,758,510</u>	<u>\$3,862,396</u>	<u>\$4,085,093</u>	<u>\$4,146,369</u>	<u>\$4,394,685</u>	<u>\$4,854,900</u>
Revenues in Excess of (less than) Expenditures.....	\$ (36,521)	\$ 83,159	\$ 100,759	\$ 136,135	\$ 191,000	\$ (145,200)
Other Financing Sources.....	<u>15,071</u>	<u>328</u>	<u>4,145</u>	<u>1,904</u>	<u>3,813</u>	<u>0</u>
Change in Fund Balance Revenues and Other Financing Sources in Excess of (Less than) Expenditures).....	\$ (21,450)	\$ 83,487	\$ 104,904	\$ 138,039	\$ 194,813	\$ (145,200)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Period as restated (‡).....	<u>328,956</u>	<u>307,506</u>	<u>390,993</u>	<u>495,897</u>	<u>474,783</u>	<u>669,595</u>
Fund Balance, End of Period (‡).....	\$ 307,506	\$ 390,993	\$ 495,897	\$ 633,936	\$ 669,596	\$ 524,396
Composition of Ending Fund Balance:						
Reserved for:						
Encumbrances.....	\$ 67,542	\$ 97,313	\$ 102,286	\$ 97,731	\$ 132,684	\$ 99,536
Specific Purposes.....	<u>43,454</u>	<u>45,134</u>	<u>85,891</u>	<u>131,362</u>	<u>104,521</u>	<u>51,300</u>
Total Reserved Fund Balance.....	<u>\$ 110,996</u>	<u>\$ 142,447</u>	<u>\$ 188,177</u>	<u>\$ 229,093</u>	<u>\$ 237,205</u>	<u>\$ 150,836</u>
Unreserved:						
Designated to Provide						
Operating Capital.....	\$ 171,300	\$ 190,000	\$ 218,400	\$ 233,200	\$ 258,000	\$ 258,000
Undesignated.....	<u>25,210</u>	<u>58,546</u>	<u>89,320</u>	<u>171,643</u>	<u>174,391</u>	<u>115,560</u>
Total Unreserved.....	<u>\$ 196,510</u>	<u>\$ 248,546</u>	<u>\$ 307,720</u>	<u>\$ 404,843</u>	<u>\$ 432,391</u>	<u>\$ 373,560</u>
Total Fund Balance.....	\$ 307,506	\$ 390,993	\$ 495,897	\$ 633,936	\$ 669,596	\$ 524,396

\* The Board reports its financial activities through the use of fund accounting and follows the modified accrual basis of accounting for its Governmental Funds. See APPENDIX A – “Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2008.”

† Amounts are derived from the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget as published by the Board’s Budget Department.

‡ Fund balances for the years ended June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007 have been retrospectively adjusted to reflect the change in the recognized accrual period for certain revenues from 90 to 30 days. See “APPENDIX A – Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2008,” Note 16 in the Financial Section, “Change in Accounting Method.”



## **Outstanding Debt Obligations**

**Long-Term Debt Obligations.** In addition to the Bonds, the Board has approximately \$4.2 billion aggregate principal amount of outstanding Alternate Bond debt. The Board's outstanding long-term debt also consists of approximately \$386 million aggregate principal amount of leases with the Public Building Commission (the "PBC Leases"). The lease rentals due under the PBC Leases are supported by separate unlimited property tax levies of the Board. For additional information on the Public Building Commission, see "OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS – Other Public Bodies – The Public Building Commission of Chicago." To provide for payment of the lease rentals under the PBC Leases, the Board has established lease payment debt service fund accounts with a lease payment trustee. Under the School Code and resolutions of the Board establishing those trust accounts, the Board has levied a separate tax unlimited as to rate or amount on real property within the School District to pay the lease rentals under the PBC Leases. Tax receipts of the Board attributable to the Board's PBC Leases are required to be paid by the County Collector directly to the lease payment trustee and deposited in a fund account to be used for the payment of the applicable lease rentals under the PBC Leases when due. Investment income on deposits in the fund accounts established to make lease rentals under the PBC Leases is paid to the Board to the extent not needed to meet the lease obligations for which the particular fund account is established.

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**Board's Debt Service Schedule**  
As of July 17, 2009<sup>(1)</sup>

Calendar Year	Prior Bonds <sup>(2)</sup>	PBC Leases	The Bonds	Total Annual Debt Service
2009	\$ 310,124,947	\$ 52,103,825	\$ 5,366,206	\$ 367,594,978
2010	307,229,339	52,163,338	3,009,775	362,402,452
2011	320,582,950	52,232,025	6,084,775	378,899,750
2012	301,143,314	52,318,625	8,043,275	361,505,214
2013	321,935,437	52,359,513	8,039,975	382,334,925
2014	311,234,200	52,430,550	8,029,825	371,694,575
2015	322,050,249	52,467,613	8,025,875	382,543,737
2016	313,173,789	52,519,550	8,087,050	373,780,389
2017	317,580,258	52,600,125	8,011,050	378,191,433
2018	313,542,121	52,664,600	8,002,500	374,209,221
2019	337,709,122	30,635,500	7,985,750	376,330,372
2020	367,169,836		7,979,000	375,148,836
2021	374,724,643		7,971,000	382,695,643
2022	369,399,048		7,956,000	377,355,048
2023	362,618,208			362,618,208
2024	370,364,961			370,364,961
2025	370,430,167			370,430,167
2026	370,261,589			370,261,589
2027	366,120,256			366,120,256
2028	368,938,515			368,938,515
2029	364,599,309			364,599,309
2030	350,042,999			350,042,999
2031	349,675,931			349,675,931
2032	110,131,141			110,131,141
2033	69,637,034			69,637,034
2034	69,575,493			69,575,493
2035	54,448,005			54,448,005
2036	41,340,053			41,340,053
	\$8,205,782,915	\$554,495,264	\$102,592,056	\$8,862,870,234

- (1) Debt service payments include principal and interest due to and including the following January 1.
- (2) Interest on variable rate bonds is calculated at assumed rates of between 4.5% and 6% per annum, although actual rates may vary. Interest on Prior Bonds that are the subject of an interest rate swap is calculated at the applicable swap rate. See “ – Board’s Interest Rate Swap Agreements” below.

## Legal Debt Margin Information of the Board

### Last Five Available Fiscal Years (Dollars in Thousands) As of June 30

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Assessed Value	\$53,175,365	\$55,283,639	\$59,310,826	\$69,517,264	\$73,651,158
Debt Limit	7,338,200	7,629,142	8,184,894	9,593,382	10,163,860
General Obligation	917,855	764,761	711,982	658,947	606,009
Less: Amount set aside for repayment of bonds	(36,226)	(38,913)	(39,984)	(37,322)	(36,238)
Total Net Debt applicable to Debt Limit <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>881,629</u>	<u>725,848</u>	<u>671,998</u>	<u>621,625</u>	<u>569,771</u>
Legal debt margin	<u>\$6,456,571</u>	<u>\$6,903,294</u>	<u>\$7,512,896</u>	<u>\$8,971,758</u>	<u>\$9,594,089</u>
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of Debt Limit	12.01%	9.51%	8.21%	6.48%	5.61%

- (1) Pursuant to Section 15 of the Debt Reform Act, this table does not reflect the Prior Alternate Bonds because the Prior Alternate Bonds do not count against the debt limit unless the tax levy supporting them is extended for collection.

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## Board's Interest Rate Swap Agreements

The Indenture permits the Board to enter into one or more interest rate swap agreements with respect to the Bonds. The Board is not entering into an interest rate swap agreement in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

Information regarding the Board's existing interest rate swap agreements (the "Existing Interest Rate Swap Agreements") is set forth in the following table.

Series	Counterparty	Rating of Counterparty (Moody's/ Standard & Poor's) <sup>(1)</sup>	Effective Date	Notional Amount	Termination Date	Payable Swap Rate	Variable Receivable Swap Rate
2000C	Royal Bank of Canada	Aaa/AA-	3/1/2007	\$61,100,000	3/1/2032	3.823%	70% of LIBOR
2004C	Royal Bank of Canada	Aaa/AA-	3/1/2007	\$48,910,000	3/1/2035	3.825%	70% of LIBOR
2005A	Loop Financial Products I LLC <sup>(2)</sup>	Aa1/A+	11/1/2005	\$116,151,000	12/1/2031	BMA Index	70% of LIBOR + 52.4 bp
	Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc	A2/A	11/1/2005	\$77,434,000	12/1/2031	BMA Index	80.76% Straight Ratio
2005D- 2	Loop Financial Products I LLC <sup>(2)</sup>	Aa1/A+	12/8/2005	\$157,055,000	3/1/2036	3.6617%	70% of LIBOR
2008A	Royal Bank of Canada	Aaa/AA-	5/13/2008	\$162,785,000	12/1/2028	5.25%	70% of LIBOR + 28 bp
	Bank of America NA	Aa3/A+	5/13/2008	\$100,000,000	12/2/2030	5.25%	70% of LIBOR + 28 bp
2008B	Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc <sup>(3)</sup>	NR	5/13/2008	\$95,350,000	3/1/2034	3.771%	70% of LIBOR
	Goldman Sachs Capital Markets LP	A1/A	5/13/2008	\$90,000,000	3/1/2034	3.771%	70% of LIBOR
2009A	Loop Financial Products I LLC <sup>(2)</sup>	Aa1/A+	3/10/2009	\$130,000,000	3/1/2026	3.6617%	70% of LIBOR
2009B	Royal Bank of Canada	Aaa/AA-	6/25/2009	\$75,410,000	3/1/2035	3.825%	70% of LIBOR

<sup>(1)</sup> As of July 9, 2009.

<sup>(2)</sup> Loop Financial Products I LLC is provided credit support by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company.

<sup>(3)</sup> See Appendix A – "Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2008 – Note 17 – Subsequent Events – Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds (Series 1996, 1999A, 2008B)" for an explanation of the status of the counterparty.

The Existing Swap Agreements expose the Board to certain risks. Should the market value of the swaps become positive, the Board may be exposed to the credit risk of the swap providers. If a swap provider's credit rating declines below specified rating levels and the market value of the swap reaches certain threshold amounts, the Existing Swap Agreements provide that the market value of the swap will be collateralized by the swap provider with U.S. government securities. Collateral would be posted with a third-party custodian.

The Board will be exposed to "basis risk" should the rate paid on the bonds subject to an Existing Swap Agreement exceed the rate payable to the Board pursuant to the related Existing

Swap Agreements. Should any adverse basis differential occur while an Existing Swap Agreement is in effect, the rate paid on the bonds that are subject to the Existing Swap Agreement will be higher than the expected fixed rate, and therefore the expected interest cost savings may not be realized.

The Board may terminate an Existing Swap Agreement at any time at market value. In addition, the Board or a swap provider may terminate an Existing Swap Agreement under certain other conditions. If an Existing Swap Agreement is terminated, the bonds subject to that Existing Swap Agreement would no longer carry the expected fixed interest rate, and the Board would be subject to the interest rate risk associated with variable rate debt. Also, if, at the time of termination, an Existing Swap Agreement has a negative market value, the Board would be liable to the applicable swap provider for a termination payment equal to the swap's market value. Such termination payment may be substantial.

### **Employee Pension Obligations**

Pension benefits for eligible teachers and administrators of the Board are provided under a defined benefit plan administered by the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago, a separate legal entity (the "Pension Fund"). See APPENDIX A – "Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2008" – Note (12). The 1995 Amendatory Act provided that by fiscal year 1999 the Pension Fund would be funded using the same actuarial funding method as the Illinois Teachers' Retirement Fund. Applicable provisions of the Illinois Pension Code provide that this method will cause the ratio of the actuarially determined value of the assets of the Pension Fund to its actuarially determined accrued liabilities (or "Funded Ratio") to equal 90% by fiscal year 2045. As of June 30, 2007, the end of the last fiscal year of the Pension Fund for which audited financial information is available, the Funded Ratio for the Pension Fund was 80.01%.

The 1995 Amendatory Act and various additional amendments made to the School Code in 1996, 1997 and 1998: (i) eliminated the Board's obligation to make any local employer pension contribution unless the Funded Ratio of the Pension Fund would otherwise fall below 90%; and (ii) made additional changes to the Board's obligation to fund pension benefits. Based on the current Funded Ratio for the Pension Fund, the Board contributed \$131.5 million to the Pension Fund in fiscal year 2008 and expects to have contributed \$188.2 million to the Pension Fund by the end of fiscal year 2009.

### **Other Post-Employment Benefits**

Eligible teacher and administrator retirees of the Board are provided healthcare benefits under a plan administered and funded by the Pension Fund (the "Health Insurance Program"). Current State law limits the amount that the Pension Fund may contribute to the Health Insurance Program to \$65,000,000 annually and it also limits payments to reimburse individual plan participants to 70% of actual health care costs. The spending limit has changed six times within the last twenty years and is subject to further change if new legislation is passed.

The Board contributes to the Pension Fund on a pay-as-you-go basis to the extent the Funded Ratio of the Pension Fund would otherwise fall below 90% (see "Employee Pension

Obligations –Funding of Pension Obligations”). Amounts diverted from the Pension Fund to the Health Insurance Program would reduce the Funded Ratio of the Pension Fund.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has issued Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pension* (“GASB 45”) for retiree healthcare benefits. The Board adopted such standards beginning with its fiscal year 2006 financial statements.

The Board has commissioned actuarial studies which have provided preliminary results for consideration, under several actuarial funding methods and sets of assumptions. Pursuant to such studies, the total actuarial liability, and the annual required contribution, for the Health Insurance Program as of June 30, 2008 has been estimated to be \$2,022,007,643 and \$150,033,000 respectively. This estimate represents the amount of healthcare benefits under the Health Insurance Program, without any assumption as to a limit on the amount the Pension Fund may divert to the Health Insurance Program. If the \$65,000,000 cap were to remain in place as an effective limit, the total actuarial liability and annual required contribution estimates would be substantially reduced.

### **Debt Management Policy**

The Board has adopted a Debt Management Policy (“Debt Policy”). The purpose of the Debt Policy is to provide guidance for debt management and capital planning and to enhance the Board’s ability to manage its debt in a conservative and prudent manner. In issuing the Bonds and any future debt, and when entering into derivative contracts, the Board will consider a number of factors, including the duration of the debt in relation to the economic life of the improvement or asset that the issue is financing, its mix of fixed and variable rate debt, negotiated and competitive methods of sale, conditions in both domestic and international markets, credit enhancement agreements, the risks associated with various types of debt and/or derivative instruments, the potential impact of debt service on the operating budget, statutory debt limitations, and credit implications. The Board also believes it should avoid financing general operating costs from debt having maturities greater than one year.

A copy of the Debt Policy is available at the Board’s website <http://policy.cps.k12.il.us/documents/404.1.pdf>. The Debt Policy may be subsequently amended or modified by the Board, without notice to or consent of the owners of the Bonds.

### **Investment Policy**

The Board has adopted an Investment Policy (the “Investment Policy”). The objectives of the Investment Policy are to invest public funds in a manner which is consistent with all state and local statutes governing the investment of public funds and which will provide for the safety of principal, diversification and maximization of the rate of return. The Investment Policy specifically prohibits any purchase of financial futures, any leveraged investment lending securities and any collateralized mortgage obligations. All investments of the moneys on deposit in the Funds and Accounts established under the Indenture are subject to the provisions of the Investment Policy as in effect from time to time.

A copy of the Investment Policy is available at the Board's website at <http://policy.cps.k12.il.us/documents/403.1.pdf>. The Investment Policy may be subsequently amended or modified by the Board, without notice to or consent of the Owners of the Bonds subject, in all respects, to the provisions of the Public Funds Investment Act of the State of Illinois, as amended.

## OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

### Overlapping Entities

There are eight major units of local government located in whole or in part within the boundaries of the school district governed by the Board, each of which (i) is separately incorporated under the laws of the State, (ii) has an independent tax levy, (iii) derives its power and authority under the laws of the State, (iv) maintains its own financial records and accounts and (v) is authorized to issue debt obligations. These units are: the City; the Board; the Chicago School Finance Authority; the Chicago Park District; Community College District Number 508; Cook County; the Forest Preserve District of Cook County; and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. Each of the foregoing governmental units levies taxes upon property located in the City, and, in some cases, in other parts of Cook County as well. For additional information about the Board, see "BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO." Information about these other units of local government is set forth below.

### Major Units of Government

**The City of Chicago** (referred to herein as, the "City" or the "City of Chicago") is a home rule unit of government under the Illinois Constitution and was incorporated in 1837. The City is governed by the Mayor (the "Mayor"), who is elected at-large for a four-year term, and a City Council (the "City Council"). The City Council consists of 50 aldermen each representing one of the City's 50 wards, elected for four-year terms.

**The Chicago Park District** (the "Park District") has boundaries coterminous with the City and is responsible for the maintenance and operation of parks, boulevards, marinas and certain other public property within the City. The Park District is governed by a seven-member board, appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council.

**Community College District Number 508** (the "Community College District") is responsible for maintaining and operating a system of community colleges within the City. The governing body is a board of seven trustees appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council.

**The County of Cook** (the "County") is a home rule unit of government under the Illinois Constitution, and includes virtually all of the City, plus numerous surrounding suburbs and unincorporated areas. The County is governed by a board of 17 Commissioners, each elected for four-year terms from one of 17 districts. The President of the County Board of Commissioners is elected by the voters of the entire County. The voters of the entire County also elect a number of other County Officials, including the County Sheriff, the County Assessor, the County Clerk, the State's Attorney and the County Treasurer. The County is primarily responsible for the



operation of the criminal justice system, the provision of health care services and numerous functions relating to property tax administration.

**The Forest Preserve District of Cook County** (the “Forest Preserve District”) has boundaries coterminous with the County and is responsible for establishing, maintaining and operating forest preserves within the County. The governing body is composed of the members of the County Board of Commissioners, chaired by the President of the County Board of Commissioners.

**The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago** (the “Water Reclamation District”), formerly known as the Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago, includes virtually all of the City and most of the County. The Water Reclamation District constructs, maintains and operates sewage treatment plants and certain sanitary sewers. In addition, the Water Reclamation District constructs and maintains drainage outlets. The Water Reclamation District is governed by a nine-member board elected at-large by the voters of the Water Reclamation District.

### **Interrelationships of These Bodies**

The overlapping governmental taxing bodies described above and the Chicago School Finance Authority, described below, share in varying degrees a common property tax base with the Board. See “BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO – Outstanding Debt Obligations – Board’s Overlapping Debt Schedule.” However each such public body is a separate and distinct governmental unit. The financial condition of any such body does not imply the same condition for the Board.

### **Other Public Bodies**

Other governmental bodies in the Board’s geographical boundaries are described below. These governmental bodies are authorized to issue debt obligations, but are not authorized to levy real property taxes.

**The Public Building Commission of Chicago** (the “PBC”) is a municipal corporation authorized to acquire, construct and improve public buildings and facilities for use by one or more of the local governmental units. The PBC issues bonds to finance its various projects and then leases its facilities to certain governmental units. At present, the Board leases substantially all school buildings and facilities from the PBC. Several other of the major governmental units described above also lease facilities from the PBC. See “BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO – Outstanding Debt Obligations – Board’s Overlapping Debt Schedule.”

The Mayor, also one of the members of the PBC, appoints six of the 10 additional members of the PBC. Currently, a member of the Board is one of these members. The presiding officers of the Park District and the Water Reclamation District each appoint one member while the County appoints two members. The PBC is not authorized to levy real property or other taxes, but the public bodies which lease facilities from the PBC, including the Board, levy real property taxes to make the required lease rental payments.

**The Chicago Transit Authority** (the “CTA”) is a municipal corporation empowered to acquire, construct, own, operate and maintain a transportation system in the City and portions of the County. The CTA is governed by a seven-member board. Four members are appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council, and three members are appointed by the Governor with the approval of the State Senate. The CTA board elects a Chairman from its members who serves for a term of three years. The CTA is funded in part by the RTA sales tax described below and by \$1.50 per \$500 of transfer price on real property sold within the City of Chicago.

**The Regional Transportation Authority** (the “RTA”) is a municipal corporation authorized to provide planning, funding, coordination and fiscal oversight of three separately governed operating entities which provide public mass transportation services in a six-county area of northeastern Illinois, including Cook County. These include the CTA, METRA, the suburban rail division, and PACE, the suburban bus division. The RTA is governed by a 13-member board, consisting of City and suburban members appointed by elected officials in the six-county RTA region. The RTA is primarily funded by taxes imposed by the RTA on retail sales in the six-county area, and an amount from the State equal to one-fourth of the sales taxes collected in the region by the State. The RTA is also authorized to impose, but does not presently impose, taxes on automobile rentals, motor fuel and off-street parking facilities. By law, motor fuel and off-street parking taxes may not be imposed concurrently with sales taxes.

**The Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority** (the “MPEA”) is a municipal corporation which owns and operates the McCormick Place convention and exposition facilities and Navy Pier. MPEA has previously issued revenue bonds to finance its projects. MPEA is governed by a 16-member board, six of whom are appointed by the Governor, with the approval of the State Senate, and six of whom are appointed by the Mayor. The Mayor also appoints, with the approval of the Governor, one additional member who also serves as Chairman of MPEA. The Chief Executive Officer of the MPEA is appointed by the Governor, with the approval of the Mayor. MPEA receives revenue from the operation of its facilities and from the imposition of sales and other consumption-related taxes.

Various authorities have been created under Illinois law to facilitate the financing of educational facilities, health facilities, highways, housing, industrial development, sports facilities, port facilities and other activities. These authorities are not authorized to levy real property taxes.

### **Chicago School Finance Authority**

**Establishment.** In 1979 and early 1980, the Board experienced severe financial difficulties. In January 1980, as part of a plan to address these financial difficulties, the Illinois General Assembly established the Chicago School Finance Authority (the “Authority”). The Authority is governed by a five-member board of directors: two directors are appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Governor; two directors are appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Mayor; the Chairman is appointed jointly by the Governor and the Mayor. The Authority will remain in existence until one year after all bonds and notes issued by it have been discharged. The final payment of principal and interest on outstanding bonds issued by the Authority occurred on June 1, 2009.

**Financial Oversight and Control Powers.** Prior to the adoption of the 1995 Amending Act, the Authority was authorized to exercise certain financial oversight and control powers with respect to the Board. Effective with the passage of the 1995 Amending Act, the Authority's financial oversight and control powers were suspended until July 1, 1999. The suspension of these oversight and control powers was extended until December 31, 2010, but will become inoperable if the Authority ceases to exist prior to that date (see preceding paragraph).

**Debt Obligations.** Since 1980, the Authority issued \$1,256,215,000 of its general obligation bonds to provide the Board with moneys for operating purposes, school rehabilitation and school construction purposes, working cash purposes and to refinance short-term debt obligations and to refund outstanding bonds of the Authority. See APPENDIX A – “Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2008,” for a more complete description of the uses of the proceeds of the various series of bonds issued by the Authority. As of the date of this Official Statement, there are no bonds outstanding, net of bonds defeased. For additional information, see “BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO – Outstanding Debt Obligations – Board's Overlapping Debt Schedule.”

## **THE REAL PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM**

### **Real Property, Assessment, Tax Levy and Collection Procedures**

**General.** The following is a general summary of the real property assessment, taxing, and collection procedures applicable to the School District and counties in which it is located. As described under “SECURITY FOR THE BONDS – Pledged Taxes,” the Pledged Taxes, to the extent they are levied and collected, will be derived from the proceeds of *ad valorem* taxes levied by the Board on all taxable property within the School District.

Substantially all (approximately 99.99%) of the “Equalized Assessed Valuation” (described below) of taxable property in the School District is located in Cook County (the “County”). The remainder is located in DuPage County. Accordingly, unless otherwise indicated, the information set forth under this caption and elsewhere in this Official Statement with respect to taxable property of the School District does not reflect the portion situated in DuPage County. The Illinois laws relating to real property are contained in the Illinois Property Tax Code, 35 ILCS 200/1-1, et seq., as amended (the “Property Tax Code”).

**Assessment.** The Cook County Assessor (the “Assessor”) is responsible for the assessment of all taxable real property within the County, except for certain railroad property and pollution control equipment assessed directly by the State. One-third of the real property in the County is reassessed each year on a repeating triennial schedule established by the Assessor. The City was reassessed in tax year 2006 and will be reassessed in 2009. The suburbs in the northern and northwestern portions of the County were reassessed in tax year 2007. The suburbs in the western and southern portions of the County were reassessed in tax year 2008.

Pursuant to the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance (the “Classification Ordinance”), real property in the County is separated into various classifications for assessment purposes. After the Assessor establishes the fair cash value of a parcel of land,

that value is multiplied by one of the classification percentages to arrive at the assessed valuation (the “Assessed Valuation”) for the parcel. The current classification percentages range from 10 to 25 percent depending on the type of property (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial) and whether it qualified for certain incentives for reduced rates.

The Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted various amendments to the County’s Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance (the “Classification Ordinance”), pursuant to which the Assessed Valuation of real property is established. Among other things, these amendments have reduced certain property classification percentages, lengthened certain renewal periods of classifications and created new property classifications.

The Assessor has established procedures enabling taxpayers to contest their tentative Assessed Valuations. Once the Assessor certifies final Assessed Valuations, a taxpayer can seek review of its assessment by filing a complaint with the Cook County Board of Review (the “Board of Review”). The Board of Review consists of three commissioners, each elected by an election district in Cook County. The Board of Review is empowered to review and adjust Assessed Valuations set by the Assessor.

Owners of property are able to appeal decisions of the Board of Review to the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board (the “PTAB”), a state-wide administrative body, or to the Circuit Court of Cook County (the “Circuit Court”). The PTAB has the power to determine the Assessed Valuation of real property based on equity and the weight of the evidence. Based on the amount of the proposed change in assessed valuation, taxpayers may appeal decisions of the PTAB to either the Circuit Court or the Illinois Appellate Court under the Illinois Administrative Review Law.

In a series of recent PTAB decisions, the PTAB reduced the assessed valuations of certain commercial and industrial property in the County based upon the application of median levels of assessment derived from Illinois Department of Revenue sales-ratio studies instead of utilizing the assessment percentages provided in the Classification Ordinance. On appeal, the Illinois Appellate Court determined that it was improper for the PTAB, on its own initiative, to use the sales-ratio studies when such studies were not even raised as an issue by the taxpayer before the Board of Review or in its appeal to the PTAB.

The Appellate Court decisions do not preclude a taxpayer in a properly presented case from introducing into evidence sales-ratio studies for the purpose of obtaining an assessment below that which would result from application of the Classification Ordinance. No prediction can be made whether any currently pending or future case would be successful. The Board believes that the impact of any such case on the Board would be minimal, as the Board’s ability to levy or collect real property taxes would be unaffected.

As an alternative to seeking review of Assessed Valuations by the PTAB, taxpayers who have first exhausted their remedies before the Board of Review and have fully and timely paid their taxes may file an objection in the Circuit Court of Cook County. In addition, in cases where the Assessor agrees that an assessment error has been made after tax bills have been issued, the Assessor can correct the Assessed Value, and thus reduce the amount of taxes due, by issuing a Certificate of Error.

All reviews of assessments, whether before the Board of Review, the PTAB or the courts are decided on a case-by-case basis.

**Equalization.** After the Assessed Valuation for each parcel of real estate in a county has been determined for a given year (including any revisions made by the Board of Review), the Illinois Department of Revenue reviews the assessments and determines an equalization factor (the “Equalization Factor”), commonly called the “multiplier,” for each county. The purpose of equalization is to bring the aggregate assessed value of all real estate in each county, except certain farmland and undeveloped coal, to the statutory requirement of 33-1/3% of estimated fair cash value. Adjustments in Assessed Valuation made by the PTAB or the courts are not reflected in the Equalization Factor. The Assessed Valuation of each parcel of real estate in the County is multiplied by the County’s Equalization Factor to determine the parcel’s equalized assessed valuation (the “Equalized Assessed Valuation”).

The Equalized Assessed Valuation for each parcel is the final property valuation used for determination of tax liability. The aggregate Equalized Assessed Valuation for all parcels in any taxing body’s jurisdiction, after reduction for all applicable exemptions, plus the valuation of property assessed directly by the State, constitutes the total real estate tax base for the taxing body and is the figure used to calculate tax rates (the “Assessment Base”). The Equalization Factor for a given year is used in computing the taxes extended for collection in the following year. The Equalized Assessed Valuation used to determine any applicable tax limits is the one for the immediately preceding year and not the current year. See “– Property Tax Extension Limitation Law; Issuance of Alternate Bonds” below. For a listing of the Equalization Factors for the ten years ended December 31, 2007, see “– Property Tax Information – Assessed, Equalized Assessed and Estimated Value of All Taxable Property 1998-2007.”

**Exemptions.** The Illinois Constitution allows homestead exemptions for residential property. Pursuant to the Illinois Property Tax Code, property must be occupied by the owner as a principal residence on January 1 of the tax year for which the exemption will be claimed. The annual general homestead exemption provides for the reduction of the Equalized Assessed Valuation (“EAV”) of certain property owned and used exclusively for residential purposes by the amount of the increase over the 1977 EAV, up to a maximum reduction of \$6,000. There is an additional homestead exemption for senior citizens (individuals at least 65 years of age), for whom the Assessor is authorized to reduce the EAV by \$4,000. An additional exemption is available for homes owned and exclusively used for residential purposes by disabled veterans or their spouses, for whom the Assessor is authorized to annually exempt up to \$70,000 of the Assessed Valuation. An exemption is available for homestead improvements by an owner of a single family residence of up to \$75,000 of the increase in the fair cash value of a home due to certain home improvements to an existing structure for at least four years from the date the improvement is completed and occupied. Senior citizens whose household income is \$55,000 or less, and who are either the owner of record or have a legal or equitable interest in the property, qualify to have the EAV of their property frozen in the year in which they first qualify for the so-called “freeze” and each year thereafter in which the qualifying criteria are maintained.

On July 12, 2004, the Property Tax Code was amended to permit each county in the State, by enacting an ordinance within six (6) months of the effective date of the law, to limit future increases in the taxable value of residential property in such a county to an annual increase

of not more than 7% per year. This is known as the Alternative Homestead Exemption. Upon adoption of such an ordinance, homestead property will generally be entitled to an annual homestead exemption equal to the difference between the property's EAV and the property's "adjusted homestead value." The County adopted an ordinance electing to be governed by this law. The exemption provided for under this law cannot exceed \$20,000 in any taxable year. The purpose of the law is to reduce the increase in the taxable value of residential property that otherwise occurs when home values rise rapidly.

In 2007, the Alternative Homestead Exemption law enacted in 2004 was allowed to sunset. Later in 2007, Public Act 95-0644 was enacted, which extends the Alternative Homestead Exemption law for an additional three years, subject to certain provisions and adjustments to the prior law. Pursuant to Public Act 95-0644, the maximum exemption will be \$33,000 in EAV in the first year, decreasing to \$26,000 in the second year, and \$20,000 in EAV in the third or final year. In the County, this increased exemption will be "phased in" over a three-year period: 2006 through 2008 in the City, 2007 through 2009 in the northern and northwestern portions of the County, and 2008 through 2010 in the western and southern portions of the County. Upon the expiration of the extension of the Alternative Homestead Exemption law authorized by Public Act 95-0644, the above-described general homestead exemption will apply.

The Board believes that the primary impact of the Alternative General Homestead Exemption will be to grant some tax relief to residential property owners who experience a large increase in the assessed value of their residences in the applicable years by effectively shifting the tax burden to residential properties that have not had such large increases in assessed valuation and to industrial, commercial and other non-residential properties. At this time, secondary impacts cannot be determined.

Aside from homestead exemptions, upon application, review and approval by the Board of Review, or upon an appeal to the Illinois Department of Revenue, there are exemptions generally available for properties of religious, charitable, and educational organizations, as well as units of federal, state and local governments.

Additionally, counties have been authorized to create special property tax exemptions in long-established residential areas or in areas of deteriorated, vacant or abandoned homes and properties. Under such an exemption, long-time, residential owner-occupants in eligible areas would be entitled to a deferral or exemption from that portion of property taxes resulting from an increase in market value because of refurbishment or renovation of other residences or construction of new residences in the area. On June 5, 2001, the County enacted the Longtime Homeowner Ordinance, which provides property tax relief from dramatic rises in property taxes directly or indirectly attributable to gentrification in the form of an exemption. This is generally applicable to homeowners; (i) who have resided in their homes for 10 consecutive years (or five consecutive years for homeowners who have received assistance in the acquisition of the property as part of a government or nonprofit housing program), (ii) whose annual household income for the year of the homeowner's triennial assessment does not exceed 115 percent of the Chicago Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area median income as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, (iii) whose property has increased in assessed value to a level exceeding 150 percent of the current average assessed value for properties in the

assessment district where the property is located, and (iv) who, for any triennial assessment cycle, did not cause a substantial improvement which resulted in an increase in the property's fair cash value in excess of the \$45,000 allowance set forth in the Property Tax Code.

**Tax Levy.** There are over 800 units of local government (the "Units") located in whole or in part in the County that have taxing power. The major Units having taxing power over property within the County include the Board, the City, the Park District, the Authority, the Community College District, the Water Reclamation District, the County and the Forest Preserve District.

As part of the annual budgetary process of the Units, each year in which the determination is made to levy real estate taxes, proceedings are adopted by the governing body of each Unit. The tax levy proceedings impose the Units' respective real estate taxes in terms of a dollar amount. Each Unit certifies its real estate tax levy, as established by the proceedings, to the County Clerk's Office. The remaining administration and collection of the real estate taxes is statutorily assigned to the County Clerk and the County Treasurer, who is also the County Collector.

After the Units file their annual tax levies, the County Clerk computes the annual tax rate for each Unit by dividing the levy of each Unit by the Assessment Base of the respective Unit. If any tax rate thus calculated or any component of such a tax rate (such as a levy for a particular fund) exceeds any applicable statutory rate limit, the County Clerk disregards the excessive rate and applies the maximum rate permitted by law.

The County Clerk then computes the total tax rate applicable to each parcel of real property by aggregating the tax rates of all the Units having jurisdiction over the particular parcel. The County Clerk enters in the books prepared for the County Collector (the "Warrant Books") the tax (determined by multiplying that total tax rate by the Equalized Assessed Valuation of that parcel), along with the tax rates, the Assessed Valuation and the Equalized Assessed Valuation. The Warrant Books are the County Collector's authority for the collection of taxes and are used by the County Collector as the basis for issuing tax bills to all property owners.

**Collection.** Property taxes are collected by the County Collector, who remits to each Unit its share of the collections. Taxes levied in one year become payable during the following year in two installments, the first always due on March 1 and the second due on the later of August 1 or 30 days after the mailing of the tax bills. The first installment is an estimated bill equal to one-half of the prior year's tax bill. The second installment is for the balance of the current year's tax bill, and is based on the current levy, assessed value and Equalization Factor and applicable tax rates, and reflects any changes from the prior year in those factors. Over the last 10 years, the second installment "penalty date" (that is, the date after which interest is due on unpaid amounts) has not been later than November 16; and the date for tax year 2007 was November 3, 2008. It is possible that delays in the assessment process or changes to the assessment appeal process described above will cause delays in the preparation and mailing of second installment tax bills in future years.

The County may provide for tax bills to be payable in four installments instead of two. The County has not determined to require payment of tax bills in four installments. During the periods of peak collections, tax receipts are forwarded to each Unit weekly.

At the end of each collection year, the County Collector presents the Warrant Books to the Circuit Court and applies for a judgment for all unpaid taxes. The court order resulting from the application for judgment provides for an annual sale of all unpaid taxes shown on the year's Warrant Books (the "Annual Tax Sale"). The Annual Tax Sale is a public sale, at which time successful tax buyers pay the unpaid taxes plus penalties. Unpaid taxes accrue penalties at the rate of 1.5% per month from their due date until the date of sale. Taxpayers can redeem their property by paying the amount paid at the sale, plus a maximum of 18% for each six-month period after the sale. If no redemption is made within the applicable redemption period (ranging from six months to two and one-half years depending on the type and occupancy of the property) and the tax buyer files a petition in Circuit Court, notifying the necessary parties in accordance with applicable law, the tax buyer receives a deed to the property. In addition, there are miscellaneous statutory provisions for foreclosure of tax liens.

If there is no sale of the tax lien on a parcel of property at the Annual Tax Sale, the taxes are forfeited to the State and are eligible to be purchased "over the counter" at any time thereafter at an amount equal to all delinquent taxes, interest and certain other costs to the date of purchase. Redemption periods and procedures are the same as applicable to the Annual Tax Sale, except that a different penalty rate may apply depending on the length of the redemption period.

A scavenger sale (the "Scavenger Sale"), like the Annual Tax Sale, is a sale of unpaid taxes. A Scavenger Sale is scheduled to be held by Cook County every two years on all property in which taxes are delinquent for two or more years. The sale price of the unpaid taxes is the amount bid at the Scavenger Sale, which may be substantially less than the amount of the delinquent taxes. Redemption periods vary from six months to two and one-half years depending upon the type and occupancy of the property.

### **Property Tax Extension Limitation Law; Issuance of Alternate Bonds**

The Illinois Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (the "Limitation Law"), previously applicable only to non-home rule taxing districts located in DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties, was extended in 1995 to non-home rule taxing districts in Cook County, including the Board. The effects of the Limitation Law are to limit or retard the growth in the amount of property taxes that can be extended for a non-home rule taxing body and to impose direct referendum requirements upon the issuance of certain types of general obligation bonds by such non-home rule taxing bodies.

The Limitation Law specifically limits the annual growth in property tax extensions for the Board to the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers during the calendar year preceding the relevant tax levy year. Generally, extensions can be increased beyond this limitation only due to increases in the Equalized Assessed Valuation attributable to new construction and referendum approval of tax or limitation rate increases.



The Limitation Law requires the Cook County Clerk, in extending taxes for taxing districts in Cook County, including the Board, to use the Equalized Assessed Valuation of all property within the taxing district for the levy year prior to the levy year for which taxes are then being extended.

The Limitation Law (i) authorizes the issuance of “limited bonds” payable from non-home rule taxing districts’ “debt service extension base”; and (ii) excludes certain types of general obligation bonds, known as “alternate bonds” issued pursuant to Section 15 of the Debt Reform Act, from the direct referendum requirements of the Limitation Law. Pursuant to the provisions of this amendatory legislation and the Debt Reform Act, the Bonds are being issued as Alternate Bonds. The extension and collection of the Pledged Taxes, to the extent received, for the payment of debt service on the Bonds are not limited or restricted in any way by the provisions of the Limitation Law.

### **Illinois Truth in Taxation Law**

The Illinois Truth in Taxation Law imposes procedural limitations on a Unit’s real estate taxing powers and requires that notice in the prescribed form must be published if the aggregate annual levy is estimated to exceed 105% of the levy of the preceding year, exclusive of levies for debt service, election cost and payments due under public building commission leases. A public hearing must also be held, which may not be in conjunction with the budget hearing of the Unit on the adoption of the Unit’s annual levy. No amount in excess of 105% of the preceding year’s levy may be used as the basis for issuing tax bills to property owners unless the levy is accompanied by a certification of compliance with the foregoing procedures. This law does not impose any limitations on the rate or the amount of the levy to pay principal of and interest on the Unit’s general obligation bonds and notes.

### **Bond Issue Notification Act**

The Bond Issue Notification Act (the “Bond Issue Notification Act”) requires a public hearing to be held by any governmental unit proposing to sell non-referendum general obligation bonds or limited bonds subject to backdoor referendum. The public hearing is intended to require the governing body approving the bond issue to explain the reasons for the proposed issuance and allow persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present written or oral testimony. The Bond Issue Notification Act does not require a public hearing in connection with the issuance of refunding bonds, such as the Bonds.

### **Property Tax Information**

The tables on the following pages provide statistical data regarding the property tax base of the Board and the City; the tax rates, tax levies and tax collections for the Board; and the tax levies and property tax supported debt for overlapping units of government in Cook County.

**Assessed, Equalized Assessed and Estimated Value of All Taxable Property 1998-2007**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

Tax Year Levy <sup>(9)</sup>	Assessed Values <sup>(1)</sup>				State Equalization Factor <sup>(2)</sup>	Total Equalized Assessed Value <sup>(3)</sup>	Total Estimated Fair Cash Value <sup>(4)</sup>	Total Equalized Assessed Value as a Percentage of Total Estimated Fair Cash Value
	Class 2 <sup>(5)</sup>	Class 3 <sup>(6)</sup>	Class 5 <sup>(7)</sup>	Other <sup>(8)</sup>				
2007	\$18,937,256	\$1,768,927	\$12,239,086	\$678,196	2.8439	\$73,645,316	Not available	Not available
2006	18,521,873	2,006,898	12,157,199	688,818	2.7076	69,511,192	\$329,770,733	21.08%
2005	13,420,538	1,842,613	10,502,698	462,099	2.7320	59,304,530	283,137,884	20.95
2004	12,998,216	1,883,047	10,401,428	465,464	2.5757	55,283,639	262,080,627	21.09
2003	12,677,199	2,233,572	10,303,731	487,680	2.4598	53,168,632	263,482,258	20.18
2002	9,221,622	1,865,646	8,878,142	349,371	2.4689	45,330,892	189,362,475	23.94
2001	8,973,796	1,923,257	8,757,366	354,036	2.3098	41,981,912	164,572,708	25.51
2000	8,758,682	1,966,921	8,807,444	342,942	2.2235	40,480,077	165,520,130	24.46
1999	6,777,400	2,021,411	7,910,838	282,255	2.2505	35,354,802	124,544,158	28.39
1998	6,646,198	2,047,577	7,848,335	267,006	2.1799	33,940,146	112,606,894	30.16

- (1) Source: Cook County Assessor's Office.
- (2) Source: Illinois Department of Revenue.
- (3) Source: Cook County Clerk's Office. Calculations are net of exemptions and include assessment of pollution control facilities. Excludes DuPage County Valuation.
- (4) Source: The Civic Federation. Excludes railroad property.
- (5) Residential, six units and under.
- (6) Residential, seven units and over and mixed-use.
- (7) Industrial/Commercial.
- (8) Vacant, not-for-profit and industrial/commercial incentive classes.
- (9) Triennial updates of assessed valuation occurred in years 1997, 2000, 2003 and 2006.

**Board's Property Tax Extensions and Collections**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

Levy Year <sup>(2)</sup>	Extension	First Year Collections		Cumulative Collections <sup>(1)</sup>	
		Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
2008	\$2,070,834	\$ 910,636	44.0%	\$ 910,636	44.0%
2007	1,981,221	1,809,396	91.3	1,832,164	92.5
2006	1,874,750	1,644,937	87.7	1,840,883	98.2
2005	1,794,063	1,728,522	96.3	1,757,656	98.0
2004	1,716,111	1,565,982	91.3	1,689,178	98.4
2003	1,670,337	1,500,238	89.8	1,626,701	97.4
2002	1,614,473	1,548,369	95.9	1,581,638	98.0
2001	1,571,962	1,519,630	96.7	1,548,319	98.5
2000	1,503,488	1,446,847	96.2	1,467,978	97.6
1999	1,451,206	1,408,124	97.0	1,424,682	98.2

Source: Board of Education of the City of Chicago

(1) Tax receivables is net of Estimated Allowance for Uncollectible taxes (the "Allowance"). The Allowance for the calendar year 2003 levy is 3.5% of the levy.

(2) The 2008 tax extension year reflects collections through June 30, 2009.

**Real Property Tax Rates**  
(per \$100 equalized assessed valuation)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Tax Rates by Board Fund:</b>										
Educational	\$3.059	\$3.000	\$2.756	\$2.712	\$2.670	\$2.258	\$2.301	\$2.142	\$2.078	\$2.376
School District Medicare <sup>(1)</sup>	0.044	0.048	0.047	0.031	0.017	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Workers' and Unemployment Compensation Tort Immunity	0.192	0.206	0.141	0.191	0.150	0.219	0.131	0.228	0.021	0.191
PBC Operation and Maintenance <sup>(2)</sup>	0.722	0.701	0.640	0.685	0.609	0.565	0.576	0.565	0.521	0.000
Bond Redemption & Interest	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
PBC Lease Rentals	<u>0.155</u>	<u>0.149</u>	<u>0.130</u>	<u>0.125</u>	<u>0.116</u>	<u>0.100</u>	<u>0.096</u>	<u>0.091</u>	<u>0.077</u>	<u>0.160</u>
Board Subtotal	<u>\$4.172</u>	<u>\$4.104</u>	<u>\$3.714</u>	<u>\$3.744</u>	<u>\$3.562</u>	<u>\$3.142</u>	<u>\$3.104</u>	<u>\$3.026</u>	<u>\$2.697</u>	<u>\$2.727</u>
<b>Other Major Government Units:</b>										
City of Chicago	\$1.998	\$1.860	\$1.660	\$1.637	\$1.591	\$1.380	\$1.302	\$1.243	\$1.062	\$1.044
Community College District	0.354	0.347	0.311	0.307	0.280	0.246	0.242	0.234	0.205	0.159
School Finance Authority	0.268	0.255	0.223	0.223	0.177	0.151	0.177	0.127	0.118	0.091
Chicago Park District	0.653	0.627	0.572	0.567	0.545	0.464	0.455	0.443	0.379	0.355
Water Reclamation District	0.444	0.419	0.415	0.401	0.371	0.361	0.347	0.315	0.284	0.263
Cook County	0.911	0.854	0.824	0.746	0.690	0.630	0.593	0.533	0.500	0.466
Cook County Forest Preserve	<u>0.072</u>	<u>0.070</u>	<u>0.069</u>	<u>0.067</u>	<u>0.061</u>	<u>0.059</u>	<u>0.060</u>	<u>0.060</u>	<u>0.057</u>	<u>0.053</u>
Other Unit Subtotal	<u>\$4.700</u>	<u>\$4.432</u>	<u>\$4.074</u>	<u>\$3.948</u>	<u>\$3.715</u>	<u>\$3.291</u>	<u>\$3.176</u>	<u>\$2.955</u>	<u>\$2.605</u>	<u>\$2.431</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$8.872</u>	<u>\$8.536</u>	<u>\$7.788</u>	<u>\$7.692</u>	<u>\$7.277</u>	<u>\$6.433</u>	<u>\$6.280</u>	<u>\$5.981</u>	<u>\$5.302</u>	<u>\$5.158</u>

Source: Cook County Clerk's Office – tax rates by levy year.

(1) Beginning fiscal year 2004, the tax levy for Medicare has been consolidated with the Education tax rate.

(2) Beginning fiscal year 2008, the tax levy for PBC Operations & Maintenance has been consolidated with the Education tax rate.

## **TAX EXEMPTION**

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

Bond Counsel is of the opinion that under existing law, interest on the Bonds is not includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes. If there is continuing compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “Code”), Bond Counsel is of the opinion that interest on the Bonds will continue to be excluded from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes. Bond Counsel is further of the opinion that interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference for purposes of computing individual or corporate alternative minimum taxable income and is not taken into account when computing corporate alternative minimum taxable income for purposes of the corporate alternative minimum tax. Interest on the Bonds is not exempt from Illinois income taxes.

The Code contains certain requirements that must be satisfied from and after the date of issuance of the Bonds in order to preserve the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Bonds. These requirements relate to the use and investment of the proceeds of the Bonds, the payment of certain amounts to the United States, the security and source of payment of the Bonds and the use of the property financed with the proceeds of the Bonds.

### **Bonds Purchased at a Premium or at a Discount**

The difference (if any) between the initial price at which a substantial amount of each maturity of the Bonds is sold to the public (the “Offering Price”) and the principal amount payable at maturity of such Bonds is given special treatment for Federal income tax purposes. If the Offering Price is higher than the maturity value of the Bond, the difference between the two is known as the “bond premium;” if the Offering Price is lower than the maturity value of a Bond, the difference between the two is known as “original issue discount”.

Bond premium and original issue discount are amortized over the term of a Bond (or shorter period, as provided in the Income Tax Regulations) on the basis of the owner’s yield from the date of purchase to the date of maturity, compounded at the end of each accrual period of one year or less with straight line interpolation between compounding dates, as provided more specifically in the Income Tax Regulations. The amount of bond premium accruing during each period is treated as an offset against interest paid on the Bond and is subtracted from the owner’s tax basis in the Bond. The amount of original issue discount accruing during each period is treated as interest that is excludable from the gross income of the owner of such Bond for Federal income tax purposes, to the same extent and with the same limitations as current interest, and is added to the owner’s tax basis in the Bond. A Bond’s adjusted tax basis is used to determine whether, and to what extent, the owner realizes taxable gain or loss upon the disposition of the Bond (whether by reason of sale, acceleration, redemption prior to maturity or payment at maturity of the Bond).

Owners who purchase Bonds at a price other than the Offering Price, after the termination of the initial public offering or at a market discount should consult their tax advisors

with respect to the tax consequences of their ownership of the Bonds. In addition, owners of Bonds should consult their tax advisors with respect to the state and local tax consequences of owning the Bonds; under the applicable provisions of state or local income tax law, bond premium and original issue discount may give rise to taxable income at different times and in different amounts than they do for Federal income tax purposes.

### **Exclusion from Gross Income: Requirements**

The Code sets forth certain requirements that must be satisfied on a continuing basis in order to preserve the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Bonds. Among these requirements are the following:

***Limitations on Private Use.*** The Code includes limitations on the amount of Bond proceeds that may be used in the trade or business of, or used to make or finance loans to, persons other than governmental units.

***Investment Restrictions.*** Except during certain “temporary periods,” proceeds of the Bonds and investment earnings thereon (other than amounts held in a reasonably required reserve or replacement fund, if any, or as part of a “minor portion”) may generally not be invested in investments having a yield that is “materially higher” (1/8 of one percent) than the yield on the Bonds.

***Rebate of Arbitrage Profit.*** Unless the Board qualifies for an exemption, earnings from the investment of the “gross proceeds” of the Bonds in excess of the earnings that would have been realized if such investments had been made at a yield equal to the yield on the Bonds are required to be paid to the United States at periodic intervals. For this purpose, the term “gross proceeds” includes the original proceeds of the Bonds, amounts received as a result of investing such proceeds and amounts to be used to pay debt service on the Bonds.

### **Covenants to Comply**

The Board has covenanted in the Indenture to comply with the requirements of the Code relating to the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Bonds.

### **Risks of Non-Compliance**

In the event that the Board fails to comply with the requirements of the Code, interest on the Bonds may become includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issue. In such event, the Indenture requires neither acceleration of payment of principal of, or interest on, the Bonds nor payment of any additional interest or penalties to the owners of the Bonds.

### **Federal Income Tax Consequences**

Pursuant to Section 103 of the Code, interest on the Bonds is not includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes. However, the Code contains a number of other provisions relating to the treatment of interest on the Bonds that may

affect the taxation of certain types of owners, depending on their particular tax situations. Some of the potentially applicable federal income tax provisions are described in general terms below. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS CONCERNING THE PARTICULAR FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR OWNERSHIP OF THE BONDS.

***Cost of Carry.*** Owners of the Bonds will generally be denied a deduction for otherwise deductible interest on any debt which is treated for federal income tax purposes as incurred or continued to purchase or carry the Bonds. As discussed below, special allocation rules apply to financial institutions.

***Individual Owners.*** Receipt of interest on the Bonds may increase the amount of social security and railroad retirement benefits included in the gross income of the recipients thereof for federal income tax purposes.

***Certain Blue Cross or Blue Shield Organizations.*** Receipt of interest on the Bonds may reduce a special deduction otherwise available to certain Blue Cross or Blue Shield organizations.

***Property or Casualty Insurance Companies.*** Receipt of interest on the Bonds may reduce otherwise deductible underwriting losses of a property or casualty insurance company.

***Financial Institutions.*** Financial institutions may be denied a deduction for their otherwise allowable interest expense in an amount determined by reference, in part, to their adjusted basis in the Bonds.

***Foreign Personal Holding Company Income.*** A United States shareholder of a foreign personal holding company may realize taxable income to the extent that interest on the Bonds held by such a company is properly allocable to the shareholder.

***Change in Law.*** The opinion of Bond Counsel and the descriptions of the tax law contained in this Official Statement are based on statutes, judicial decisions, regulations, rulings and other official interpretations of law in existence on the date the Bonds are issued. There can be no assurance that such law or the interpretation thereof will not be changed or that new provisions of law will not be enacted or promulgated at any time while the Bonds are outstanding in a manner that would adversely affect the value or the tax treatment of ownership of the Bonds.

## RATINGS

The Bonds have been assigned the underlying ratings of “AA-” by Standard & Poor’s, a Division of The McGraw Hill Companies, Inc. (“Standard & Poor’s”), “A+” by Fitch Ratings (“Fitch”) and “A1” by Moody’s Investor Service (“Moody’s”) based on the credit of the Board.

The Insured Bonds are expected to be assigned the ratings of “AAA” by Standard & Poor’s, “AA” by Fitch and “Aa2” by Moody’s based on the delivery of the Bond Insurance Policy by Assured Guaranty at the time of delivery of the Insured Bonds.

A rating reflects only the view of the rating agency giving such rating. Any explanation of the significance of such ratings may be obtained only from the respective rating agency. There is no assurance that any such rating will be maintained for any given period of time or that any such rating may not be raised, lowered or withdrawn entirely by the respective rating agency if in its judgment circumstances so warrant. Any change in or withdrawal of any such rating may have an effect on the price at which the Bonds may be resold.

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

The financial statements of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, included in APPENDIX A to this Official Statement have been audited by McGladrey & Pullen, LLP, independent auditors, as stated in their report appearing herein.

### **FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

The Board has engaged A.C. Advisory, Inc. in connection with the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds. The Financial Advisor has provided advice on the plan of financing and structure of the Bonds and has reviewed certain legal documents, including this Official Statement, with respect to financial matters. Unless indicated to the contrary, the Financial Advisor has not independently verified the factual information contained in this Official Statement, but has relied on the information supplied by the Board and other sources.

### **UNDERWRITING**

Cabrera Capital Markets, LLC, as Representative of the Underwriters identified on the cover page of this Official Statement (the "Underwriters"), has agreed to purchase the Bonds at an aggregate purchase price of \$79,685,100.12 (which represents par plus a net premium of \$4,238,498.45, less an Underwriters' discount of \$273,398.33). The Bonds will be offered to the public at the prices as set forth on the inside cover page of this Official Statement. The Underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the Bonds if any are purchased. The Underwriters reserve the right to join with dealers and other underwriters in offering a Series of Bonds to the public.

The obligation of the Underwriters to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds is subject to various conditions set forth in the Contract of Purchase to the Bonds. The Underwriters have agreed to purchase, including, among others, the delivery of specified opinions of counsel and a certificate of the Board that there has been no material adverse changes in its conditions (financial or otherwise) from that set forth in this Official Statement.

### **CERTAIN LEGAL MATTERS**

Issuance of the Bonds is subject to the issuance of the approving legal opinion of Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, Chicago, Illinois, as Bond Counsel. The proposed form of such opinion is included herein as APPENDIX C. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Board by Patrick A. Rocks, the Board's General Counsel, and by its special counsel, Charity & Associates, P.C., Chicago, Illinois, and for the Underwriters by their counsel, Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP, Chicago, Illinois.

## LITIGATION

### General

The Board is involved in numerous lawsuits that arise out of the ordinary course of operating the school system, including, but not limited to, the lawsuits described in this Official Statement. Some of the cases pending against the Board involve claims for substantial monies. As is true with any complex litigation, neither the Board nor its counsel is able to predict either the eventual outcome of such litigation or its impact on the Board's finances. The Board has available to it a tort liability tax levy to pay tort judgments and settlements. This tort liability tax levy is unlimited as to rate, but subject to the limitations on the annual growth in property tax extensions of the Board imposed by the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law of the State, as amended. See "THE REAL PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM – Property Tax Extension Limitation Law; Issuance of Alternate Bonds."

Upon delivery of the Bonds to the Underwriters, the Board will furnish a certificate to the effect that, among other things, there is no litigation pending in any court seeking to restrain or enjoin the issuance or delivery of the Bonds, or in any way contesting the validity or enforceability of the Bonds.

### Specific Matters

Advance Computer Technical Group, Inc. v. Board of Education of the City, et al. is a lawsuit filed by a computer-support-services vendor (the "Plaintiff") against the Board and another vendor, Unisys Corporation. Unisys was retained by the Board to oversee the Board's computer-support-services program. The Board exercised a termination-for-convenience provision in its contract with the Plaintiff effective June 30, 2006. Plaintiff claims that the Board's termination of the contract constituted a breach, that the Board also breached the contract by not paying the Plaintiff at an extra-contractual rate, and that Unisys tortiously interfered with the contract. Plaintiff seeks approximately \$12 million in alleged lost profits and \$30 million in alleged "lost business opportunities" based on the Board's alleged wrongful termination of the contract, and approximately \$6 million based on the alleged underpayments.

Ryan Murray v. Board of Education of the City, et al. is a lawsuit filed as the result of an injury sustained in an accident involving the use of a mini-trampoline. The Board was served with respect to this matter only very recently and no significant action has occurred in court or with respect to settlement discussions. As a result, there are no facts to report regarding the amounts at issue or the lawsuit itself and it is included under this caption for the reason that potential liability may exceed a threshold that the Board considers as requiring disclosure.

Chicago Teacher's Union Grievance. The Chicago Teacher's Union (the "CTU") has filed a grievance against the Board, No. 2347/09-03-180, in which the CTU claims that 150 teachers were not provided the appropriate benefits of the Reassigned Teacher Pool under the union contract. If CTU is successful, the Board liability could be a significant amount, however, the Board is unable to assess the veracity of the grievance as of the date of the Official Statement.



## **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING**

The Board will enter into a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking (the “Undertaking”) for the Bonds for the benefit of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds to send certain information annually and to provide notice of certain events to certain information repositories pursuant to the requirements of Section (b)(5) of Rule 15c2-12 (the “Rule”) adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

The Board is in compliance with undertakings previously entered into by it pursuant to the Rule. A failure by the Board to comply with the Undertaking will not constitute an event of default under the Resolutions or the Indenture for the Bonds, and Beneficial Owners of the Bonds are limited to the remedies described in the Undertaking. See Consequences of Failure to Provide Information.”

The following is a brief summary of certain provisions of the Undertaking and does not purport to be complete. The statements made under this caption are subject to the detailed provisions of the Undertaking, copies of which are available upon request from the Board.

### **Annual Financial Information Disclosure**

The Board covenants in the Undertaking that it will disseminate its Annual Financial Information and its Audited Financial Statements, if any (as described below) in electronic format to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (“MSRB”). The Board is required to deliver such information so the MSRB receives the information by the dates specified in the Undertaking.

“Annual Financial Information” means historical information generally consistent with information of the type set forth in this Official Statement under the captions “BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO — School System,” “— Recent Financial Information Concerning the Board,” “— General Operating Fund Balances,” “— Outstanding Debt Obligations,” “— Legal Debt Margin Information of the Board,” “— Board’s Interest Rate Swap Agreements,” “— Employee Pension Obligations” and “— Other Post-Employment Benefits.”

The Undertaking for the Bonds requires that Annual Financial Information, excluding the Audited Financial Statements, be provided to MSRB on or prior to 210 days after the last day of the Board’s fiscal year.

“Audited Financial Statements” means the general purpose financial statements of the Board which are in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States and audited by independent auditors. The Undertaking for the Bonds requires that Audited Financial Statements will be provided to the MSRB within 30 days after availability to the Board.

## **Events Notification; Material Events Disclosure**

The Board covenants in the Undertaking for the Bonds that it will disseminate to the MSRB in a timely manner the disclosure of the occurrence of an Event (as described below) with respect to the Bonds that is material, as materiality is interpreted under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. For the Bonds, the “Events” are (i) debt service payment delinquencies; (ii) non-payment related defaults; (iii) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties; (iv) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties; (v) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform; (vi) adverse tax opinions or events affecting the tax-exempt status of the Bonds; (vii) modifications to the rights of Bondholders; (viii) bond calls; (ix) defeasances; (x) release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds; and (xi) rating changes.

## **Consequences of Failure to Provide Information**

The Board agrees in the Undertaking to give notice in a timely manner to the MSRB of any failure to provide disclosure of the Annual Financial Information and Audited Financial Statements when the same are due under the Undertaking.

A default under the Undertaking shall not be deemed an event of default under the Resolutions or the Indenture with respect to the Bonds, and the sole remedy in the event of any failure of the Board to comply with the Undertaking shall be an action to compel performance. A failure by the Board to comply with the Undertaking must be reported in accordance with the Rule and must be considered by any broker, dealer or municipal securities dealer before recommending the purchase or sale of the Bonds in the secondary market. Consequently, such failure may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

## **Amendment; Waiver**

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Undertaking, the Board may amend the Undertaking, and any provision thereof may be waived, if:

(a) (i) The amendment or the waiver 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 Board, or type of business conducted;

(ii) The Undertaking, as amended, or the provision, as waived, would have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the primary offering, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and

(iii) The amendment or waiver does not materially impair the interests of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, as determined by parties unaffiliated with the Board (such as the Trustee or Bond Counsel), or by the approving vote of the owners of the Bonds pursuant to the terms of the Indenture at the time of the amendment; or

(b) The amendment or waiver is otherwise permitted by the Rule.

**Termination of Undertaking**

The Undertaking shall be terminated if the Board no longer has any legal liability relating to repayment of the Bonds. If a termination of this Undertaking occurs prior to the final maturity of the Bonds, the Board shall give notice in a timely manner to the MSRB.

**Dissemination Agent**

The Board may, from time to time, appoint or engage a dissemination agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under the Undertaking, and may discharge any such agent, with or without appointing a successor dissemination agent.

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**AUTHORIZATION AND MISCELLANEOUS**

The Board has authorized the distribution of this Official Statement. This Official Statement has been duly executed and delivered on behalf of the Board.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY  
OF CHICAGO**

By:           /s/ Pedro Martinez            
Chief Financial Officer

**APPENDIX A**

**Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2008**

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# McGladrey & Pullen

Certified Public Accountants

## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Education of the City of Chicago  
Chicago Public Schools  
Chicago, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Chicago Public Schools (the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, the "CPS," a body politic and corporate of the State of Illinois), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the CPS' basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the CPS' 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. 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 opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Chicago Public Schools, as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Operating Fund, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 16 to the financial statements, CPS changed its method of accounting for revenue during the year ended June 30, 2008.

Management's discussion and analysis on pages A-2 through A-17 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is 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.

*McGladrey & Pullen, LLP*

Chicago, Illinois  
December 10, 2008

**CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
**June 30, 2008**

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Our discussion and analysis of Chicago Public Schools' (CPS) financial performance provides an overview of the school district's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. As the intent of this management discussion and analysis is to look at CPS' financial performance as a whole, readers should also review the transmittal letter, financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements to further enhance their understanding of CPS' financial performance.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

At fiscal year end, total fund balance was \$1.73 billion in fiscal year 2008, an increase of \$148.3 million. In the General Operating Fund, unreserved funds increased from \$246 million in fiscal year 2007 as restated to \$432 million in 2008, an increase of \$186 million.

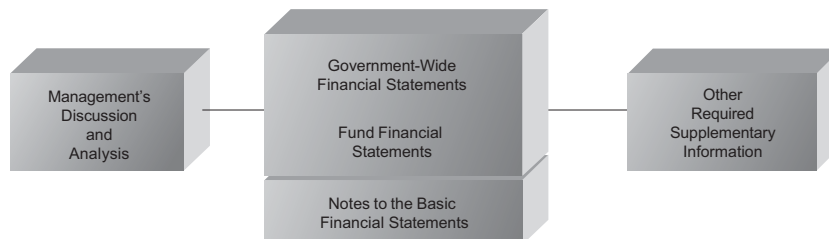
Total General Operating Fund actual revenues less expenditures exceeded budgeted resources less final appropriations by \$300 million.

As a result of the collapse of the variable Auction Rate market in February 2008, CPS issued \$968.4 million in debt offerings in the current fiscal year to restructure its auction rate debt. CPS also terminated six swap agreements in the notional amount of \$965 million, which resulted in a \$20.5 million termination payment to the counterparties.

During the fiscal year, CPS issued \$238.7 million in debt offerings to further fund the Capital Improvement Program.

**USING THIS COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

This Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is comprised of different sections. The following graphic is provided to assist in the understanding of the format and its components:



**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Our Comprehensive Financial Annual Report consists of a series of financial statements and accompanying notes, with the primary focus being on the school district as a whole. Government-wide financial statements including the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities provide both short-term and long-term information of CPS' financial status. The fund financial statements provide a greater level of detail of how services are financed in the short-term as well as the remaining available resources for future



spending. The accompanying notes provide essential information that is not disclosed on the face of the financial statements and as such are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

### GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the school district's finances in a manner similar to a private sector business. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the school district as a whole, presenting both an aggregate and long-term view of the finances. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting. This basis of accounting includes all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The **Statement of Net Assets** presents information on all of CPS' assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The **Statement of Activities** presents information showing how net assets changed during the fiscal year. All changes in the net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but not used vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the CPS that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*).

All of CPS' services are reported in the government-wide financial statements, including instruction, pupil support services, instructional support services, administrative support services, facility support services, and food services. Property taxes, replacement taxes, state aid, and interest and investment earnings finance most of these activities. Additionally, all capital and debt financing activities are reported here.

#### Condensed Statement of Net Assets (Millions of dollars)

	Governmental Activities			
	2008	2007	Difference	% Change
Current assets . . . . .	\$3,989	\$3,848	\$ 141	3.7%
Capital assets, net . . . . .	4,683	4,488	195	4.3%
Total Assets . . . . .	<u>\$8,672</u>	<u>\$8,336</u>	<u>\$ 336</u>	4.0%
Current liabilities . . . . .	\$ 924	\$ 934	\$ (10)	-1.1%
Long-term liabilities . . . . .	7,849	7,288	561	7.7%
Total Liabilities . . . . .	<u>\$8,773</u>	<u>\$8,222</u>	<u>\$ 551</u>	6.7%
Net Assets:				
Invested in capital assets net of related debt . . . . .	\$ 133	\$ 267	\$(134)	-50.2%
Restricted for:				
Debt service . . . . .	446	414	32	7.7%
Specific purposes . . . . .	105	131	(26)	-19.8%
Unrestricted . . . . .	<u>(785)</u>	<u>(698)</u>	<u>(87)</u>	12.5%
Total Net Assets . . . . .	<u>\$ (101)</u>	<u>\$ 114</u>	<u>\$(215)</u>	-188.6%

- **Total assets** of \$8.7 billion increased due to larger accounts receivable balances, new school construction and other improvement projects as part of the CPS' Capital Improvement Program.

- **Capital assets**, net of depreciation, increased \$195 million or 4.3% over the prior fiscal year due to the continued progress of the Capital Improvement Program.
- **Long-term debt** increased \$208 million, or 4.3%. The total long-term portion of debt outstanding and capitalized leases was \$4.82 billion in fiscal year 2007 and \$5.04 billion in fiscal year 2008. In fiscal year 2008, CPS issued \$238.7 million in Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds to fund the Capital Improvement Program.
- **Accrued pension** increased to \$1.86 billion in fiscal year 2008 from \$1.75 billion in fiscal year 2007, an increase of \$105.9 million, or 6.1%. The year-end balance reflects the increase in the net pension obligation related to the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago.
- **Other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability** increased to \$579.8 million in fiscal year 2008 from \$425.1 million in fiscal year 2007, an increase of \$154.7 million, or 36.4%. The year-end balance reflects the increase in net OPEB related to healthcare costs associated with the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago.
- **Other long-term liabilities** including the current portion increased to \$441.3 million in fiscal year 2008 from \$343.9 million in fiscal year 2007, an increase of \$97.3 million, or 28.3%. The year-end balance reflects increases in accrued sick pay, vacation pay and workers' compensation of \$54.1 million, \$34.5 million and \$11.4 million respectively, and a decrease in tort liabilities of \$2.7 million.
- **CPS' net assets** decreased \$214.5 million to (\$101) million. Of this amount, \$133 million represents CPS' investment in capital assets net of depreciation and related debt. Restricted net assets of \$551 million are reported separately to present legal constraints from debt covenants and enabling legislation. The (\$785) million of unrestricted deficit represents the shortfall CPS would experience if it had to liquidate all of its non-capital liabilities as of June 30, 2008.

The following table presents the changes in net assets from fiscal year 2007 to 2008:

**Changes in Net Assets**  
(Millions of dollars)

	Governmental Activities			
	2008	2007	Difference	% Change
Revenues:				
Program Revenues:				
Charges for services . . . . .	\$ 12	\$ 13	\$ (1)	-7.7%
Operating grants and contributions . . .	946	863	83	9.6%
Capital grants and contributions . . . . .	129	97	32	33.0%
Total Program Revenues . . . . .	<u>\$1,087</u>	<u>\$ 973</u>	<u>\$ 114</u>	11.7%
General Revenues:				
Property taxes . . . . .	\$1,862	\$1,813	\$ 49	2.7%
Replacement taxes . . . . .	215	201	14	7.0%
State aid . . . . .	1,756	1,652	104	6.3%
Interest and investment earnings . . . . .	86	154	(68)	-44.2%
Gain on sale of fixed assets . . . . .	4	23	(19)	-82.6%
Miscellaneous . . . . .	45	163	(118)	-72.4%
Total General Revenues . . . . .	<u>\$3,968</u>	<u>\$4,006</u>	<u>\$ (38)</u>	-0.9%
Total Revenues . . . . .	<u>\$5,055</u>	<u>\$4,979</u>	<u>\$ 76</u>	1.5%
Expenses:				
Instruction . . . . .	\$3,138	\$3,097	\$ 41	1.3%
Support services:				
Pupil support services . . . . .	385	361	24	6.6%
Administrative support services . . . . .	206	179	27	15.1%
Facilities support services . . . . .	520	461	59	12.8%
Instructional support services . . . . .	497	481	16	3.3%
Food services . . . . .	193	186	7	3.8%
Community services . . . . .	47	45	2	4.4%
Interest expense . . . . .	274	220	54	24.5%
Other . . . . .	10	8	2	25.0%
Total Expenses . . . . .	<u>\$5,270</u>	<u>\$5,038</u>	<u>\$ 232</u>	4.6%
Change in Net Assets . . . . .	\$ (215)	\$ (59)	\$(156)	264.4%
Beginning Net Assets . . . . .	114	173	(59)	-34.1%
Ending Net Assets . . . . .	<u>\$ (101)</u>	<u>\$ 114</u>	<u>\$(215)</u>	-188.6%

Net Assets decreased to \$(101) million in fiscal year 2008 from \$114 million in fiscal year 2007, a decrease of \$215 million or 188.6%. Even though total revenues increased by \$114 million from fiscal year 2007, our expenditures exceeded our revenues in fiscal year 2008, primarily due to high pension and postemployment costs, which were \$105.9 million and \$154.7 million, respectively.

### Capital Assets

At June 30, 2008, the CPS had \$4.7 billion invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings and improvements, and equipment. This amount represents a net increase (including additions, deductions and depreciation) of \$195.6 million or 4.4% over the prior fiscal year (\$000's).

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Land .....	\$ 261,337	\$ 248,713	\$ 12,624	5.1%
Buildings .....	6,251,840	6,051,231	200,609	3.3%
Construction in progress .....	467,100	354,531	112,569	31.8%
Equipment .....	164,057	149,045	15,012	10.1%
Total Capital Assets .....	\$ 7,144,334	\$ 6,803,520	\$ 340,814	5.0%
Less: Accumulated depreciation .....	<u>(2,460,786)</u>	<u>(2,315,633)</u>	<u>(145,153)</u>	6.3%
Total Capital Assets, net .....	<u>\$ 4,683,548</u>	<u>\$ 4,487,887</u>	<u>\$ 195,661</u>	4.4%

**Capital assets** increased due to the continued progress of the Capital Improvement Program. For more detailed information please refer to Note 6 to the basic financial statements.

### Debt and Capitalized Lease Obligations

In August 2005, CPS sold an option to Bank of America N.A. under which CPS would enter into an interest rate swap associated with \$100,000,000 of bonds refunding the Series 1997A bonds upon exercise of option in July 2007 (effective December 2007). In November 2006, CPS also sold an option to Royal Bank of Canada under which CPS would have to enter into an interest rate swap associated with \$162,785,000 of bonds refunding the Series 1997A bonds upon exercise of the option in July 2007 (effective December 2007). The intention of entering into the swaps were to effectively economically refund \$262,785,000 of the Series 1997A bonds, avoiding negative arbitrage in advance refunding escrows, while realizing upfront payments of \$18,345,000 and \$24,925,000 to be used for costs of issuance and debt service requirements in fiscal year 2006 and 2007.

In July 2007, the counterparties exercised their swaption options and in September 2007, CPS issued \$262,785,000 in Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Series 2007A) and in December 2007, CPS entered into two interest rate swaps associated with the issuance of the Series 2007A auction rate bonds. The proceeds from these bonds were used to refund a portion of Series 1997A bonds. As a result of the issuance, net proceeds along with debt service funds on hand and proceeds related to CPS' swaption agreement totaling \$272,428,076 were used to purchase U.S. Government Securities, which were deposited in a trust with an escrow agent to purchase \$262,785,000 of the 1997A bonds in full on December 1, 2007, and the bonds are considered fully refunded.

In September 2007, CPS issued \$204,635,000 in Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Series 2007BC) at a premium of \$10,308,755. The proceeds from these bonds were used to refund a portion of Series 1997 and Series 1997A bonds and to pay costs of issuance of the bonds. As a result of the issuance, net proceeds of \$212,793,437 were used to purchase U.S. Government Securities, which were deposited in a trust with an escrow agent to purchase \$199,225,000 of the Series 1997A bonds and \$6,700,000 of the Series 1997 on December 1, 2007, and the bonds are considered fully refunded.

In December 2007, CPS issued \$238,720,000 in Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds (Series 2007D) at a premium of \$13,835,224. The proceeds from these bonds are being used as part of CPS' Capital Improvement Program and to pay costs of issuance of the bonds. As a result of the issuance, CPS recorded net proceeds of \$250,000,000 in the Capital Improvement Fund.

As a result of the collapse of the variable Auction Rate market in February 2008, CPS issued the following refunding bonds to restructure its auction rate debt:

In May 2008, CPS issued \$262,785,000 in Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds Private Placement (Series 2008A). The proceeds from these bonds were used to refund the Series 2007A bonds. CPS contributed \$9.5 million to pay for costs of issuance and fund debt service. As a result of the issuance, \$262,976,142 was deposited in a trust with an escrow agent to purchase the Series 2007A bonds upon the next remarketing. On May 16, 2008, the bonds were repurchased in full and are considered fully refunded.

In May 2008, CPS issued \$240,975,000 in Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds Private Placement (Series 2008B). The proceeds from these bonds were used to refund the Series 2003D bonds. CPS contributed \$0.9 million to pay for costs of issuance and fund debt service. As a result of the issuance, \$241,761,730 was deposited in a trust with an escrow agent to purchase the Series 2003D bonds upon the next remarketing. On May 30, 2008, the bonds were repurchased in full and are considered fully refunded.

In May 2008, CPS issued \$464,655,000 in Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Series 2008C) at a premium of \$17,082,455. The proceeds from these bonds were used to refund the Series 2003B and Series 2004B bonds. CPS contributed \$4.3 million to the refunded escrow agent and \$2.5 million to pay for cost of issuance and fund debt service. As a result of the issuance, \$484,122,177 was deposited in a trust with an escrow agent to purchase the Series 2003B bonds and the Series 2004B bonds upon the next remarketing. On May 29, 2008, the bonds were repurchased in full and are considered fully refunded.

As of June 30, 2008, the CPS had \$5.12 billion in total debt, including accreted interest, and capitalized lease obligations outstanding versus \$4.89 billion last year, an increase of 4.5%. For more detailed information please refer to Notes 8 through 10 to the basic financial statements.

The Chicago School Finance Authority (SFA) was created in January 1980 to exercise oversight and control over the financial affairs of the CPS. The SFA issued debt to fund construction and provide working capital. The principal amount of the SFA bonds outstanding as of June 30, 2008, net of bonds advance refunded or defeased is \$66.6 million. The SFA bonds are not a direct or contingent obligation of the CPS and the 1995 Amendatory Act suspended the oversight powers of the SFA through the end of 2010. For more detailed information please refer to Note 13 to the basic financial statements.

### ***Pension Funding***

Employees of the CPS participate in either the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago (the "Pension Fund") or the Municipal Employees Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago (the "Annuity Fund").

State statutes determine the CPS' employer-required contribution to the Pension Fund, with the exception of federal funds. As of June 30, 2007, the funded ratio of the Pension Fund was 80.1% and the CPS has recorded an estimated pension liability of \$1.86 billion in the accompanying financial statements, as determined under generally accepted accounting principles. Because the funded ratio was below 90%, the CPS was required to make a \$131.5 million contribution to the Pension Fund under the statutory requirements during fiscal year 2008.

All career service employees of the CPS, except CPS employees who are members of the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund, participate in the Municipal Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago (the "Annuity Fund"). Covered employees are required by State statute to contribute 8.5% of their salary. In fiscal year 2008, as in previous fiscal years, the CPS paid a portion, 7%, or \$35.7 million of the required employees' contribution for most employees. For more detailed information please refer to the Note 12 to the basic financial statements.

## OVERVIEW OF FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. CPS, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All CPS funds are reported in the governmental funds.

### **Governmental Funds**

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year for spending in future years. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

These funds are reported using the modified accrual method of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. These statements provide a detailed short-term view of the school district's operations and the services it provides.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The CPS' fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds — not the CPS as a whole. The CPS' governmental funds use the following accounting approach. All of the CPS' services are reported in governmental funds. Governmental fund reporting focuses on showing how money flows into and out of funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. They are reported using *modified accrual* accounting, which measures cash and all other *financial* assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed *short-term view* of the CPS' operations and the services it provides.

CPS maintains three significant governmental funds: General Operating, Capital Projects, and Debt Service. The following schedules present a summary of the general operating fund, capital projects fund and debt service fund revenues and other financing sources by type and expenditures by program for the period ended June 30, 2008 as compared to June 30, 2007. They also depict the amount and percentage increases and decreases in relation to prior year revenues and other financing resources.

During fiscal year 2008, CPS changed its revenue recognition policy for non-exchange transactions such as State aid, Federal aid, and replacement taxes to consider these revenues susceptible to accrual from 90 days to 30 days. The change resulted in a fund balance restatement decreasing the beginning fund balance by \$159.5 million. This change is consistent with CPS' current revenue recognition policy for property taxes. For more detailed information please refer to the Note 16 to the basic financial statements.

**Total Revenues, Other Financing Sources and Expenditures**  
*(Millions of Dollars)*

	<u>2008</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>2007</u> <u>Amount</u> <u>(as restated)</u>	<u>2008</u> <u>Percent</u> <u>Of Total</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u> <u>From 2007</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u> <u>from 2007</u>
Revenues:					
Property taxes . . . . .	\$1,814	\$1,768	34.4%	\$ 46	2.6%
Replacement taxes . . . . .	215	201	4.1%	14	7.0%
State aid . . . . .	1,846	1,680	35.1%	166	9.9%
Federal aid . . . . .	876	720	16.6%	156	21.7%
Investment income . . . . .	86	117	1.6%	(31)	-26.5%
Other . . . . .	181	286	3.4%	(105)	-36.7%
Subtotal . . . . .	<u>\$5,018</u>	<u>\$4,772</u>	<u>95.3%</u>	<u>\$ 246</u>	<u>5.2%</u>
Other financing sources . . . . .	248	396	4.7%	(148)	-37.4%
Total . . . . .	<u>\$5,266</u>	<u>\$5,168</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 98</u>	<u>1.9%</u>
Expenditures:					
Instruction . . . . .	\$2,575	\$2,492	50.3%	\$ 83	3.3%
Pupil support services . . . . .	362	349	7.1%	13	3.7%
General support services . . . . .	987	914	19.3%	73	8.0%
Food services . . . . .	182	180	3.6%	2	1.1%
Community services . . . . .	45	45	0.9%	—	0.0%
Teachers' pension . . . . .	207	156	4.0%	51	32.7%
Capital outlay . . . . .	467	346	9.1%	121	35.0%
Debt service . . . . .	282	342	5.5%	(60)	-17.5%
Other . . . . .	11	8	0.2%	3	37.5%
Total . . . . .	<u>\$5,118</u>	<u>\$4,832</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 286</u>	<u>5.9%</u>
Change in Fund Balance . . . . .	<u>\$ 148</u>	<u>\$ 336</u>			

### General Operating Fund

The general operating fund reflects all daily operational transactions. Following is a discussion and analysis of significant revenue and expenditure trends:

#### Revenues:

#### Revenues and Other Financing Sources (Millions of Dollars)

	2008 Amount	2007 Amount (as restated)	2008 Percent of Total	Increase (Decrease) From 2007	Percent Increase (Decrease) from 2007
Property taxes . . . . .	\$1,763	\$1,716	38.4%	\$ 47	2.7%
Replacement taxes . . . . .	159	147	3.5%	12	8.2%
State aid . . . . .	1,692	1,528	36.9%	164	10.7%
Federal aid . . . . .	833	686	18.1%	147	21.4%
Investment income . . . . .	41	62	0.9%	(21)	-33.9%
Other . . . . .	97	96	2.1%	1	1.0%
Subtotal . . . . .	\$4,585	\$4,235	99.9%	\$350	8.3%
Other financing sources . . . . .	4	2	0.1%	2	100.0%
Total . . . . .	<u>\$4,589</u>	<u>\$4,237</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$352</u>	8.3%

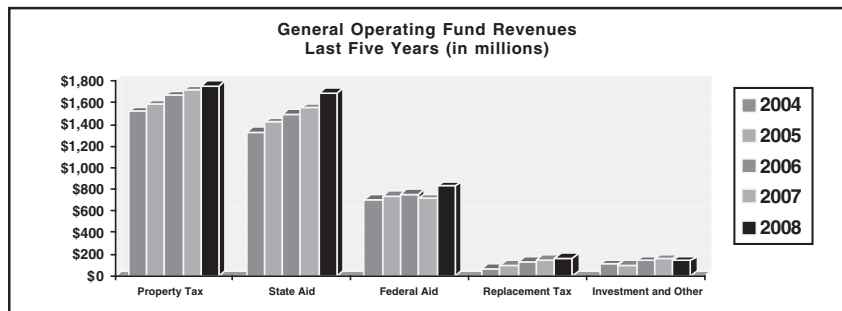
**Property taxes** increased by \$47 million from fiscal year 2007 due to increases in tax levies of 3.4% and new construction.

**Personal property replacement taxes** increased \$12 million from fiscal year 2007, as a result of higher corporate profits.

**State aid** increased by \$164 million due to a \$400 per pupil increase in foundation level, up to \$5,734 per student.

**Federal aid** increased \$147 million due to increased spending on E-rate maintenance projects and the change in the revenue recognition policy for non-exchange transactions.

**Investment income** decreased \$21 million from fiscal year 2007, due to lower interest rates.



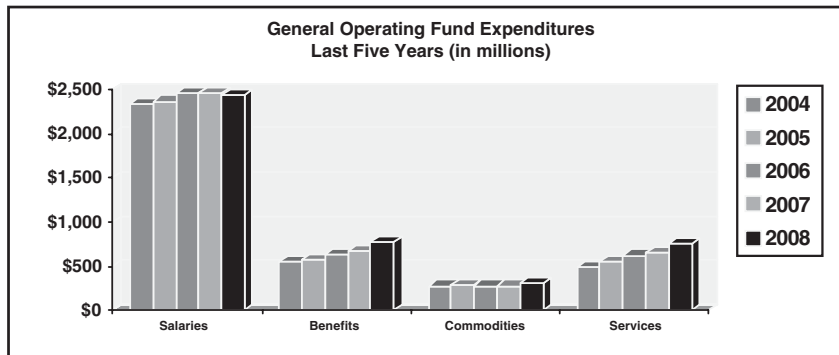


**Expenditures:**  
(Millions of Dollars)

	<u>2008 Amount</u>	<u>2007 Amount (as restated)</u>	<u>2008 Percent Of Total</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease) From 2007</u>	<u>Percent Increase (Decrease) from 2007</u>
Salaries .....	\$2,445	\$2,459	55.6%	\$ (14)	-0.6%
Benefits .....	767	675	17.5%	92	13.6%
Services .....	748	650	17.0%	98	15.1%
Commodities .....	307	274	7.0%	33	12.0%
Other .....	128	88	2.9%	40	45.5%
Total .....	<u>\$4,395</u>	<u>\$4,146</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$249</u>	6.0%

Total expenditures increased by \$249 million, primarily due to the increase in:

- Salaries decreased by \$14 million primarily due to the high number of teachers that retired in June 2007 and were replaced by teachers at lower salaries, an increase of charter schools and declining student enrollment.
- Benefit charges increased by \$92 million mainly due to an increase in teacher's and career service pension costs of \$74.4 million, hospitalization costs of \$9.6 million and an increase in workers' compensation costs of \$5.1 million.
- Services increased by \$98 million primarily due to an increase in payments to Charter schools of \$48 million and an increase in professional services of \$38 million.
- Commodities increased by \$33 million primarily due to an increase in textbooks of \$24 million and an increase in energy costs of \$9 million due to rising fuel costs.
- Other expenditures increased by \$40 million, because during fiscal year 2008 CPS terminated six swap agreements which resulted in a termination payment made to the counterparties of \$20.5 million and also an increase in repairs and equipment of \$20 million.



**Capital Projects Fund**

The capital projects fund reflects the revenues and expenditures for CPS' capital projects.

**Revenues and Other Financing Sources  
(Millions of Dollars)**

	2008 Amount	2007 Amount (as restated)	2008 Percent Of Total	Increase (Decrease) From 2007	Percent Increase (Decrease) from 2007
State aid . . . . .	\$ —	\$ 18	0.0%	\$ (18)	100.0%
Federal aid . . . . .	43	34	11.0%	9	26.5%
Investment income . . . . .	26	35	6.7%	(9)	-25.7%
Other . . . . .	61	37	15.7%	24	64.9%
Subtotal . . . . .	\$130	\$124	33.4%	\$ 6	4.8%
Other financing sources . . . . .	259	396	66.6%	(137)	-34.6%
Total . . . . .	<u>\$389</u>	<u>\$520</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$(131)</u>	<u>-25.2%</u>

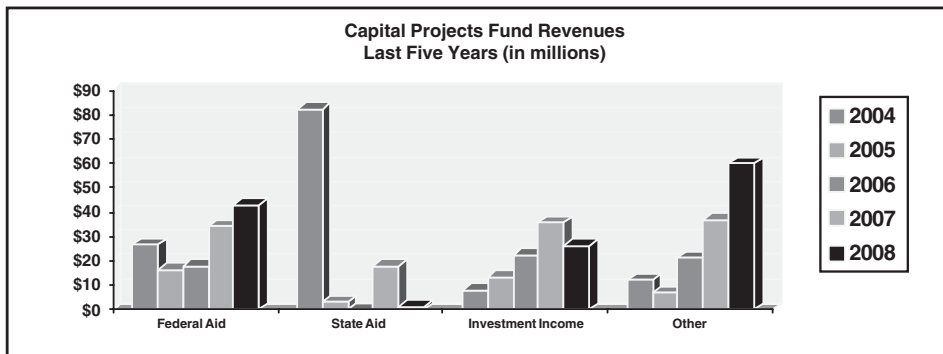
**State aid** was not allocated to the Capital Projects Fund during fiscal year 2008.

**Federal aid** increased \$9 million due to an increase in E-rate capital projects.

**Investment income** decreased \$9 million from fiscal year 2007, due to lower interest rates.

**Other income** increased \$24 million from fiscal year 2007, due to the fact that the City of Chicago continues to provide financial resources to CPS as part of the Modern Schools across Chicago Program, these funds are used to finance the construction and improvement of elementary and high schools that are part of CPS' school system.

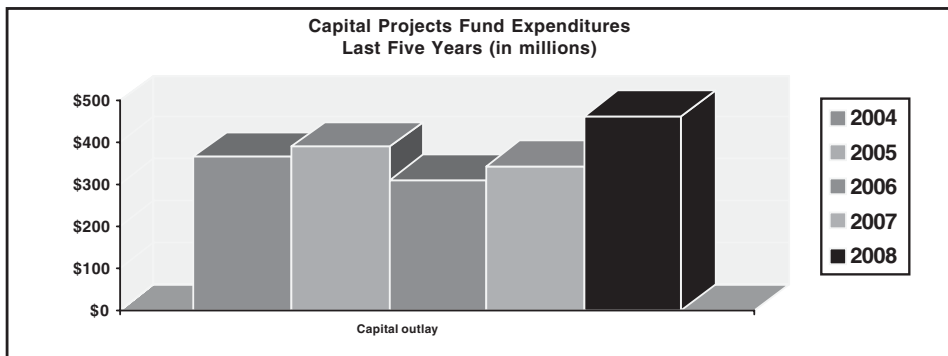
**Other financing sources** decreased \$137 million from fiscal year 2007, because CPS issued only \$238.7 million in debt offerings to fund the Capital Improvement Program in the current year which is significantly lower than the \$355.8 million issued during fiscal year 2007.



**Expenditures:**  
*(Millions of Dollars)*

	<u>2008 Amount</u>	<u>2007 Amount (as restated)</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease) From 2007</u>	<u>Percent Increase (Decrease) from 2007</u>
Capital Outlay . . . . .	\$463	\$345	\$118	34.2%

**Capital Outlay** increased by \$118 million due to the continuation of the Capital Improvement Program.



**Debt Service Fund**

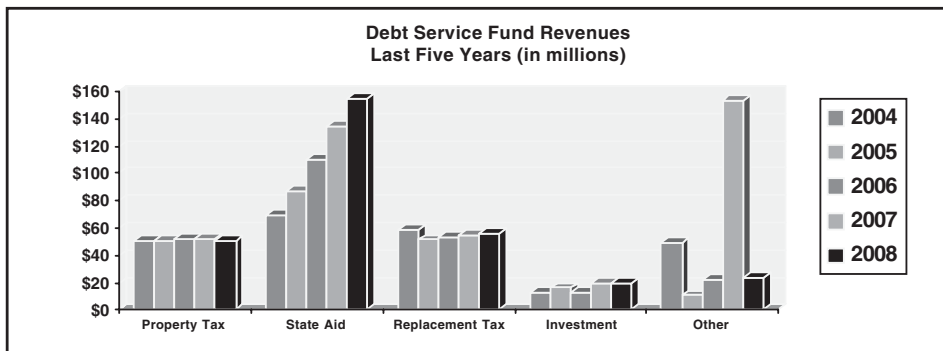
The debt service fund reflects the property tax revenues and other revenues that are used for the payment of principal and interest and redemption for general obligation bonds and for lease payment to the Public Building Commission.

**Revenues and Other Financing Sources  
(Millions of Dollars)**

	<u>2008 Amount</u>	<u>2007 Amount</u>	<u>2008 Percent Of Total</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease) From 2007</u>	<u>Percent Increase (Decrease) from 2007</u>
Property taxes . . . . .	\$ 50	\$ 51	17.4%	\$ (1)	-2.0%
Replacement taxes . . . . .	56	54	19.4%	2	3.7%
State aid . . . . .	154	134	53.5%	20	14.9%
Investment income . . . . .	19	19	6.6%	—	0.0%
Other . . . . .	<u>24</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>8.3%</u>	<u>(130)</u>	<u>-84.4%</u>
Subtotal . . . . .	\$303	\$412	105.2%	\$(109)	-26.5%
Other financing sources (uses) . . . . .	<u>(15)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>-5.2%</u>	<u>(13)</u>	<u>650.0%</u>
Total . . . . .	<u>\$288</u>	<u>\$410</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$(122)</u>	<u>-29.8%</u>

**State aid** increased by \$20 million to provide debt service for new general obligation bonds.

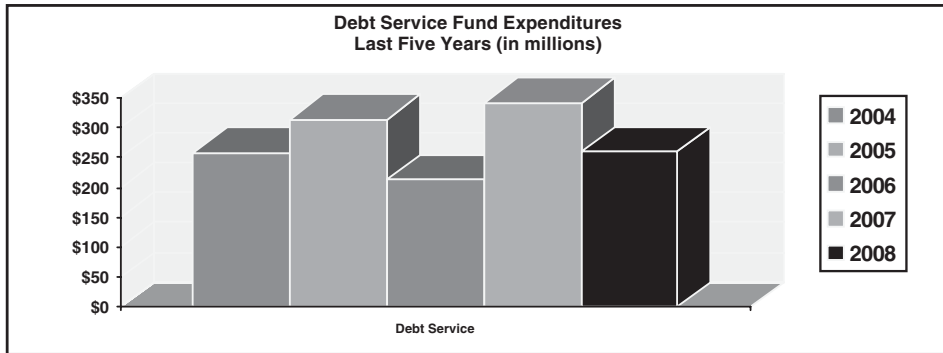
**Other income** decreased \$130 million from fiscal year 2007, because the prior year balance included proceeds from the City of Chicago’s general obligation bonds Series A-K (Modern School Across Chicago); these proceeds were used to defease CPS’ general obligation bonds, Series 2004F, Series 2004H and Series 2005C.



**Expenditures:**  
(Millions of Dollars)

	2008 Amount	2007 Amount (as restated)	Increase (Decrease) From 2007	Percent Increase (Decrease) from 2007
Debt service . . . . .	\$260	\$341	\$(81)	-23.8%

**Debt Service** decreased by \$81 million because the 2007 balance included the defeasance of CPS' bond series 2004F, 2004H and 2005C with funds provided by the City of Chicago.



**Notes to Basic Financial Statements**

The Notes to Basic Financial Statements follow the statements in the report and complement the financial statements by describing qualifying factors and changes throughout the fiscal year.

**BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

Annual budgets are prepared on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for the General Operating, Capital Projects Fund and Debt Service funds. All annual unencumbered appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

The budget is prepared by fund, account, and unit. Certain funding allocations (primarily Federal and State programs, including Supplementary General State Aid) are made to schools but are not budgeted by account by the schools at the time the budget is adopted. These allocations are included in Other Fixed Charges for budget purposes. During the fiscal year, upon receiving the appropriate approvals from regional offices and the Office of Management and Budget, transfers are made to the appropriate accounts. These transfers are reflected in the schedule shown below. During fiscal year 2008 there were no amendments to the original budget.

The following schedule also presents a summary of the general operating fund revenues and other financing sources by type and expenditures for the period ended June 30, 2008 compared to the final budget as of June 30, 2008.

**Revenues, Other Financing Sources and Expenditures  
General Operating Fund  
Budget to Actual Comparison  
(Millions of Dollars)**

	<u>FY 2008 Approved Budget</u>	<u>Transfers In/(Out)</u>	<u>Final Appropriations</u>	<u>FY 2008 Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues:					
Property taxes . . . . .	\$1,771	\$ —	\$1,771	\$1,763	\$ (8)
Replacement taxes . . . . .	146	—	146	160	14
State aid . . . . .	1,653	—	1,653	1,692	39
Federal aid . . . . .	862	—	862	833	(29)
Investment income . . . . .	37	—	37	41	4
Other . . . . .	70	—	70	97	27
Subtotal . . . . .	<u>\$4,539</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$4,539</u>	<u>\$4,586</u>	<u>\$ 47</u>
Other financing sources . . . . .	—	—	—	4	4
Total . . . . .	<u>\$4,539</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$4,539</u>	<u>\$4,590</u>	<u>\$ 51</u>
Expenditures:					
Salaries . . . . .	\$2,574	\$ 38	\$2,612	\$2,445	\$(167)
Benefits . . . . .	832	(50)	782	767	(15)
Services . . . . .	655	114	769	748	(21)
Commodities . . . . .	317	5	322	307	(15)
Other fixed charges . . . . .	270	(107)	163	128	(35)
Total . . . . .	<u>\$4,648</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$4,648</u>	<u>\$4,395</u>	<u>\$(253)</u>
Change in Fund Balance . . . . .	<u>\$ (109)</u>			<u>\$ 195</u>	

Actual General Operating Fund revenues were \$47 million higher than the budgeted amount. The variance is primarily due to:

- Replacement tax revenue is \$14 million over budget due to higher corporate profits.
- State aid is \$39 million higher than budget due to timing of state aid payments.
- Federal aid is \$29 million lower than budget due to aggressive budgeting of federal revenues based on potential grant awards.
- Other income is \$27 million higher than budget due to Education Support Personnel (ESP) On-behalf pension payments and higher private grants.

Actual General Operating Fund expenditures were \$253 million under budget. The variance is primarily due to:

- Salaries expenditure was under budget by \$167 million due to teacher's salaries, which were under budget by \$150 million and career service salaries which were also under budget by \$17 million.
- Benefit charges expenditure was under budget by \$15 million due to unemployment compensation costs and workers' compensation costs which were under budget by \$10 million and \$4.8 million respectively.
- Services expenditure was under budget by \$21 million due to lower spending for professional services.
- Commodities expenditure was under budget by \$15 million due to reduced spending on food and supplies of \$4.8 million and \$9.7 million, respectively.
- Other Fixed charges expenditure was under budget by \$35 million due to less spending in contingency projects and general liability insurance.

In August 2007, the Board adopted a balanced budget for fiscal year 2008 that reflected total resources, including \$109 million of available fund balances, and appropriations of \$4.65 billion for the General Operating Fund.

In August 2008, the Board adopted a balanced budget for fiscal year 2009 that reflected total resources, including \$145.2 million of available fund balances, and appropriations of \$4.85 billion for the General Operating Fund.

#### **REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, parents, students, investors and creditors with a general overview of the CPS' finances and to show the CPS' accountability for the money it receives. Additional details can be requested by mail at the following address:

The Chicago Public Schools  
Office of the Controller  
125 South Clark Street, 14th Floor  
Chicago, Illinois, 60603

Or visit our website at: <http://www.cps.edu> for a complete copy of this report and other financial information.

*(Please note that some amounts may not tie to the financial statements due to rounding.)*

**CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Chicago Board of Education**

**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**

**June 30, 2008**

**(Thousands of Dollars)**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>ASSETS:</b>	
Current Assets:	
Cash and investments . . . . .	\$1,117,433
Cash and investments in escrow . . . . .	969,166
Cash and investments held in school internal accounts . . . . .	30,167
Property taxes receivable, net of allowance . . . . .	1,009,746
Other receivables:	
Replacement taxes . . . . .	32,511
State aid, net of allowance . . . . .	515,087
Federal aid . . . . .	223,988
Other . . . . .	57,983
Other assets . . . . .	<u>32,516</u>
Total Current Assets: . . . . .	\$3,988,597
Non-current Assets:	
Land and construction in progress . . . . .	728,437
Buildings, building improvements and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation . . . . .	<u>3,955,111</u>
Total Assets . . . . .	<u><u>\$8,672,145</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable . . . . .	\$ 284,650
Accrued payroll and benefits . . . . .	495,167
Amount held for student activities . . . . .	30,167
Other accrued liabilities . . . . .	10,932
Deferred revenue . . . . .	898
Interest payable . . . . .	23,481
Current portion of long-term debt and capitalized lease obligations . . . . .	<u>79,035</u>
Total Current Liabilities: . . . . .	\$ 924,330
Long-term liabilities:	
Debt, net of premiums and discounts . . . . .	4,647,901
Capitalized lease obligations . . . . .	388,835
Pension . . . . .	1,857,347
Other postemployment benefits . . . . .	579,803
Other benefits and claims . . . . .	<u>374,888</u>
Total Liabilities . . . . .	<u><u>\$8,773,104</u></u>
<b>NET ASSETS:</b>	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt . . . . .	\$ 133,440
Restricted:	
Debt service . . . . .	445,782
Donations . . . . .	1,826
Enabling legislation . . . . .	102,695
Unrestricted . . . . .	<u>(784,702)</u>
Total Net Assets . . . . .	<u><u>\$ (100,959)</u></u>

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



**CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Chicago Board of Education**

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008**  
**(Thousands of Dollars)**

	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
<b>FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS</b>					
<i>Governmental activities:</i>					
Instruction . . . . .	\$3,138,036	\$ 3,940	\$505,529	\$ 82,158	\$(2,546,409)
Support services:					
Pupil support services . . . . .	384,765	—	28,365	11,560	(344,840)
Administrative support services . . . . .	205,693	—	70,778	6,180	(128,735)
Facilities support services . . . . .	519,982	—	13,753	12,302	(493,927)
Instructional support services . . . . .	496,708	—	138,902	13,004	(344,802)
Food services . . . . .	193,614	8,537	156,956	2,690	(25,431)
Community services . . . . .	46,779	—	31,440	676	(14,663)
Interest expense . . . . .	274,356	—	—	—	(274,356)
Other . . . . .	<u>10,652</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(10,652)</u>
Total Governmental Activities . . . . .	<u>\$5,270,585</u>	<u>\$12,477</u>	<u>\$945,723</u>	<u>\$128,570</u>	<u>\$(4,183,815)</u>
<b>General Revenues:</b>					
<b>Taxes:</b>					
Property taxes . . . . .					\$1,861,781
Replacement taxes . . . . .					215,489
Non-program State aid . . . . .					1,756,386
Interest and investment earnings . . . . .					85,896
Gain on sale of fixed assets . . . . .					4,369
Miscellaneous . . . . .					<u>45,386</u>
Total General Revenues . . . . .					<u>\$3,969,307</u>
Change in net assets . . . . .					\$ (214,508)
Net assets — beginning . . . . .					<u>113,549</u>
Net assets — ending . . . . .					<u>\$ (100,959)</u>

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**CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Chicago Board of Education**

**BALANCE SHEET — GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

June 30, 2008

(Thousands of Dollars)

	<u>General Operating Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<b>ASSETS:</b>				
Cash and investments . . . . .	\$1,020,304	\$ —	\$ 97,129	\$1,117,433
Cash and investments in escrow . . . . .	6,180	622,887	340,099	969,166
Cash and investments held in school internal accounts . . . . .	30,167	—	—	30,167
Receivables:				
Property taxes, net of allowance . . . . .	982,212	—	27,534	1,009,746
Replacement taxes . . . . .	30,934	—	1,577	32,511
State aid, net of allowance . . . . .	515,087	—	—	515,087
Federal aid . . . . .	222,067	1,921	—	223,988
Other . . . . .	8,405	46,135	3,443	57,983
Due from other funds . . . . .	66,376	39,827	22,014	128,217
Other assets . . . . .	5,098	—	—	5,098
Total Assets . . . . .	<u>\$2,886,830</u>	<u>\$710,770</u>	<u>\$491,796</u>	<u>\$4,089,396</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:</b>				
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>				
Accounts payable . . . . .	\$ 248,703	\$ 22,654	\$ 13,293	\$ 284,650
Accrued payroll and benefits . . . . .	428,753	—	—	428,753
Amount held for student activities . . . . .	30,167	—	—	30,167
Due to other funds . . . . .	61,841	66,376	—	128,217
Deferred property tax revenue . . . . .	981,991	—	27,543	1,009,534
Other deferred revenue . . . . .	465,779	15,637	—	481,416
Total Liabilities . . . . .	<u>\$2,217,234</u>	<u>\$104,667</u>	<u>\$ 40,836</u>	<u>\$2,362,737</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES:</b>				
Reserved:				
Reserved for encumbrances . . . . .	\$ 132,684	\$268,597	\$ —	\$ 401,281
Reserved for restricted donations . . . . .	1,826	—	—	1,826
Reserved for specific purposes . . . . .	102,695	—	—	102,695
Reserved for debt service . . . . .	—	—	272,471	272,471
Unreserved:				
Designated to provide operating capital . . . . .	258,000	—	—	258,000
Undesignated . . . . .	174,391	337,506	178,489	690,386
Total Fund Balances . . . . .	<u>\$ 669,596</u>	<u>\$606,103</u>	<u>\$450,960</u>	<u>\$1,726,659</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances . . . . .	<u>\$2,886,830</u>	<u>\$710,770</u>	<u>\$491,796</u>	<u>\$4,089,396</u>

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Chicago Board of Education**

**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**  
**June 30, 2008**

(Thousands of Dollars)

Total fund balances — governmental funds . . . . .	\$ 1,726,659
Prepaid assets and deferred charges are recorded as expenditures in governmental funds. The Statement of Net Assets includes these amounts as other assets.	
Deferred charges — bond issuance costs . . . . .	27,418
The cost of capital assets (land, buildings and improvements and equipment) purchased or constructed is reported as an expenditure in the governmental funds. The Statement of Net Assets includes those capital assets among the assets of the CPS as a whole. The cost of those capital assets are allocated over their estimated useful lives (as depreciation expense) to the various programs reported as governmental activities in the Statement of Activities. Because depreciation expense does not affect financial resources, it is not reported in the governmental funds.	
Cost of capital assets . . . . .	7,144,334
Accumulated depreciation . . . . .	(2,460,786)
Liabilities applicable to the CPS' governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. Interest payable on debt and other long-term obligations is not recorded in the governmental funds but they are reported in the Statement of Net Assets. All liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the Statement of Net Assets.	
Other accrued liabilities . . . . .	\$ (10,932)
Debt, net of premiums and discounts . . . . .	(4,701,456)
Capitalized lease obligations . . . . .	(414,315)
Pension . . . . .	(1,857,347)
Other postemployment benefits . . . . .	(579,803)
Other benefits and claims . . . . .	<u>(441,302)</u>
	(8,005,155)
Interest payable . . . . .	(23,481)
Revenues that have been deferred or unearned in the governmental funds because they are not available but are recognized as revenue in the government-wide financial statements.	
Deferred property tax revenue . . . . .	1,009,534
Other deferred revenue . . . . .	<u>480,518</u>
Net Assets . . . . .	<u>\$ (100,959)</u>

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**CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND NET CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES — GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008**

**With Comparative Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007**

**(Thousands of Dollars)**

	<u>General Operating Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Total Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008</u>	<u>Total Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (as restated)</u>
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Property taxes . . . . .	\$1,763,282	\$ —	\$ 50,635	\$ 1,813,917	\$1,767,760
Replacement taxes . . . . .	159,805	—	55,684	215,489	201,509
State aid . . . . .	1,692,351	58	153,625	1,846,034	1,680,506
Federal aid . . . . .	832,526	43,515	—	876,041	719,818
Interest and investment income . . . . .	40,905	25,970	19,020	85,895	116,907
Other . . . . .	96,816	60,457	23,755	181,028	286,139
Total Revenues . . . . .	<u>\$4,585,685</u>	<u>\$ 130,000</u>	<u>\$ 302,719</u>	<u>\$ 5,018,404</u>	<u>\$4,772,639</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Instruction . . . . .	\$2,575,124	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,575,124	\$2,491,653
Pupil support services . . . . .	362,325	—	—	362,325	349,324
Administration support services . . . . .	193,696	—	—	193,696	173,283
Facilities support services . . . . .	385,601	—	—	385,601	353,410
Instructional support services . . . . .	407,608	—	—	407,608	387,424
Food services . . . . .	181,778	—	—	181,778	179,902
Community services . . . . .	45,708	—	—	45,708	45,467
Teacher's pension and retirement benefits . . . . .	206,651	—	—	206,651	155,563
Capital outlay . . . . .	3,838	463,057	—	466,895	345,963
Debt service . . . . .	21,704	—	260,438	282,142	342,179
Other . . . . .	10,652	—	—	10,652	8,126
Total Expenditures . . . . .	<u>\$4,394,685</u>	<u>\$ 463,057</u>	<u>\$ 260,438</u>	<u>\$ 5,118,180</u>	<u>\$4,832,294</u>
REVENUES IN EXCESS OF/(LESS THAN) EXPENDITURES . . . . .	<u>\$ 191,000</u>	<u>\$(333,057)</u>	<u>\$ 42,281</u>	<u>\$ (99,776)</u>	<u>\$ (59,655)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>					
Gross amounts from debt issuances . . . . .	\$ —	\$ 238,720	\$ 1,435,835	\$ 1,674,555	\$ 355,805
Premiums . . . . .	—	13,835	27,391	41,226	14,444
Sales of general capital assets . . . . .	—	6,404	—	6,404	25,673
Payment to refunded bond escrow agent . . . . .	—	—	(1,474,081)	(1,474,081)	—
Transfers in/(out) . . . . .	3,813	—	(3,813)	—	—
Total other financing sources (uses) . . . . .	<u>\$ 3,813</u>	<u>\$ 258,959</u>	<u>\$ (14,668)</u>	<u>\$ 248,104</u>	<u>\$ 395,922</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES . . . . .	<u>\$ 194,813</u>	<u>\$ (74,098)</u>	<u>\$ 27,613</u>	<u>\$ 148,328</u>	<u>\$ 336,267</u>
Fund Balances, beginning of period as restated (Note 16) . . . . .	474,783	680,201	423,347	1,578,331	1,242,064
Fund Balances, end of period . . . . .	<u>\$ 669,596</u>	<u>\$ 606,103</u>	<u>\$ 450,960</u>	<u>\$ 1,726,659</u>	<u>\$1,578,331</u>

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Chicago Board of Education**

**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES,  
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008**

**(Thousands of Dollars)**

Total net change in fund balances — governmental funds . . . . .	\$ 148,328
Capital outlays to purchase or build capital assets are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, for governmental activities those costs are shown in the Statement of Net Assets and allocated over their estimated useful lives as annual depreciation expenses in the Statement of Activities. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceed the depreciation in the period.	
Capital outlay/equipment . . . . .	\$ 368,866
Depreciation expense . . . . .	<u>(171,127)</u>
	197,739
Proceeds from sales of bonds are reported in the governmental funds as a source of financing, whereas they are recorded as long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets . . . . .	(1,674,555)
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but it reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets and does not affect the Statement of Activities . . . . .	1,516,152
Interest on long-term debt in the Statement of Activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental fund because interest is recorded as an expenditure in the governmental funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the Statement of Activities, however, interest cost is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due . . . . .	(63,450)
Government funds report the effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities . . . . .	(11,673)
Since some property taxes and grants will not be collected for several months after the CPS' fiscal year ends, they are not considered as "available" revenues in the governmental funds, and are instead recorded as deferred revenues. They are, however, recorded as revenues in the Statement of Activities	
Property taxes . . . . .	47,865
Grants . . . . .	(14,905)
In the Statement of Activities, legal settlements, sick pay, vacation pay, workers' compensation, general and automobile insurance, net pension obligation and other postemployment benefits are measured by the amount accrued during the year. In the governmental funds, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount actually paid.	
Legal settlements . . . . .	2,750
Sick pay . . . . .	(54,161)
Vacation pay . . . . .	(34,531)
Workers' compensation . . . . .	(11,404)
General and automobile liability . . . . .	35
Net pension obligation . . . . .	(105,920)
Other postemployment benefits . . . . .	(154,699)
In the Statement of Activities, only gains on the disposal of capital assets are reported, whereas in the government funds, the entire proceeds are recorded . . . . .	<u>(2,079)</u>
Change in Net Assets . . . . .	<u>\$ (214,508)</u>

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**CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES BY OBJECT,  
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
FINAL APPROPRIATIONS VS. ACTUAL — GENERAL OPERATING FUND  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008  
(Thousands of Dollars)**

	Approved Budget	Transfers In/(Out)	Final Appropriations	Fiscal Year Actual	Variance
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Property taxes . . . . .	\$1,770,689	\$ —	\$1,770,689	\$1,763,282	\$ (7,407)
Replacement taxes . . . . .	145,900	—	145,900	159,805	13,905
State aid . . . . .	1,653,332	—	1,653,332	1,692,351	39,019
Federal aid . . . . .	862,162	—	862,162	832,526	(29,636)
Interest and investment income . . . . .	36,650	—	36,650	40,905	4,255
Other . . . . .	70,523	—	70,523	96,816	26,293
Total Revenues . . . . .	<u>\$4,539,256</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$4,539,256</u>	<u>\$4,585,685</u>	<u>\$ 46,429</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
<b>Salaries —</b>					
Teachers . . . . .	\$2,011,812	\$ 23,185	\$2,034,997	\$1,885,400	\$149,597
Career services . . . . .	561,881	15,415	577,296	559,741	17,555
<b>Commodities —</b>					
Energy . . . . .	90,951	(5,875)	85,076	86,759	(1,683)
Food . . . . .	89,477	(1,312)	88,165	83,326	4,839
Textbooks . . . . .	82,784	8,016	90,800	89,514	1,286
Supplies . . . . .	52,592	3,155	55,747	46,030	9,717
Other . . . . .	1,679	299	1,978	910	1,068
<b>Services —</b>					
Professional fees . . . . .	319,700	65,355	385,055	360,277	24,778
Charter schools . . . . .	15	191,386	191,401	189,006	2,395
Transportation . . . . .	84,260	21,066	105,326	102,828	2,498
Tuition . . . . .	235,379	(170,898)	64,481	65,105	(624)
Telephone and telecommunications . . . . .	4,952	355	5,307	17,671	(12,364)
Other . . . . .	10,457	6,946	17,403	13,253	4,150
Equipment — Educational . . . . .	20,233	28,185	48,418	39,003	9,415
<b>Building and sites —</b>					
Repairs and replacements . . . . .	39,184	3,250	42,434	36,999	5,435
Capital outlay . . . . .	—	—	—	10	(10)
<b>Fixed charges —</b>					
Teachers' pension . . . . .	349,301	(3,974)	345,327	350,483	(5,156)
Career service pension . . . . .	89,676	(1,627)	88,049	89,776	(1,727)
Hospitalization and dental insurance . . . . .	307,282	(41,105)	266,177	260,386	5,791
Medicare . . . . .	34,382	(2,868)	31,514	31,075	439
Unemployment compensation . . . . .	10,831	(236)	10,595	5,764	4,831
Workers compensation . . . . .	40,534	(581)	39,953	29,757	10,196
Rent . . . . .	10,681	1,486	12,167	11,020	1,147
Debt service . . . . .	1,420	—	1,420	21,704	(20,284)
Other . . . . .	198,793	(139,623)	59,170	18,888	40,282
Total Expenditures . . . . .	<u>\$4,648,256</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$4,648,256</u>	<u>\$4,394,685</u>	<u>\$253,571</u>
REVENUES IN EXCESS OF/(LESS THAN) EXPENDITURES . . . . .	<u>\$ (109,000)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (109,000)</u>	<u>\$ 191,000</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>					
Transfers in . . . . .	—	—	—	3,813	3,813
Total other financing sources . . . . .	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 3,813</u>	<u>\$ 3,813</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE . . . . .	<u>\$ (109,000)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (109,000)</u>	<u>\$ 194,813</u>	<u>\$303,813</u>
Fund Balance, beginning of period as restated (Note 16) . . . . .	474,783	—	474,783	474,783	—
Fund Balance, end of period . . . . .	<u>\$ 365,783</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 365,783</u>	<u>\$ 669,596</u>	<u>\$303,813</u>

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Chicago Board of Education**

**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**June 30, 2008**

**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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**Reporting Entity**

The Board of Education of the City of Chicago, or the Chicago Public Schools (CPS), is a body politic and corporate, and a school district of the State of Illinois having boundaries coterminous with the boundaries of the City of Chicago. The Board of Education of the City of Chicago (the Board) is established under and governed by the Illinois School Code and maintains a system of schools primarily for kindergarten through twelfth grade.

As a result of legislation passed by the Illinois General Assembly, which became effective on June 30, 1995, the Mayor of the City of Chicago appoints the members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago. The CPS is excluded from the City's reporting entity because it does not meet the financial accountability criteria for inclusion established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The City of Chicago, the Chicago School Finance Authority, the Public Building Commission of Chicago and the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago are deemed to be related organizations but separate entities and are not included as part of the CPS reporting entity. No fiscal dependency exists between these organizations. These units are excluded from the CPS reporting entity because they do not meet the criteria for inclusion as established by GASB.

**New Accounting Standards**

GASBS 53, *Accounting and Financial reporting for Derivative Instruments* is effective for CPS with its year ended June 30, 2010. This statement addresses the recognition, measurement, and disclosure of information regarding derivative instruments entered into by state and local governments.

**Description of Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities display information about the government-wide entity as a whole. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities were prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the GASB requirements of accounting and financial reporting for nonexchange transactions.

Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities derive directly from the program itself or from parties outside the CPS' taxpayers or citizenry, as a whole; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from general revenues.

The CPS reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses of other functions are not allocated to those functions but are reported separately in the Statement of Activities. Depreciation expense is specifically identified by function and is included in the direct expense to each function. Interest on general long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities.

**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

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**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements report information on all of the activities of the CPS. Interfund balances have been removed from these statements but the services provided and used are not eliminated in the process of consolidation.

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

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. State and Federal grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Property taxes are considered to be available if collected within 30 days of fiscal year end. For this purpose, the CPS also considers State aid, Federal aid and replacement tax revenues that are susceptible to accrual to be available if they are collected within 30 days of fiscal year end. This represents a change from previous fiscal years which resulted in a fund balance restatement for prior years described in Note 16. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

**Funds**

CPS reports its financial activities through the use of "fund accounting." This is a system of accounting wherein transactions are reported in self-balancing sets of accounts to reflect results of activities. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds is maintained, consistent with legal and managerial requirements. A description of the activities of the various funds is provided below.



**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

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**Governmental Funds**

*a. General Operating Fund*

The General Operating Fund is established in compliance with the provisions of the Illinois Program Accounting Manual for Local Education Agencies. This Fund is the primary operating fund of CPS and is made up of the following programs:

- Educational Program
- Supplementary General State Aid Program
- School Food Service Program
- Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Program
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Program
- Workers' and Unemployment Compensation/Tort Immunity Program
- Public Building Commission Operations and Maintenance Program
- Other Government-Funded Programs

*b. Capital Projects Fund*

The Capital Projects Fund includes the following programs:

*Capital Asset Program* — This program is for the receipt and expenditure of the proceeds from the sale of certain Board real estate, proceeds from the Chicago School Finance Authority, and other miscellaneous capital projects revenues from various sources as designated by the Board.

*Capital Improvement Program* — This program is for the receipt and expenditure of proceeds from the sale of Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Public Building Commission Building Revenue Bonds, State of Illinois Construction Grants, Federal E-rate capital subsidies and other revenues for the purpose of building and improving schools as designated by the Board. The bonds are being repaid in the Debt Service Fund from Replacement Tax revenue, from an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Chicago, State of Illinois Construction Grants, General State Aid, other revenues as designated by the Board and from a separate tax levy associated with the bonds, if necessary.

*c. Debt Service Fund*

The Debt Service Fund includes the following programs:

*Bond Redemption and Interest Program* — This program is for the receipt and expenditure of Replacement Taxes, City of Chicago Intergovernmental Agreement revenue, State of Illinois Construction Grants, General State Aid and other revenues as designated by the Board for the payment of interest and principal on specific bond issues.

*Public Building Commission Leases Program* — Receipts and expenditures of tax levies and State of Illinois Construction Grants for the rental payments due to the Public Building Commission of school buildings are recorded in this program. The title to these properties passes to the City of Chicago, in trust for the use of the CPS, at the end of the lease terms.

**Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity**

*Deposits and Investments*

CPS' cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. In addition, State statutes authorize CPS to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, commercial paper, repurchase agreements, and the State Treasurer's Investment Pool. CPS' investments are reported at fair value, based on quoted market prices.

**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

*Restricted Assets*

Certain proceeds of the CPS bond issuances, as well as certain assets set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because they are maintained in separate bank accounts and their use is limited by applicable bond covenants. These amounts are consequently held in escrow.

*Receivables and Payables*

CPS records as its property taxes receivable amounts equal to the current year tax levy plus the two years prior levies net of an allowance for estimated uncollectible amounts. The allowance is recorded at 3.5% of the gross levy.

A calendar year's property tax levies are billed (extended) in two installments in the subsequent calendar year. Calendar year 2007 property taxes were levied for fiscal year 2008 in December 2007, and were billed in fiscal year 2008. In 2008, the installment due dates were March 1 and November 3. Property taxes unpaid after these dates accrue interest at the rate of 1.5% per month. The treasurers of Cook and DuPage counties, who distribute such receipts to the CPS, receive collections of property tax installments. The CPS' property tax becomes a lien on real property on January 1 of the year for which it is levied. The levy becomes an enforceable lien against the property as of January 1 of the levy year. CPS does not record a receivable nor related deferred revenue until the Board passes the levy for the current fiscal year.

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e. the non-current portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds."

*Capital Assets*

Capital assets, which include land, construction in progress, buildings, building improvements and equipment are reported in the governmental activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Land, buildings and building improvements are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. The capitalization threshold for equipment is a unit cost of \$25,000 or more. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Beginning in fiscal year 2005, CPS implemented procedures related to impaired assets. Generally, a capital asset is considered impaired when its service utility has declined significantly and the events or changes in the circumstances are unexpected or outside the normal life cycle. There were no capital asset impairments during fiscal year 2008.

Depreciation of buildings and building improvements of the CPS is calculated using the straight-line method beginning in the year after they are completed. Equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method and the mid-year convention. The CPS' capital assets have the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and building improvements . . . . .	25-50
Administrative software/systems . . . . .	20
Equipment . . . . .	5

Depreciation of buildings and building improvements placed in service prior to fiscal year 2002 was calculated using a composite rate that CPS estimated to be 32 years. For items placed in service

**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

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subsequent to fiscal year 2001, CPS utilizes the estimated useful lives for specific components within the range noted above.

For assets other than personal property placed in service prior to June 30, 2001, the amount to be recorded as a reduction to capital assets and related accumulated depreciation upon asset retirement is determined using a deflated replacement cost methodology.

*Vacation and Sick Pay*

The CPS provides vacation and sick pay benefits for substantially all of its employees. Accrued sick pay benefits were computed using the termination payment method. The liability for accrued vacation pay benefits was computed using the employee's actual daily wage.

*Long-term Obligations*

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight line method. Bonds payable are reported net of applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while 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.

*Swaps*

CPS enters into interest rate swap agreements to modify interest rates on outstanding debt. Other than the net interest expenditures resulting from these agreements, no amounts are recorded in the financial statements.

As a result of the collapse of the variable Auction Rate market in February 2008, CPS terminated six swap agreements in the notional amount of \$965,275,000. The termination amounts were determined by negotiated and market quotation methods which resulted in a \$20.5 million termination payment to the counterparties.

*Fund Balances and Net Assets*

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose.

The Statement of Net Assets includes the following:

*Invested in Capital Assets, net of Related Debt* — the component of net assets that reports the difference between capital assets less both the accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balance of debt, excluding unexpended proceeds, that is directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

*Restricted for Donations and by Enabling Legislation* — the component of net assets that reports the difference between assets and liabilities of the certain programs that consists of assets with constraints placed on their use by either external parties and/or enabling legislation.

*Restricted for Debt Service* — the component of net assets that reports the difference between assets and liabilities of the Debt Service Fund that consists of assets with constraints placed on their use by creditors.

**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

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*Unrestricted* — the difference between the assets and liabilities that is not reported as Net Assets Invested in Capital Assets, net of Related Debt, Net Assets Restricted for Specific Purpose, or Net Assets Restricted for Debt Service.

*Comparative Data*

Comparative total data for the prior year has been presented in the fund financial statements in order to provide an understanding of the changes in the financial position and operations of these funds.

*Management's Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States 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 revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**NOTE 2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

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**Budgets**

Annual Budgets are prepared on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for the General Operating, Capital Projects and Debt Service funds. All annual unencumbered appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end. Encumbrances are reported as a reservation of fund balance for subsequent year expenditures.

Certain funding allocations (primarily Federal and State programs, including Supplementary General State Aid) are made to schools but are not budgeted by account by the schools at the time the budget is adopted. These allocations are included in Other Fixed Charges for budget purposes. During the fiscal year, upon receiving the appropriate approvals from regional offices and the Office of Management and Budget, transfers are made to the appropriate accounts. Actual expenditures are reflected in the appropriate accounts.

The appropriated budget is prepared by fund, account and unit. The legal level of budgetary control is at the account level except for school-based discretionary programs. School-based discretionary program expenditures are governed by specific program policies and procedures. Board approval is required for all funding transfers except those described above. In addition, an amended budget is required for increases in total appropriation.

In August 2007, the Board adopted a balanced budget for fiscal year 2008 that reflected total resources, including \$109 million of available reserved fund balances, and appropriations of \$4.65 billion for the General Operating Fund.

In August 2008, the Board adopted a balanced budget for fiscal year 2009 that reflected total resources, including \$145.2 million of available reserved fund balances, and appropriations of \$4.85 billion for the General Operating Fund.

The Capital Projects Fund is budgeted on a project-by-project basis. Budgeted amounts in the Capital Projects Fund represent the entire project budget for projects that were expected to commence in fiscal year 2008. Actual expenditures in the Capital Projects Fund include expenditures on projects that were budgeted in the current and prior fiscal years.

**NOTE 3. PROPERTY TAXES AND STATE AID REVENUE**

a. *Property Taxes* — The CPS levies property taxes using tax levy rates established by statute and an equalized assessed valuation (“EAV”) estimated by the CPS. The maximum billing (extension) of property taxes for the rate-limited Educational Levy in any calendar year is limited to the lesser of the tax rate established by statute multiplied by the EAV known at the time the final calendar year tax bills are calculated by the Cook and DuPage County Clerks or the tax rates established by statute multiplied by the prior year EAV. Property taxes for the levies that are not rate-limited are levied based on the estimated requirements for such funds.

As part of the annual budgetary process, CPS adopts a resolution each December in which it is determined to levy real estate taxes. This tax levy resolution imposes property taxes in terms of a dollar amount. The Truth in Taxation Law requires that notice in prescribed form must be published and a public hearing must be held if the aggregate annual levy exceeds 105% of the levy of the preceding year.

Since the 1994 levy year, CPS has been subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL). The PTELL, commonly known as the property-tax cap, is designed to limit the increases in property taxes billed for non-home rule taxing districts. The growth in a taxing district’s aggregate extension base is limited to the lesser of 5% or the increase in the national Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the year preceding the levy year. The CPI used is for all urban consumers for all items as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. This limitation can be increased for a taxing body with voter approval. The PTELL allows a taxing district to receive a limited annual increase in tax extensions on existing property, plus an additional amount for new construction. This limit slows the growth of revenues to taxing districts when property values and assessments are increasing faster than the rate of inflation.

Amounts collected in excess of the estimated net receivable for each levy year are reported as revenue in the fiscal year that the tax collections are distributed to CPS. Tax amounts collected in excess of the specified prior years levies are recorded in the year of receipt without impacting receivable and deferred revenue balances. CPS maintains the accounts receivable, reserves for uncollectibles and deferred revenue balance on the general ledger for three tax levy years. All refunds, no matter what tax year they apply, are recorded against the property tax revenue and cash accounts in the period of occurrence or notification from the respective county treasurer.

Legal limitations on tax rates and the rates extended in calendar years 2008 and 2007 are shown below.

	Maximum 2008 Legal Limit	Tax Rates Extended Per \$100 of EAV	
		2008	2007
<b>General Operating Fund:</b>			
Educational . . . . .	(A)	\$2.376	\$2.078
Workers’ and Unemployment Compensation/Tort Immunity . . . . .	(B)	.191	.021
Public Building Commission Operations and Maintenance . . . . .	(B)	.000	.521
<b>Debt Service Fund:</b>			
Public Building Commission Leases Program . . . . .	(C)	.016	.077
		<u>\$2.583</u>	<u>\$2.697</u>

- A. The maximum legal limit for educational purposes cannot exceed \$4.00 per \$100 of EAV (105 ILCS 5/34-53, and the total amount billed under General Operating Fund is subject to the PTELL as described above.
- B. These tax rates are not limited by law, but are subject to the tax cap as described above.

**NOTE 3. PROPERTY TAXES AND STATE AID REVENUE (continued)**

C. The tax cap limitation contained in the PTELL does not apply to the taxes levied by CPS to make its lease payments.

b. *State Aid* — The components of State Aid as shown on the financial statements are as follows (\$000's):

	<u>Fund Financial Statements</u>	<u>Government Wide- Financial Statements</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>		
General State Aid Unrestricted . . . . .	\$ 846,408	\$ 846,408
Supplementary General State Aid . . . . .	261,000	261,000
General Education Block Grant . . . . .	166,519	166,519
Educational Services Block Grant . . . . .	447,442	469,617
Other Restricted State Revenue . . . . .	<u>124,665</u>	<u>122,838</u>
Total State Aid . . . . .	<u>\$1,846,034</u>	\$1,866,382
<b>Program Revenues:</b>		
Operating Grants and Contributions . . . . .		<u>(109,996)</u>
Non-Program General State Aid . . . . .		<u>\$1,756,386</u>

**NOTE 4. CASH DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

Cash and investments held in the name of the CPS are controlled and managed by the CPS' Treasury Department; however, custody is maintained by the Treasurer of the City of Chicago, who is the designated ex-officio Treasurer of the CPS under the Illinois School Code. Custody is not maintained by the Treasurer of the City of Chicago for cash and investments in escrow, and the schools' internal accounts. The cash and investments in escrow in the Debt Service Fund represent the amount available for debt service payments on the Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds and PBC Leases. The cash and investments in escrow in the Capital Projects Fund represent the unspent proceeds from the Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Public Building Commission Building Revenue Bonds, State Technology Revolving Loan Fund and other revenues.

**Cash**

With the exception of school internal accounts as designated by the Board, the Municipal Code of Chicago requires that cash be deposited only in chartered banks or savings and loan associations that are on the City of Chicago's approved depository listing. The ordinances allow only regularly organized State or national banks insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and Federal and State savings and loan associations insured by the Savings Association Insurance Fund of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation located within the City of Chicago, to be designated depositories.

The CPS Investment Policy requires collateral with an aggregate market value of not less than 110% of the original acquisition price, including principal and accrued interest, on depository account balances and certificates of deposit unless the bank meets certain rating requirements and/or asset size. Repurchase agreement collateral shall not be less than 102%. Collateral for the CPS' bank accounts are held by a third-party custodian in the name of the City of Chicago Treasurer for the benefit of the CPS. Collateral shall be only those securities authorized as allowable investments.

As of June 30, 2008, the book amount of the CPS' deposit accounts was \$1.4 million. The bank balances totaled \$34.6 million as of June 30, 2008. The difference between the book and bank balances primarily represents checks that have been issued but have not yet cleared as of June 30, 2008. The bank balance was covered by Federal depository insurance and by collateral held by third-party custodians.

**NOTE 4. CASH DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)**

Cash and Investments Held in School Internal Accounts, and the corresponding liability, Amounts Held for Student Activities, represent the book balance for checking and investments for individual schools.

**Investments**

The CPS' investments are authorized under the Illinois Compiled Statutes Finance Investment Act. The CPS' Investment Policy is derived from this Act. The CPS Investment Policy authorizes the CPS to invest in obligations guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, certificates of deposit constituting direct obligations of banks, commercial paper, money market mutual funds, repurchase agreements that mature within 330 days, certain U.S. Government agency securities, and certain State and municipal securities that are rated at the time of purchase within the two highest classifications established by a nationally recognized rating service. All mutual funds purchased invest in eligible securities outlined in the parameters of the CPS Investment Policy and meet certain other regulatory requirements.

The CPS' Investment Policy contains the following stated objectives:

- Safety of Principal. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that provides for the preservation of principal in the overall portfolio.
- Liquidity. The investment portfolio shall be sufficiently liquid to meet all reasonably anticipated operating and cash flow requirements.
- Rate of Return. The investment portfolio shall be constructed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return through budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account investment risk constraints and liquidity needs.
- Diversification. The investment portfolio shall be diversified to avoid incurring unreasonable risks associated with specific securities or financial institutions.

At June 30, 2008, the CPS had the following investments (\$000's) and maturities:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Ratings</u>	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Maturities Less Than 1 Year</u>	<u>Maturities 1-5 Years</u>
Repurchase Agreements . . . . .	AAA	\$ 91,933	\$ 91,933	\$ —
U.S. Government Agency Securities . . . . .	AAA	782,247	158,118	624,129
Commercial Paper . . . . .	A1 or A1+/P-1	268,687	268,687	—
Money Market Mutual Funds . . . . .	AAA	972,497	972,497	—
Total Investments . . . . .		<u>\$2,115,364</u>	<u>\$1,491,235</u>	<u>\$624,129</u>
Cash . . . . .		1,402		
Total Cash and Investments . . . . .		<u>\$2,116,766</u>		

*Credit Risk* — State law and the CPS' Investment Policy limit investment in repurchase agreements, unless registered or inscribed in the name of the Board, to those purchased through banks or trust companies authorized to do business in the State of Illinois. State law and the CPS' Investment Policy limit investment in commercial paper to the top two ratings issued by at least two standard rating services. As of June 30, 2008, CPS' investments in commercial paper were rated A1+ or A1 by Moody's Investment Service and P-1 by Standard and Poor's. As of June 30, 2008, Standard and Poor's rated the CPS' investments in money market mutual funds AAA as required by the CPS' Investment Policy.

*Concentration of Credit Risk* — As of June 30, 2008 there were no investments in any one issuer that represent 5% or more of the total investments. Investments issued by the U.S. government and investment in mutual funds are excluded from the concentration of credit risk.

**NOTE 4. CASH DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)**

*Custodial Risk* — During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, repurchase agreements were supported by collateral with an aggregate market value equal to at least 102% of amounts invested. The collateral consisted of securities that were permissible under the CPS Investment Policy. Third-party custodians held all collateral in CPS' name.

*Interest Rate Risk* — The CPS' Investment Policy requires maintenance of a two-tiered portfolio which limits the average maturity of the Liquidity Cash Management tier of the portfolio to six months and limits the average maturity of the Enhanced Cash Management tier of the portfolio to five years and limits the maturity of any single issue in the Enhanced Cash Management tier of the portfolio to 10 years.

The following table provides a summary of CPS' total cash and investments as of June 30, 2008 (\$000's):

<u>Fund:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Operating Fund . . . . .	\$1,056,651
Capital Projects Fund . . . . .	622,887
Debt Service Fund . . . . .	<u>437,228</u>
Total Cash and Investments . . . . .	<u>\$2,116,766</u>

**NOTE 5. RECEIVABLES**

Receivables as of June 30, 2008 for the CPS, net of the applicable allowance for uncollectible accounts, are as follows (\$000's):

	<u>Fund Financial Statements</u>	<u>Government- Wide Financial Statements</u>
Property taxes . . . . .	\$1,077,762	\$1,077,762
Replacement taxes . . . . .	32,511	32,511
State aid . . . . .	518,929	518,929
Federal aid . . . . .	223,988	223,988
Other . . . . .	<u>60,660</u>	<u>60,660</u>
Total Receivables . . . . .	\$1,913,850	\$1,913,850
Less: Allowance for uncollectibles — property tax . . . . .	(68,016)	(68,016)
Less: Allowance for uncollectibles — state aid . . . . .	(3,842)	(3,842)
Less: Allowance for uncollectibles — other . . . . .	<u>(2,677)</u>	<u>(2,677)</u>
Total Receivables, net. . . . .	<u>\$1,839,315</u>	<u>\$1,839,315</u>

Governmental funds report deferred revenue in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. At June 30, 2008, the components of deferred revenue reported in the fund financial statements are as follows (\$000's):

Deferred property taxes . . . . .	\$1,009,534
Other deferred revenue . . . . .	<u>481,416</u>
Total Deferred Revenue . . . . .	<u>\$1,490,950</u>



**NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2008 was as follows (\$000's):

<u>Government-wide activities:</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases and Transfers to In-service</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land .....	\$ 248,713	\$ 12,744	\$ (120)	\$ 261,337
Construction in progress .....	<u>354,531</u>	<u>340,385</u>	<u>(227,816)</u>	<u>467,100</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated .....	<u>\$ 603,244</u>	<u>\$ 353,129</u>	<u>\$(227,936)</u>	<u>\$ 728,437</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements .....	\$ 6,051,231	\$ 228,790	\$ (28,181)	\$ 6,251,840
Equipment and administrative software .....	<u>149,045</u>	<u>15,012</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>164,057</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated .....	<u>\$ 6,200,276</u>	<u>\$ 243,802</u>	<u>\$ (28,181)</u>	<u>\$ 6,415,897</u>
Total Capital Assets .....	<u>\$ 6,803,520</u>	<u>\$ 596,931</u>	<u>\$(256,117)</u>	<u>\$ 7,144,334</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements .....	\$(2,274,440)	\$(164,607)	\$ 25,974	\$(2,413,073)
Equipment and administrative software .....	<u>(41,193)</u>	<u>(6,520)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(47,713)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation .....	<u>\$(2,315,633)</u>	<u>\$(171,127)</u>	<u>\$ 25,974</u>	<u>\$(2,460,786)</u>
Capital Assets, net of depreciation .....	<u>\$ 4,487,887</u>	<u>\$ 425,804</u>	<u>\$(230,143)</u>	<u>\$ 4,683,548</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the CPS as follows (\$000's):

Governmental activities:	
Instruction .....	\$107,322
Pupil support services .....	15,100
Administrative support services .....	8,072
Facilities support services .....	16,070
Instructional support services .....	16,987
Food services .....	<u>7,576</u>
Total Depreciation .....	<u>\$171,127</u>

**Construction Commitments**

The CPS had active construction projects as of June 30, 2008. These projects include new construction and renovations of schools. At year-end, the CPS had approximately \$268.6 million in outstanding construction encumbrances.

**NOTE 7. INTERFUND TRANSFERS AND BALANCES**

**Interfund Transfers**

Interfund transfers are defined as the flow of assets, such as cash or goods, without equivalent flows of assets in return. Interfund borrowings are reflected as "Due from/to Other Funds" on the accompanying governmental fund financial statements. All other interfund transfers are reported as transfers in/out.

**NOTE 7. INTERFUND TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (continued)**

General Operating Fund:	
Due from Capital Improvement Program . . . . .	\$ 66,376
Due to Capital Asset Program . . . . .	(39,827)
Due to Bond Redemption and Interest Program . . . . .	<u>(22,014)</u>
Total — Due from other Funds . . . . .	<u>\$ 4,535</u>
Capital Projects Fund:	
Capital Assets Program — Due from General Operating Fund . . . . .	\$ 39,827
Capital Improvement Program — Due to General Operating Fund . . . . .	<u>(66,376)</u>
Total — Due to other Funds . . . . .	<u>\$(26,549)</u>
Debt Service Fund:	
Bond Redemption and Interest Program — Due from General Operating Fund . . . . .	<u>\$ 22,014</u>

The purpose of interfund balances is to present transactions that are to be repaid between major programs at year end. The balances result from operating transactions between funds and are repaid during the fiscal year within the normal course of business.

**Transfers**

Effective June 30, 2008, CPS made operating transfers of \$1.5 million from the Public Building Commission Leases Program to the General Operating Fund to transfer interest earnings and operating transfers of \$2.3 million from the Bond Redemption and Interest Program to the General Operating Fund to pay for costs associated with the refunding of certain outstanding bonds.

**NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT**

**General Obligation Bonds**

The CPS issued the following bonds in fiscal year 2008:

Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds (Series 2007A)

In August 2005, CPS sold an option to Bank of America N.A. under which CPS would enter into an interest rate swap associated with \$100,000,000 of bonds refunding the Series 1997A bonds upon exercise of option in July 2007 (effective December 2007). In November 2006, CPS also sold an option to Royal Bank of Canada under which CPS would have to enter into an interest rate swap associated with \$162,785,000 of bonds refunding the Series 1997A bonds upon exercise of the option in July 2007 (effective December 2007). The intention of entering into the swaps were to effectively economically refund \$262,785,000 of the Series 1997A bonds, avoiding negative arbitrage in advance refunding escrows, while realizing upfront payments of \$18,345,000 and \$24,925,000 to be used for costs of issuance and debt service requirements in fiscal year 2006 and 2007.

In July 2007, the counterparties exercised their swaption options and in September 2007, CPS issued \$262,785,000 in Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Series 2007A) and in December 2007, CPS entered into two interest rate swaps associated with the issuance of the Series 2007A auction rate bonds. The proceeds from these bonds were used to refund a portion of Series 1997A bonds. As a result of the issuance, net proceeds along with debt service funds on hand and proceeds related to CPS' swaption agreement totaling \$272,428,076 were used to purchase U.S. Government Securities, which were deposited in a trust with an escrow agent to purchase \$262,785,000 of the Series 1997A bonds in full on December 1, 2007, and the bonds are considered fully refunded. The debt service on this issuance will

**NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)**

be paid by revenues received from an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Chicago and Personal Property Replacement Tax revenues.

The following table details the payments to the refunded bond escrow agent (\$000's):

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Net proceeds . . . . .	\$262,785
CPS deposit . . . . .	2,703
Amounts on hand related to refunded debt . . . . .	6,940
Total . . . . .	<u>\$272,428</u>

The refunding resulted in a difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt of \$9.6 million. This difference reported in the accompanying financial statements as a deduction from bonds payable, is being charged to operations through the year 2031.

Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds (Series 2007BC)

In September 2007, CPS issued \$204,635,000 in Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Series 2007BC) at a premium of \$10,308,755. The proceeds from these bonds were used to refund a portion of Series 1997 and Series 1997A bonds and to pay costs of issuance of the bonds. As a result of the issuance, net proceeds of \$212,793,437 were used to purchase U.S. Government Securities, which were deposited in a trust with an escrow agent to purchase \$199,225,000 of the Series 1997A bonds and \$6,700,000 of the Series 1997 on December 1, 2007, and the bonds are considered fully refunded. The debt service on this issuance will be paid by revenues received from an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Chicago and Personal Property Replacement Tax revenues.

The following table details the payments to the refunded bond escrow agent (\$000's):

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Net proceeds . . . . .	\$212,793

The refunding resulted in a difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt of \$6.9 million. This difference, reported in the accompanying financial statements as a deduction from bonds payable, is being charged to operations through the year 2025. CPS completed the refunding to reduce its total debt service over the next 17 years and to obtain an economic gain (difference between the present values of the old and new debt service payments) of \$9.7 million.

Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds (Series 2007D)

In December 2007, CPS issued \$238,720,000 in Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds (Series 2007D) at a premium of \$13,835,224. The proceeds from these bonds are being used as part of CPS' Capital Improvement Program and to pay costs of issuance of the bonds. As a result of the issuance, CPS recorded net proceeds of approximately \$250,000,000 in the Capital Improvement Fund. The debt service on this issuance will be paid from General State Aid revenues.

**Debt Restructuring**

As a result of the collapse of the variable Auction Rate market in February 2008, CPS issued the following refunding bonds to restructure its auction rate debt.

Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds Private Placement (Series 2008A)

In May 2008, CPS issued \$262,785,000 in Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds Private Placement (Series 2008A). The proceeds from these bonds were used to refund the Series 2007A bonds.

**NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)**

CPS contributed \$9.5 million to pay for costs of issuance and fund debt service. As a result of the issuance, \$262,976,142 was deposited in a trust with an escrow agent to purchase the Series 2007A bonds upon the next remarketing. On May 16, 2008, the bonds were repurchased in full and are considered fully refunded. The debt service on this issuance will be paid by revenues received from an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Chicago and Personal Property Tax revenues.

The following table details the payments to the refunded bond escrow agent (\$000's):

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Net proceeds . . . . .	\$262,785
Amount on hand related to refunded debt . . . . .	191
Total . . . . .	<u>\$262,976</u>

The refunding resulted in a difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt of \$2.3 million. This difference, reported in the accompanying financial statements as a deduction from bonds payable, is being charged to operations through the year 2031. Because the refunded bonds are variable rate, the calculation of an economic gain disclosure is not meaningful as there is an uncertainty of future debt service requirements. Accordingly, no economic gain has been made for this refunding.

Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds Private Placement (Series 2008B)

In May 2008, CPS issued \$240,975,000 in Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds Private Placement (Series 2008B). The proceeds from these bonds were used to refund the Series 2003D bonds. CPS contributed \$0.9 million to pay for costs of issuance and fund debt service. As a result of the issuance, \$241,761,730 was deposited in a trust with an escrow agent to purchase the Series 2003D bonds upon the next remarketing. On May 30, 2008, the bonds were repurchased in full and are considered fully refunded. The debt service on this issuance will be paid from General State Aid revenues.

The following table details the payments to the refunded bond escrow agent (\$000's):

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Net proceeds . . . . .	\$240,975
Amount on hand related to refunded debt . . . . .	787
Total . . . . .	<u>\$241,762</u>

The refunding resulted in a difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt of \$3.1 million. This difference, reported in the accompanying financial statements as a deduction from bonds payable, is being charged to operations through the year 2034. Because the refunded bonds are variable rate, the calculation of an economic gain disclosure is not meaningful as there is an uncertainty of future debt service requirements. Accordingly, no economic gain has been made for this refunding.

Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds Private Placement (Series 2008C)

In May 2008, CPS issued \$464,655,000 in Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Series 2008C) at a premium of \$17,082,455. The proceeds from these bonds were used to refund the Series 2003B and Series 2004B bonds. CPS contributed \$4.3 million to the refunded escrow agent and \$2.5 million to pay for cost of issuance and fund debt service. As a result of the issuance, \$484,122,177 was deposited in a trust with an escrow agent to purchase the Series 2003B bonds and the Series 2004B bonds upon the next remarketing. On May 29, 2008, the bonds were repurchased in full and are considered fully refunded. The debt service on this issuance will be paid from General State Aid revenues.

**NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)**

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The following table details the payments to the refunded bond escrow agent (\$000's):

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Net proceeds . . . . .	\$479,847
CPS deposit. . . . .	<u>4,275</u>
Total . . . . .	<u>\$484,122</u>

The refunding resulted in a difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt of \$7.2 million. This difference, reported in the accompanying financial statements as a deduction from bonds payable, is being charged to operations through the year 2033. Because the refunded bonds are variable rate, the calculation of an economic gain disclosure is not meaningful as there is an uncertainty of future debt service requirements. Accordingly, no economic gain has been made for this refunding.

**NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)**

The following is a summary of changes in Long-term Debt outstanding (\$000's):

Series	Principal Outstanding June 30, 2007	Issuances	Retirements	Principal Outstanding June 30, 2008	Accreted Interest	Principal and Accreted Interest June 30, 2008
2008C	\$ —	\$ 464,655	\$ —	\$ 464,655	\$ —	\$ 464,655
2008B	—	240,975	—	240,975	—	240,975
2008A	—	262,785	—	262,785	—	262,785
2007D	—	238,720	—	238,720	—	238,720
2007BC	—	204,635	—	204,635	—	204,635
2007A	—	262,785	(262,785)	—	—	—
2006B	355,805	—	(2,745)	353,060	—	353,060
2006A	6,853	—	—	6,853	—	6,853
2005DE	319,375	—	(5,890)	313,485	—	313,485
2005B	52,595	—	—	52,595	—	52,595
2005A	193,585	—	—	193,585	—	193,585
2004G	12,500	—	—	12,500	—	12,500
2004E	37,285	—	(3,975)	33,310	—	33,310
2004D	53,030	—	—	53,030	—	53,030
2004C-2	48,910	—	—	48,910	—	48,910
2004C-1	75,410	—	—	75,410	—	75,410
2004B	298,075	—	(298,075)	—	—	—
2004A	205,410	—	—	205,410	—	205,410
2003D	245,525	—	(245,525)	—	—	—
2003C	4,585	—	—	4,585	—	4,585
2003B	183,775	—	(183,775)	—	—	—
2003A	64,125	—	(5,165)	58,960	—	58,960
2002A	47,790	—	(615)	47,175	—	47,175
2001C	28,070	—	(4,120)	23,950	—	23,950
2001B	9,440	—	—	9,440	—	9,440
2001A	5,600	—	(835)	4,765	—	4,765
2000E	13,390	—	—	13,390	—	13,390
2000B,C,D	303,000	—	—	303,000	—	303,000
2000A	16,525	—	—	16,525	—	16,525
IDFA 1999A	12,000	—	—	12,000	—	12,000
1999A	532,554	—	(1,229)	531,325	177,469	708,794
1998B-1	328,714	—	—	328,714	206,623	535,337
1998	14,000	—	—	14,000	—	14,000
1997A	499,995	—	(462,010)	37,985	28,872	66,857
1997	71,285	—	(9,970)	61,315	—	61,315
1996	52,650	—	(3,190)	49,460	—	49,460
Total Bonds	<u>\$4,091,856</u>	<u>\$1,674,555</u>	<u>\$(1,489,904)</u>	<u>\$4,276,507</u>	<u>\$412,964</u>	<u>\$4,689,471</u>
Note Payable	3,606	—	(1,090)	2,516	—	2,516
Asbestos Abatement Loans	4,885	—	(1,138)	3,747	—	3,747
Total Long-Term Debt	<u>\$4,100,347</u>	<u>\$1,674,555</u>	<u>\$(1,492,132)</u>	<u>\$4,282,770</u>	<u>\$412,964</u>	<u>\$4,695,734</u>
Less Current Portion						(53,555)
Deferred Amounts:						
On Refunding						(100,160)
For Net Premium/(Discount)						105,882
Total Long-term Debt, net of Refunding, Current Portion and Premium/(Discount)						<u>\$4,647,901</u>

**NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)**

The current portion of long-term debt and long-term lease obligations is comprised of the following:

Bonds	\$(55,010)
Note Payable	(1,198)
Asbestos Abatement Loans	(1,037)
Accreted Interest	(1,215)
Refunding	<u>4,905</u>
Subtotal	\$(53,555)
Lease obligations	<u>(25,480)</u>
Total Current Portion	<u><u>\$(79,035)</u></u>

The Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds are being repaid in the Debt Service Fund from Replacement Tax revenue, revenue from Intergovernmental Agreements with the City of Chicago, and General State Aid to the extent possible, and then from a separate tax levy associated with the bonds.

Defeased Debt

Defeased bonds have been removed from the Statement of Net Assets because related assets have been placed in an irrevocable trust that, together with interest earned, will provide amounts sufficient for payment of all principal and interest. Defeased bonds at June 30, 2008 are as follows (\$000's):

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Defeased</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>
Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds Series 2005C	53,750	53,750
Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds Series 2004H	18,500	18,500
Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds Series 2004F	25,000	25,000
Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds Series 2001C	174,575	174,575
Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds Series 2001A	35,810	35,810
Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds Series 2000A	<u>90,435</u>	<u>90,435</u>
Total	<u><u>\$398,070</u></u>	<u><u>\$398,070</u></u>

*Future debt and associated swap payments* (see Note 10). Interest rates on fixed rate bonds range from 2.5% to 6.75%, except that CPS does not pay or accrue interest on the Series 2006A Bonds, Series 2003C Bonds, the Series 2001B Bonds, the Series 2000E Bonds, the IDFA Series 1999A Bonds and the Series 1998 Bonds. These bond series were issued as "qualified zone academy bonds" within the meaning of Section 1397E of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. CPS does not pay interest on the bonds, however, for Federal income tax purposes, "eligible taxpayers," as defined in Section 1397E of the Internal Revenue Code, who own these bonds will be entitled to a credit against taxable income. Interest rates on variable rate bonds and net swap payments assume the debt service deposit requirement rate and that auction rates as of June 30, 2008 remain the same throughout their term. Debt service requirements for the Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds and net swap payments are scheduled as follows (\$000's):

**NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)**

Fiscal Year(s)	Fixed Rate Bonds		Variable Rate Bonds			Total
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest*	Interest Rate	
					Swaps, Net**	
2009	\$ 39,865	\$ 114,168	\$ 15,145	\$ 50,744	\$ 26,539	\$ 246,461
2010	92,607	137,116	19,490	50,106	26,315	325,634
2011	93,087	136,606	21,135	49,239	26,080	326,147
2012	111,816	130,539	22,105	48,372	25,834	338,666
2013	90,643	132,235	23,275	47,314	25,577	319,044
2014-2018	543,145	645,757	140,540	221,839	123,445	1,674,726
2019-2023	723,962	621,563	196,915	188,640	114,867	1,845,947
2024-2028	756,898	516,509	371,205	137,404	95,349	1,877,365
2029-2033	411,644	604,121	428,750	52,588	37,616	1,534,719
2034-2037	81,935	8,057	92,345	4,482	3,557	190,376
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,945,602</b>	<b>\$3,046,671</b>	<b>\$1,330,905</b>	<b>\$850,728</b>	<b>\$505,179</b>	<b>\$8,679,085</b>

\* Interest on Series 2000B,C,D variable rate demand notes was calculated at an assumed rate of 6% per annum and interest on Series 2003D unhedged auction rate bonds was calculated at an assumed rate of 5% per annum. Interest on Series 2004CDE and unhedged Series 2005DE variable rate demand notes calculated at an assumed rate of 4.5% per annum (equal annual debt service deposit requirements). Interest on hedged auction rate securities and variable rate demand notes assumes current interest rates remain the same as of June 30, 2008 and was calculated as follows:

Series 2000C — 1.530%  
 Series 2004C — 1.825%  
 Series 2005DE — 7.600%  
 Series 2008A — 2.900%  
 Series 2008B — 2.900%

\*\* Series 2000C computed: (3.823% – 1.724%) x Outstanding Principal  
 Series 2004C computed: (3.825% – 1.724%) x Outstanding Principal  
 Series 2005DE computed: (3.662% – 1.724%) x Outstanding Principal  
 Series 2008A computed: (5.25% – 2.00375%) x Outstanding Principal  
 Series 2008B computed: (3.771% – 1.724%) x Outstanding Principal

Variable rate bonds are demand obligations that allow bondholders to demand repayment on a weekly basis. The \$303,000,000 Series 2000BCD bonds and \$130,000,000 Series 2005E bonds are supported by Standby Bond Purchase Agreements with Dexia Credit Locale which expire on December 8, 2012. Under the Standby Bond Purchase Agreements, any bonds put to the bank would incur an interest rate equal to the Prime Rate as listed in the Wall Street Journal through December 8, 2012, at the Prime Rate plus 1.0% thereafter, and at the Prime Rate plus 2.0% in the event of a default, but in no case may the rate exceed 15%. The commitment fee is 0.125% per annum for the Series 2000BCD bonds and at June 30, 2008 there were no bonds drawn under the Standby Bond Purchase Agreement. The commitment fee is 0.11% per annum for the Series 2005E bonds and at June 30, 2008 there were \$79,500,000 bonds drawn under the Standby Bond Purchase Agreement.

The \$210,660,000 Series 2004CDE and \$183,485,000 Series 2005D bonds are supported by Standby Bond Purchase Agreements with Depfa Bank PLC which expire on December 8, 2012. Under the 2004CDE Standby Bond Purchase Agreement, any bonds put to the bank would incur an interest rate equal to the greater of Depfa's Prime Rate or the Fed Funds rate plus 0.5% for the first 90 days, at the greater of Depfa's Prime Rate or the Fed Funds rate plus 0.5%, plus 1.0% for the 91st day and thereafter,



**NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)**

and at the greater of Depfa's Prime Rate or the Fed Funds rate plus 0.5%, plus 3.0% in the event of a default, but in no case may the rate exceed 15%. Under the 2005D Standby Bond Purchase Agreement, any bonds put to the bank would incur an interest rate equal to the greater of Depfa's Prime Rate or the Fed Funds rate plus 0.5% for the first 90 days, at the greater of Depfa's Prime Rate or the Fed Funds rate plus 0.5%, plus 1.0% for the 91st day through the date 10 years prior to maturity, and thereafter at the greater of Depfa's Prime Rate or the Fed Funds rate plus 0.5%, plus 1.5%, and at the greater of Depfa's Prime Rate or the Fed Funds rate plus 0.5%, plus 3.0% in the event of a default, but in no case may the rate exceed 15%. The commitment fee is 0.11% per annum for the Series 2004CDE and Series 2005D bonds and at June 30, 2008 there were no bonds drawn under the Standby Bond Purchase Agreements.

Interest and maturities include accretable interest on the Capital Appreciation Bonds as follows (\$000's):

<u>Series</u>	<u>Accreted Interest June 30, 2007</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Payment</u>	<u>Accreted Interest June 30, 2008</u>
1997A.....	\$ 25,393	\$ 3,479	\$ —	\$ 28,872
1998B-1.....	180,300	26,323	—	206,623
1999A.....	154,810	23,215	(556)	177,469
	<u>\$360,503</u>	<u>\$53,017</u>	<u>\$(556)</u>	<u>\$412,964</u>

The loans with the EPA to fund specific asbestos abatement projects are non-interest bearing and are being repaid over a 20-year period. No specific revenue sources are currently dedicated to provide for asbestos abatement loan retirements.

**NOTE 9. LEASE OBLIGATIONS**

Capitalized Leases

Annual rental payments are made pursuant to lease agreements with the Public Building Commission (the "PBC"). The PBC constructs, rehabilitates and equips school buildings and facilities for use by the CPS. The annual lease rentals are funded by a tax levy established when the CPS approved such construction.

The leases are structured so that annual rentals will exceed the PBC's requirements for debt service and other estimated expenses. This ensures that the PBC will receive adequate revenue to cover these obligations. The PBC can authorize rent surpluses to be used either to reduce future rental payments or to finance construction of other CPS projects.

In 2006, CPS entered into \$3.7 million lease with an option to purchase with the Teachers Academy of Math and Science. The term of the lease commenced October 1, 2005 and shall end February 1, 2021. This end date represents the maturity date of bonds issued for the premises by the Illinois Development Finance Authority Bonds. Debt service includes principal and interest and all other costs associated with these bonds. Additionally, CPS will assume all operating costs and personnel costs of the premises.

The future PBC lease rentals and other capitalized leases due at June 30, 2008, are as follows (\$000's):

<u>Fiscal Year(s)</u>	<u>PBC Lease Rentals</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
2009 .....	\$ 51,838	\$ 424	\$ 52,262
2010 .....	51,830	424	52,254
2011 .....	51,874	424	52,298
2012 .....	51,926	424	52,350
2013 .....	51,963	424	52,387
2014-2018 .....	260,100	2,118	262,218
2019-2021 .....	<u>82,730</u>	<u>1,143</u>	<u>83,873</u>
Total Rentals .....	\$ 602,261	\$ 5,381	\$ 607,642
Less — Interest and other costs .....	<u>(190,571)</u>	<u>(2,756)</u>	<u>(193,327)</u>
Principal amount of rental due .....	<u>\$ 411,690</u>	<u>\$ 2,625</u>	<u>\$ 414,315</u>

Following is a summary of changes in PBC leases and other capitalized leases outstanding (\$000's):

	<u>Balance June 30, 2007</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2008</u>
PBC Leases .....	\$435,535	\$—	\$(23,845)	\$411,690
Other Capitalized Leases .....	<u>2,800</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(175)</u>	<u>2,625</u>
	<u>\$438,335</u>	<u>\$—</u>	<u>\$(24,020)</u>	<u>\$414,315</u>
Less: Current Portion PBC Leases .....				(25,305)
Current Portion Other Capitalized Leases .....				<u>(175)</u>
Total Long-Term Leases Outstanding .....				<u>\$388,835</u>

Operating Leases

CPS is a lessee in numerous operating leases associated with the rental of trucks, automobiles, various office equipment and real property. The lease arrangements are both cancelable and non-cancelable with some having structured rent increases. None of the operating leases are considered to be contingent leases.

**NOTE 9. LEASE OBLIGATIONS (continued)**

Total expenditures for operating leases for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 were \$8.2 million. Following is a summary of operating lease commitments as of June 30, 2008 (000's):

<u>Fiscal Year(s)</u>	<u>Non-Real property leases</u>	<u>Real Property leases</u>	<u>Total</u>
2009 . . . . .	\$ 9,514	\$10,078	\$ 19,592
2010 . . . . .	7,173	9,403	16,576
2011 . . . . .	4,102	9,489	13,591
2012 . . . . .	2,266	8,792	11,058
2013 . . . . .	9	8,976	8,985
2014-2018 . . . . .	—	24,190	24,190
2019-2023 . . . . .	—	9,921	9,921
2024 . . . . .	—	94	94
Total Operating Lease Commitments . . . . .	<u>\$23,064</u>	<u>\$80,943</u>	<u>\$104,007</u>

**NOTE 10. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS****Interest Rate Swaps**

During fiscal year 2008, CPS terminated six swap agreements in the notional amount of \$965,275,000. The termination amounts were determined by negotiated and market quotation methods which resulted in a \$20.5 million payment to the counterparties.

**Series 2008A**

*Swap Objective.* In August 2005, CPS sold an option to Bank of America N.A. under which CPS would enter into an interest rate swap associated with \$100,000,000 of bonds refunding the Series 1997A bonds upon exercise of option in July 2007 (effective December 2007). In November 2006, CPS also sold an option to Royal Bank of Canada under which CPS would have to enter into an interest rate swap associated with \$162,785,000 of bonds refunding the Series 1997A bonds upon exercise of the option in July 2007 (effective December 2007). The intention of entering into the swaps were to effectively economically refund \$262,785,000 of the Series 1997A bonds, avoiding negative arbitrage in advance refunding escrows, while realizing upfront payments of \$18,345,000 and \$24,925,000 to be used for costs of issuance and debt service requirements in fiscal year 2006 and 2007.

In July 2007, the counterparties exercised their swaption options and in December 2007, CPS entered into two interest rate swaps associated with the issuance of the Series 2007A auction rate bonds. In May 2008, CPS refunded the Series 2007A auction rate bonds. In May 2008, CPS refunded the Series 2007A auction rate bonds with Series 2008A private placement variable rate bonds (262 million). The swaps associated with Series 2007A were transferred to Series 2008A, with the intention of preserving a maximum amount of upfront savings.

*Swap terms.* The bonds and the related swap agreements mature on December 1, 2030, and the total notional amount of the swaps equals the \$262,785,000 of the Series 2008A bonds. Starting in fiscal year 2025, the notional value of the swap declines by the same amount of the associated principal amortization. Under the swap, CPS pays each counterparty a fixed payment of 5.25% and receives a variable payment computed at the 70% of the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus 0.28% from Bank of America and Royal Bank of Canada through December 1, 2030.

*Fair value.* CPS received upfront payments for the options on the swaptions in the amount of \$43,270,000 during fiscal year 2006 and 2007. Because CPS received an upfront payment and the fixed payments are higher than current market, the swap has negative fair value. The fair value was

**NOTE 10. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS (continued)**

determined by market prices quoted by Deriv Activ, and independent derivative valuation company who specializes in daily market to market derivative valuations, as of June 30, 2008, see table below:

**Swap Counterparty Data as of June 30, 2008**

<u>Counterparty</u>	<u>Swap Notional Amount</u>	<u>Credit Rating; Outlook</u>		<u>Swap Fair Value</u>
		<u>Moody's</u>	<u>S&amp;P</u>	
Bank of America . . . . .	\$100,000,000	Aaa	AA+	\$(21,117,511)
Royal Bank of Canada . . . . .	<u>162,785,000</u>	Aaa	AA-	<u>(32,159,709)</u>
Total . . . . .	<u>\$262,785,000</u>			<u>\$(53,277,220)</u>

*Credit risk.* As of June 30, 2008, CPS was not exposed to credit risk because the swaps had a negative fair value. However, should interest rates change and the fair value of the swaps becomes positive, CPS would be exposed to credit risk in the amount of the derivatives' fair value. To mitigate the potential for credit risk, a counterparty's credit rating from either Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service are "A+"/ "A1", respectively or lower, and the fair value of the swap reaches certain threshold amounts, the fair value of the swap reaches certain threshold amounts, the fair value of the swap will be collateralized by the counterparty with U.S. government securities. Collateral would be posted with a third-party custodian.

*Basis risk.* CPS' issuance of the 2008A bonds resulted in an expected synthetic interest rate of 5.85%. The swaps expose CPS to basis risk should the rate paid on the variable rate securities be more than .60% higher than the 70% of LIBOR rate plus .28% received from the swap counterparties. Should any adverse basis differential occur during the swap contract, the rate paid on the bonds will be higher than the expected synthetic rate, and therefore the expected cost savings may not be realized. As of June 30, 2008, the weighted average rate paid on the bonds was 2.90% and 70% of LIBOR plus 0.28% was 2.00375%.

*Termination risk.* CPS or the counterparties may terminate the swaps if the other party fails to perform under the terms of the contract. The swaps may also be terminated by CPS if the counterparty's credit quality rating falls below designated rating levels from Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investors Service and/or Fitch ("A-" as issued by Standard & Poor's and Fitch or "A3" as issued by Moody's Investors Service). The swaps may also be terminated by the counterparty if CPS' credit quality rating by any two of Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investors Service and Fitch falls below "BBB" as issued by Standard & Poor's or Fitch and "Baa2" as issued by Moody's. If the swaps are terminated, the Series 2008A bonds would no longer carry a synthetic fixed interest rate, and would be subject to the interest rate risk associated with variable rate debt. Also, if at the time of termination the swap has a negative fair value, CPS would be liable to the counterparty for payment equal to the swap's fair value.

**Series 2008B**

*Swap Objective.* CPS entered into two interest rate swaps associated with the issuance of the Series 2003D bonds in December 2003 as a means of lowering its borrowing costs when compared against fixed-rate bonds at the time of issuance. During fiscal year 2008, CPS refunded the Series 2003D auction rate bonds with Series 2008B private placement variable rate bonds (\$240 million). The swaps associated with Series 2003D were transferred to Series 2008B. The intention of transferring the swaps was to effectively change the variable interest rate to a fixed interest rate of 3.771% plus 0.88%.

*Swap terms.* The bonds and the related swap agreements mature on March 1, 2034, and the total notional amount of the swaps equals the \$185,350,000 of Series 2008B private placement bonds. Starting in fiscal year 2018, the notional value of the swap declines by the same amount of the associated principal amortization. Under the swap, CPS pays each counterparty a fixed payment of 3.771% and receives a variable payment computed at 70% of the LIBOR through March 1, 2034.

**NOTE 10. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS (continued)**

*Fair value.* As of June 30, 2008, the swaps have a negative fair value as a result of long-term interest rates decrease since the execution of the swap. Because the coupons on CPS' variable rate bonds adjust to changing interest rates, the bonds do not have a corresponding fair value increase. The fair value was determined by market prices quoted by DerivActiv, and independent derivative valuation company who specializes in daily market to market derivative valuations, as of June 30, 2008 (see table below).

*Credit risk.* As of June 30, 2008, CPS was not exposed to credit risk because the swaps had a negative fair value. However, should interest rates change and the fair value of the swaps becomes positive, CPS would be exposed to credit risk in the amount of the derivatives' fair value. To mitigate the potential for credit risk, if a counterparty's credit rating from either Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service are "A-" / "A3", respectively or lower, and the fair value of the swap reaches certain threshold amounts, the fair value of the swap will be collateralized by the counterparty with U.S. government securities. Collateral would be posted with a third-party custodian.

**Swap Counterparty Data as of June 30, 2008**

<u>Counterparty</u>	<u>Swap Notional Amount</u>	<u>Credit Rating; Outlook</u>		<u>Swap Fair Value</u>
		<u>Moody's</u>	<u>S&amp;P</u>	
Lehman Brothers . . . . .	\$ 95,350,000	A1	A+; stable	\$(5,015,830)
Goldman Sachs . . . . .	<u>90,000,000</u>	A1	A+; stable	<u>(4,734,395)</u>
Total . . . . .	<u>\$185,350,000</u>			<u>\$(9,750,225)</u>

*Basis risk.* CPS' issuance of the 2008B bonds resulted in an expected synthetic interest rate of 4.651%. The swaps expose CPS to basis risk should the rate paid on the variable auction rate securities be more than the .88% higher than the 70% of LIBOR rate received from the swap counterparties. Should any adverse basis differential occur during the swap contract, the rate paid on the bonds will be higher than the expected synthetic rate, and therefore the expected cost savings may not be realized. As of June 30, 2008, the weighted average auction rate paid on the bondholders was 2.90% and 70% of LIBOR was 1.72375.

*Termination risk.* CPS or the counterparties may terminate the swaps if the other party fails to perform under the terms of the contract. The swaps may also be terminated by CPS if the counterparty's credit quality rating falls below designated rating levels from Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investors Service and/or Fitch ("A-" as issued by Standard & Poor's and Fitch or "A3" as issued by Moody's Investors Service). The swaps may also be terminated by the counterparty if CPS' credit quality rating by any two of Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investors Service and Fitch falls below "BBB" as issued by Standard & Poor's or Fitch and "Baa2" as issued by Moody's. If the swaps are terminated, the Series 2008B bonds would no longer carry a synthetic fixed interest rate, and would be subject to the interest rate risk associated with variable rate debt. Also, if at the time of termination the swap has a negative fair value, CPS would be liable to the counterparty for payment equal to the swap's fair value.

**Series 2005A**

*Swap Objective.* In October 2005 CPS entered into two interest rate swaps associated with the Series 2005A bonds as a means of lowering its borrowing costs. The intention of entering into the swaps was to effectively change the interest rate on the fixed rate bonds from the stated coupon on the bonds to a lower rate.

*Swap terms.* The bonds and the related swap agreements mature on December 1, 2031, and the total notional amount of the swaps equals the \$193,585,000 of Series 2005A fixed rate bonds. Starting in fiscal year 2014, the notional value of the swap declines by the same amount of the associated principal amortization. Under the swap, CPS pays one counterparty a variable payment computed at the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association Municipal Swap Index Rate (SIFMA) rate and receives a

**NOTE 10. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS (continued)**

variable payment computed at 70% of the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus 52.4 basis points. For the second swap, CPS pays the counterparty a variable payment computed at the SIFMA rate and receives a variable payment computed at 80.764% of LIBOR.

*Fair value.* As of June 30, 2008, the swaps have a positive fair value as a result of long term interest rates falling since the execution of the swap. The fair value was determined by market prices quoted by DerivActiv, an independent derivative valuation company who specializes in daily mark to market derivative valuations, as of June 30, 2008 (see table below).

*Credit risk.* As of June 30, 2008, CPS was exposed to credit risk because the swaps had a positive fair value. However, should interest rates change and the fair value of the swaps becomes negative, CPS would not be exposed to credit risk in the amount of the derivatives' fair value. To mitigate the potential for credit risk, if a counterparty's credit rating from either Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service are "A+" / "A1", respectively or lower, and the fair value of the swap reaches certain threshold amounts, the fair value of the swap will be collateralized by the counterparty with U.S. government securities. Collateral would be posted with a third-party custodian.

**Swap Counterparty Data as of June 30, 2008**

<u>Counterparty</u>	<u>Swap Notional Amount</u>	<u>Credit Rating: Outlook</u>		<u>Swap Fair Value</u>
		<u>Moody's</u>	<u>S&amp;P</u>	
Loop Financial . . . . .	\$116,151,000	Aa1	AA	\$1,427,160
Merrill Lynch . . . . .	77,434,000	A1	A	810,767
Total . . . . .	<u>\$193,585,000</u>			<u>\$2,237,927</u>

*Basis risk.* The swaps expose CPS to basis risk should the relationship between LIBOR and SIFMA converge. Should any adverse basis differential occur during the swap contract, the rate paid on the bonds will be higher than the stated coupon on the bonds, and therefore the expected cost savings may not be realized. As of June 30, 2008, the SIFMA rate was 1.55%. As of June 30, 2008, the rate received by one counterparty was 2.25% (70% of LIBOR + 52.4 basis points) and was 1.989% from the other (80.764% of LIBOR), effectively lowering the stated coupon on the bonds by a weighted average of 0.594%.

*Termination risk.* CPS or the counterparties may terminate the swaps if the other party fails to perform under the terms of the contract. The swaps may also be terminated by CPS if the counterparty's credit quality rating falls below designated rating levels from Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investors Service and/or Fitch ("A-" as issued by Standard & Poor's and Fitch or "A3" as issued by Moody's Investors Service). The swaps may also be terminated by the counterparty if CPS' credit quality rating by any two of Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investors Service and Fitch falls below "BBB" as issued by Standard & Poor's or Fitch and "Baa2" as issued by Moody's. If the swaps are terminated, the Series 2005A bonds would no longer carry a synthetic fixed interest rate, and would be subject to the interest rate risk associated with variable rate debt. Also, if at the time of termination the swap has a negative fair value, CPS would be liable to the counterparty for payment equal to the swap's fair value.

**Series 2005DE**

*Swap Objective.* CPS entered into an interest rate swap associated with the issuance of the Series 2005DE bonds in December 2005 as a means of lowering its borrowing costs when compared against fixed-rate bonds at the time of issuance. The intention of entering into the swap was to effectively change the variable interest rate on the bonds to a fixed interest rate of 3.6617%.

*Swap terms.* The bonds and the related swap agreement mature on March 1, 2036, and the total notional amount of the swaps equals the \$287,055,000 of Series 2005DE variable rate bonds. Starting in fiscal year

**NOTE 10. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS (continued)**

2013, the notional value of the swap declines by the same amount of the associated principal amortization. Under the swap, CPS pays the counterparty a fixed payment of 3.6617% and receives a variable payment computed at 70% of the LIBOR.

*Fair value.* As of June 30, 2008, the swap has a negative fair value as a result of long-term interest rates decreasing since the execution of the swap. The fair value was determined by market prices quoted by DerivActiv, and independent derivative valuation company who specializes in daily mark to market derivative valuations, as of June 30, 2008 (see table below).

*Credit risk.* As of June 30, 2008, CPS was not exposed to credit risk because the swaps had a negative fair value. However, should interest rates change and the fair value of the swaps becomes positive, CPS would be exposed to credit risk in the amount of the derivatives' fair value. To mitigate the potential for credit risk, if a counterparty's credit rating from either Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service are "A+" / "A1", respectively or lower, and the fair value of the swap reaches certain threshold amounts, the fair value of the swap will be collateralized by the counterparty with U.S. government securities. Collateral would be posted with a third-party custodian.

**Swap Counterparty Data as of June 30, 2008**

<u>Counterparty</u>	<u>Swap Notional Amount</u>	<u>Credit Rating; Outlook</u>		<u>Swap Fair Value</u>
		<u>Moody's</u>	<u>S&amp;P</u>	
Loop Financial . . . . .	\$287,055,000	Aa1	AA	\$(11,276,572)

*Basis risk.* The swaps expose CPS to basis risk should the rate paid on the variable rate debt be higher than the 70% of the LIBOR rate received from the swap counterparty. Should any adverse basis differential occur during the swap contract, the rate paid on the bonds will be higher than the 3.6617% synthetic rate, and therefore the expected cost savings may not be realized. As of June 30, 2008, the weighted average variable rate was 3.836% and 70% of LIBOR was 1.724%. To mitigate the potential for basis risk, CPS' annual debt service fund deposit is calculated at a rate of 3.7817%.

*Termination risk.* CPS or the counterparties may terminate the swaps if the other party fails to perform under the terms of the contract. The swaps may also be terminated by CPS if the counterparty's credit quality rating falls below designated rating levels from Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investors Service and/or Fitch ("A-" as issued by Standard & Poor's and Fitch or "A3" as issued by Moody's Investors Service). The swaps may also be terminated by the counterparty if CPS' credit quality rating by any two of Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investors Service and Fitch falls below "BBB" as issued by Standard & Poor's or Fitch and "Baa2" as issued by Moody's. If the swaps are terminated, the Series 2005DE bonds would no longer carry a synthetic fixed interest rate, and would be subject to the interest rate risk associated with variable rate debt. Also, if at the time of termination the swap has a negative fair value, CPS would be liable to the counterparty for payment equal to the swap's fair value.

**Series 2000C and Series 2004C**

*Swap Objective.* In February 2007, CPS entered into interest rate swaps associated with Series 2000C and Series 2004C bonds with Royal Bank of Canada. The intention of entering into the swaps was to effectively change the variable interest rate on the bonds to a fixed interest rate of 3.823% for Series 2000C and 3.825% for Series 2004C.

*Series 2000C Swap terms.* The bonds and the related swap agreement mature on March 1, 2032, and the total notional amount of the swaps equals the \$61,100,000. Starting in fiscal year 2024, the notional value of the swap declines by the same amount of the associated principal amortization. Under the swap, CPS pays the counterparty a fixed payment of 3.823% and receives a variable payment computed at 70% of the LIBOR.

**NOTE 10. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS (continued)**

*Series 2004C Swap terms.* The bonds and the related swap agreement mature on March 1, 2035, and the total notional amount of the swaps equals the \$124,320,000. Starting in fiscal year 2024, the notional value of the swap declines by the same amount of the associated principal amortization. Under the swap, CPS pays the counterparty a fixed payment of 3.825% and receives a variable payment computed at 70% of LIBOR.

*Fair value.* As of June 30, 2008, the swap has a negative fair value as a result of long term interest rates decreasing since the execution of the swap. The fair value was determined by market prices quoted by DerivActiv, and independent derivative valuation company who specializes in daily mark to market derivative valuations, as of June 30, 2008 (see table below).

*Credit risk.* As of June 30, 2008, CPS was not exposed to credit risk because the swaps had a negative fair value. However, should interest rates change and the fair value of the swaps become positive, CPS would be exposed to credit risk in the amount of the derivatives' fair value. To mitigate the potential for credit risk, if a counterparty's credit rating from either Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service are "A+/" "A1", respectively or lower, and the fair value of the swap reaches certain threshold amounts, the fair value of the swap will be collateralized by the counterparty with U.S. government securities. Collateral would be posted with a third-party custodian.

**Swap Counterparty Data as of June 30, 2008**

<u>Counterparty</u>	<u>Swaption Notional Amount</u>	<u>Credit Rating; Outlook</u>		<u>Swap Fair Value</u>
		<u>Moody's</u>	<u>S&amp;P</u>	
Royal Bank of Canada . . . . .	\$ 61,100,000	Aaa	AA-	\$ (3,637,171)
Royal Bank of Canada . . . . .	<u>124,320,000</u>	Aaa	AA-	<u>(7,534,363)</u>
Total . . . . .	<u>\$185,420,000</u>			<u>\$(11,171,534)</u>

*Basis risk.* The swaps expose CPS to basis risk should the rate paid on the variable rate debt be higher than the 70% of LIBOR rate received from the swap counterparty. Should any adverse basis differential occur during the swap contract, the rate paid on the bonds will be higher than the 3.6617% synthetic rate, and therefore the expected cost savings may not be realized. As of June 30, 2008, the weighted average variable rate was 1.53% for Series 2000C bonds and 1.825% Series 2004C bonds and 70% of LIBOR was 1.724%. To mitigate the potential for basis risk, CPS' annual debt service fund deposit is calculated at a rate of 3.817%.

*Termination risk.* CPS or the counterparties may terminate the swaps if the other party fails to perform under the terms of the contract. The swaps may also be terminated by CPS if the counterparty's credit quality rating falls below designated rating levels from Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investors Service and/or Fitch ("A-" as issued by Standard & Poor's and Fitch or "A3" as issued by Moody's Investors Service). The swaps may also be terminated by the counterparty if CPS' credit quality rating by any two of Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investors Service and Fitch falls below "BBB" as issued by Standard & Poor's or Fitch and "Baa2" as issued by Moody's. If the swaps are terminated, the Series 2000C and 2004C bonds would no longer carry a synthetic fixed interest rate, and would be subject to the interest rate risk associated with variable rate debt. Also if at the time of termination the swap has a negative fair value, CPS would be liable to the counterparty for payment equal to the swap's fair value.



**NOTE 11. OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

The following is a summary of changes to other long-term liabilities (\$000's)

	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2007</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2008</u>
Accrued Sick Pay Benefits . . . . .	\$214,883	\$127,269	\$(73,107)	\$269,045
Accrued Vacation Pay Benefits . . . . .	39,359	38,997	(4,466)	73,890
Accrued Workers' Compensation Claims . . . . .	75,414	28,768	(17,364)	86,818
Accrued General and Automobile Claims . . . . .	10,184	682	(717)	10,149
Tort Liabilities and Other Claims . . . . .	4,150	—	(2,750)	1,400
Total . . . . .	<u>\$343,990</u>	<u>\$195,716</u>	<u>\$(98,404)</u>	<u>\$441,302</u>
Less: Current Portion of Accrued Sick Pay Benefits . . . . .				(59,539)
Less: Current Portion of Accrued Vacation Pay Benefits . . . . .				(6,875)
Total Other Long-term Liabilities . . . . .				<u>\$374,888</u>

Sick Pay Benefits

CPS provides sick pay benefits for substantially all of its employees. Eligible employees can accumulate a maximum of 315 days. If an employee either reaches age 65; has a minimum of 20 years of service at the time of resignation or retirement, or dies, the employee is entitled to receive, as additional cash compensation, all or a portion of their accumulated sick leave days. The CPS budgets an amount each year in the General Operating Fund for these estimated payments to employees terminated in the current fiscal year.

Vacation Pay Benefits

For eligible employees, the maximum number of accumulated unused vacation days permitted is 40 days for those employees with up to 10 years of service; 53 days for those with 10 to 20 years of service; and 66 days for those with more than 20 years of service. Eligible employees are entitled to receive 100% of accumulated vacation days at their current salary rate. These amounts will be liquidated from the General Operating Fund.

Accrued Workers' Compensation, General and Automobile and Tort Liabilities and Other Claims

The CPS is substantially self-insured and assumes risk of loss as follows:

The CPS maintains commercial excess property insurance for "all risks" of physical loss or damage with limits of \$200,000,000 and Boiler & Machinery Insurance with limits of \$100,000,000 with the following deductibles:

Data Processing Equipment & Media . . . . .	\$ 25,000
Mechanical Breakdown . . . . .	\$ 50,000
All Other Losses . . . . .	\$500,000

During fiscal years 2008, 2007 and 2006 no settlements were made in excess of the self-insured amount and there has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage over the past three fiscal years.

The CPS maintains commercial excess liability insurance with limits of \$75,000,000 in excess of a \$10,000,000 self-insured retention per loss for claims arising from: General Liability; Automotive Liability; Employers Liability; and Wrongful Acts.

As discussed in Note 15, there are pending workers' compensation and tort claims involving the CPS which have arisen out of the ordinary conduct of business. The CPS budgets an amount each year in the

**NOTE 11. OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (continued)**

Workers' and Unemployment Compensation/Tort Immunity Fund for the estimated claims, of which the expenditures are met through an annual tax levy.

The CPS' estimate of liabilities for workers' compensation claims, general and automobile claims and tort is based on reserves established by the respective trial attorneys or the claims administrators. The CPS accrues for the estimated workers' compensation, general and automobile claims and tort claims in the General Operating Fund where there is a likelihood that an unfavorable outcome is probable and that expenditures will be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

The CPS is self-insured for workers' compensation claims and certain employee health insurance costs (reimbursed to a provider on a cost plus fees basis). A liability of \$48.5 million has been recorded for health insurance costs as a part of accrued payroll in the General Operating Fund, which includes \$29.1 million for estimated medical claims incurred but not reported as of June 30, 2008. Following is the activity related to medical claims for which the CPS is self-insured (\$000's):

<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2006</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2007</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2008</u>
<u>\$49,012</u>	<u>\$263,695</u>	<u>\$(257,066)</u>	<u>\$55,641</u>	<u>\$273,403</u>	<u>\$(280,580)</u>	<u>\$48,464</u>

**NOTE 12. PENSION AND OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**Pension — Certified Teachers and Administrators**

Pension benefits for certified teachers and administrators are provided under a defined benefit cost-sharing multiple employer plan administered by the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago (the "Pension Fund") in which the CPS is the sole employer. There are no assets of the CPS included in the Pension Fund. Copies of the Pension Fund Annual Report are available by contacting the Public School Teachers' Pension & Retirement Fund of Chicago, 203 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

Article 17 of the Illinois Pension Code governs the retirement, survivor and disability benefits provided by the Pension Fund. Participation in the Pension Fund is mandatory for all members of the teaching force and employees of the Pension Fund. As of June 30, 2007, the most recent report, there were 32,968 active participants in the Pension Fund, substantially all of who were employees of the CPS.

A member of the Pension Fund with at least 20 years of service is entitled to a pension upon attainment of age 55. A member with at least 5 but less than 20 years of service is entitled to a pension upon attainment of age 62. The pension benefit is based upon years of service and salary level.

Participating members contribute 9% of salary, allocated as follows: 7.5% for retirement pension, 0.5% for automatic annual increases and 1.0% for survivor's pension. In fiscal year 2008, as in previous fiscal years, the CPS paid a portion (7% — \$125.4 million) of the required employees' contribution, which has been recorded as an expenditure in the accompanying financial statements. A portion of grant funds from the Federal government and General Operating Fund revenues provides the funding of the 7% portion. The remaining portion (2%) is withheld from teachers' salaries.

The CPS' employer-required contributions, with the exception of contributions from Federal funds, are not actuarially determined. State law requires statutorily determined CPS employer contributions. The CPS'

**NOTE 12. PENSION AND OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)**

employer contributions towards the cost of retirement benefits, and their related sources of funding, are as follows (\$000's):

<b>Retirement benefit contribution:</b>	
A contribution from the State of Illinois . . . . .	\$ 75,218
A contribution to increase funded ratio to 90% . . . . .	131,455
A portion of grant funds from the Federal government for teachers paid from certain Federally-funded programs . . . . .	<u>18,461</u>
Total contributions . . . . .	<u>\$225,134</u>

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, employee contributions are \$161.2 million which is 9% of covered payroll. Employer contributions for the year are \$225.1 million which is approximately 5% of covered payroll.

The CPS recognizes its pension expenditures as the amount accrued during the year that normally would be liquidated with expendable available financial resources (i.e., total CPS contributions).

The governmental fund financial statements reflect expenditures on both a functional and budgetary account basis. Teachers' pension expenditures reflected on the budgetary account basis include both the CPS' employer share of pension expenditures of \$225.1 million and amounts incurred by the CPS for a portion of the required employees' pension contribution of \$125.4 million, which total \$350.5 million. For functional reporting purposes, all teachers' pension expenditures, except that portion funded by the Federal grants, are reflected in the same functional classifications as the teachers' salaries.

The government-wide financial statements reflect pension expense representing the change in net pension obligation.

The CPS' annual pension costs for fiscal years 2008, 2007 and 2006 are as follows (\$000's):

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Annual required contribution (ARC) . . . . .	\$ 290,073	\$ 370,210	\$ 328,366
Interest on Net Pension Obligation (NPO) . . . . .	140,114	121,042	100,492
Adjustment to annual required contribution . . . . .	<u>(99,133)</u>	<u>(85,639)</u>	<u>(61,849)</u>
Annual Pension Cost (APC) for the fiscal year ended			
June 30, 2008 . . . . .	\$ 331,054	\$ 405,613	\$ 367,009
Less: Contributions made . . . . .	<u>(225,134)</u>	<u>(167,209)</u>	<u>(110,132)</u>
Increase in NPO . . . . .	\$ 105,920	\$ 238,404	\$ 256,877
Add NPO, beginning of year . . . . .	<u>1,751,427</u>	<u>1,513,023</u>	<u>1,256,146</u>
NPO, end of year . . . . .	<u>\$1,857,347</u>	<u>\$1,751,427</u>	<u>\$1,513,023</u>
Actuarial valuation date . . . . .	June 30, 2007		
Actuarial cost method . . . . .	Projected Unit Credit		
Amortization method . . . . .	Level percent, open		
Remaining amortization period . . . . .	30 years		
Asset valuation method . . . . .	4 year smoothed market		
Actuarial assumptions:			
Investment rate of return . . . . .	8%		
Projected salary increases . . . . .	Average of 4% per year		
Inflation . . . . .	3%		

**NOTE 12. PENSION AND OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)**

At June 30, 2007, 2006 and 2005 (the actuarial valuation dates), the Schedule of Funding Progress and other trend information is as follows (\$000's):

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Actuarial value of assets . . . . .	\$ 11,759,699	\$ 10,947,998	\$ 10,506,471
Less: Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) . . . . .	<u>(14,677,184)</u>	<u>(14,035,627)</u>	<u>(13,295,876)</u>
AAL unfunded (liability) / surplus . . . . .	<u>\$ (2,917,485)</u>	<u>\$ (3,087,629)</u>	<u>\$ (2,789,405)</u>
Funded ratio . . . . .	80.1%	78.0%	79.0%
Covered payroll . . . . .	\$ 1,863,182	\$ 1,944,358	\$ 1,968,612
Unfunded AAL as a percentage of covered payroll . . .	156.6%	158.8%	141.7%
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Annual pension cost . . . . .	\$ 331,054	\$ 405,613	\$ 367,009
Percentage of annual pension cost contributed . . . . .	68.0%	41.2%	30.0%
Net Pension Obligation . . . . .	\$1,857,347	\$1,751,427	\$1,513,023

In the opinion of the CPS' legal counsel, the unfunded actuarial liability of the Pension Fund is not a liability to be funded by the CPS; however, the CPS is required to provide funding in addition to amounts provided from Federal and State sources if the funded ratio drops below 90%. CPS contributed \$131.5 million in fiscal year 2008 to increase the funded ratio to 90% and will make an additional General Operating Fund appropriation of \$188.2 million for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009.

During fiscal year 2008, approximately 96 teachers participated in CPS' early retirement incentive program. The accrued pension cost of \$3 million was recorded in the fund financial statements.

**Pension — Other Personnel**

All career service employees of the CPS, except CPS employees who are members of the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund, participate in the Municipal Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago (the "Annuity Fund"). The Annuity Fund is considered a defined benefit plan.

Employees with at least 10 years of service who have attained 55 years of age at the time they withdraw from service must accept an annuity if they are not eligible for a refund of their annuity contribution. Employees under the age of 55 with at least 10 years of service who withdraw from service may accept a refund of their contributions plus interest or let the contributions remain in the Annuity Fund and receive an annuity, beginning upon application for an annuity, after they attain 55 years of age. If an employee withdraws from service with less than 10 years of service, accumulated annuity contributions plus interest are refunded.

Except as described below, the CPS makes no direct contributions to the Annuity Fund, which receives its income from three primary sources: a City of Chicago tax levy; income from investments; and deductions from participating employees' salaries.

Covered employees are required by Article 8, Chapter 40 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes to contribute a percentage of their salary (8.5%). In fiscal year 2008, as in previous fiscal years, CPS agreed to pay a portion (7% — \$35.7 million) of the required employees' contribution for most employees. CPS also receives a portion of the cost of providing pension benefits from grants by the Federal government for career service employees paid from certain Federally-funded programs. In fiscal year 2008, the career service pension expenditure reflected in the fund financial statements is \$91.1 million; of this amount \$89.8 million is reflected in the General Operating Fund and \$1.3 million in the Capital Projects Fund. This total career service pension expenditure is composed of \$35.7 million which represents the required employees' contribution paid by CPS on behalf of its employees; \$50 million contributed by the City of

**NOTE 12. PENSION AND OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)**

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Chicago through its specific tax levies for pension plans and the remaining \$5.4 million funded under Federally-funded programs. The portion funded by the City of Chicago and Federal Government is also reflected as revenue in the General Operating Fund and the Capital Projects Fund.

Career service pension expense in the government-wide financial statements is \$91.1 million.

As of December 31, 2007, the date of the latest available report, the Annuity Fund had net assets of approximately \$7 billion and an unfunded accrued actuarial liability for all covered employees, including CPS employees, of approximately \$3.3 billion. The CPS employs approximately 17,990 of the 34,885 active participants in the Annuity Fund. The CPS, in the opinion of its legal counsel, has no duty to contribute any sum to the Annuity Fund.

**Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)**

Healthcare benefits for certified teachers and administrators are provided under a multiple employer plan administered by the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago (the "Pension Fund"). There are no assets of the CPS included in the Pension Fund. The initial actuarial analysis is contained in a stand alone report that was commissioned by CPS and is available by contacting Chicago Public Schools, 125 South Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. Subsequent analyses will be contained within the Pension Fund Annual Report and will be available by contacting the Public School Teachers' Pension & Retirement Fund of Chicago, 203 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

The Pension Fund administers a health insurance program that includes two external health insurance providers. A recipient of a retirement pension, survivor pension, or disability pension may be eligible to participate in a health insurance program and premium rebate sponsored by the Pension Fund, provided the Pension Fund is the recipient's final pension system prior to retirement. The purpose of this program is to help defray the retired member's premium cost for health insurance. The member is responsible for paying the cost of the insurance and may purchase insurance from the Pension Fund's providers or other outside providers. Each year, the Board of Trustees of the Pension Fund establishes a rebate percentage that is used to defray a portion of the cost of the insurance. The rebate percentage was 70% of the individual member's cost for fiscal years 2007 and 2006. In accordance with Illinois Compiled Statutes (ILCS) Article 40 Chapter 5 Article 17 Section 142.1, the total health insurance benefits provided in any one year may not exceed \$65 million plus any previous year amounts authorized but not yet expended. The statutory threshold, however, does not fall under the definition of a funding cap as set forth in GASBS 45. The Pension Fund has total discretion over the program, and no employee or employer contributions are made for the subsidy. As of June 30, 2007, the most recent available data, there were 14,169 active participants in the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund Retiree Health Insurance Program.

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Calculations are based on the types of benefits provided under the terms of the substantive plan at the time of each valuation and on the pattern of sharing of costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations on the pattern of cost sharing between the employer and plan members in the future. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective and, consistent with that perspective, actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets.

**NOTE 12. PENSION AND OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)**

The CPS' annual OPEB costs for fiscal year 2008, 2007 and 2006 are as follows (\$000's):

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Total actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2007, June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2005 . . . . .	\$(2,022,008)	\$(2,373,774)	\$(2,825,543)
Total OPEB assets of the Teacher Pension Fund . . . . .	<u>47,402</u>	<u>41,058</u>	<u>89,763</u>
Unfunded actuarial liability . . . . .	<u>\$(1,974,606)</u>	<u>\$(2,332,716)</u>	<u>\$(2,735,780)</u>
Annual amount to amortize unfunded liability over 30 years as a level percent of payroll . . . . .	\$ 77,055	\$ 91,029	\$ 106,758
Normal cost . . . . .	<u>72,978</u>	<u>118,417</u>	<u>106,558</u>
Annual required contribution . . . . .	\$ 150,033	\$ 209,446	\$ 213,316
Interest on net OPEB obligation . . . . .	21,255	10,666	N/a
Adjustment to annual required contribution . . . . .	<u>(16,589)</u>	<u>(8,324)</u>	<u>N/a</u>
Annual OPEB cost for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 . . . . .	\$ 154,699	\$ 211,788	\$ 213,316
Less: Contributions made . . . . .	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Increase in OPEB . . . . .	\$ 154,699	\$ 211,788	\$ 213,316
Add OPEB, beginning of year . . . . .	<u>\$ 425,104</u>	<u>\$ 213,316</u>	<u>—</u>
OPEB, end of year . . . . .	<u>\$ 579,803</u>	<u>\$ 425,104</u>	<u>\$ 213,316</u>
Actuarial valuation date . . . . .	June 30, 2007		
Actuarial cost method . . . . .	Projected Unit Credit		
Amortization method . . . . .	Level percent of payroll		
Remaining amortization period . . . . .	30 years		
Actuarial assumptions:			
Discount rate . . . . .	5%		
Medical trend rate . . . . .	5%		
Inflation . . . . .	3%		

**Other Personnel**

Actuarial studies on other personnel determined that no OPEB liability exists for those employees as of June 30, 2008.

**NOTE 13. THE CHICAGO SCHOOL FINANCE AUTHORITY**

In 1979, the CPS was unable to continue normal operations because of a severe cash shortage. As a result, the Chicago School Finance Authority (the "Authority") was created in January 1980 to exercise oversight and control over the financial affairs of the CPS.

The amount of Authority bonds outstanding at June 30, 2008, net of bonds advance refunded or defeased is \$66,645,000 which is payable in fiscal year 2009. The Authority's bonds are not a direct or contingent obligation of the CPS.

The Authority is a separate body politic and corporate and a unit of local government with the power to levy property taxes. The Authority will remain in existence until one year after all bonds and notes issued by it have been discharged. The Authority had various financial oversight powers related to the CPS until June 30, 1995. Public Act 93-0488 suspended the powers of the Authority until 2010.

**NOTE 14. FUND BALANCE RESERVATIONS AND NET ASSET RESTRICTIONS**

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*a. Fund Balance Reservation*

On the fund financial statements, the Fund Balance Reserved for Specific Purposes consists of the following (\$000's):

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Reserved Amount</u>
Workers' Compensation/Tort Immunity . . . . .	\$ 56,610
Supplementary General State Aid . . . . .	<u>46,085</u>
Total . . . . .	<u>\$102,695</u>

The amount reserved for Supplementary General State Aid represents the unexpended and unencumbered portion of the 2008 Supplementary General State Aid allocation.

In its fiscal year 2008 budget, CPS appropriated in its General Operating Fund \$36 million of fund balances from amounts reserved for specific purposes and \$73 million of general fund balance.

In its fiscal year 2009 budget, CPS appropriated in its General Operating Fund \$45.2 million of fund balances from amounts reserved for specific purposes and \$100 million of general fund balance.

In its fiscal year 2008 budget, CPS designated \$233.2 million to provide working capital. In its fiscal year 2009 budget, CPS has designated \$258 million to provide working capital.

During fiscal year 2008, the Board reserved \$272.4 million for Debt Service of which \$236.1 million was allocated to the Bond Redemption and Interest Program and the remaining \$36.3 million was allocated to the Public Building Commission Leases Program.

*b. Net Assets Restrictions*

The government-wide statement of net assets reports \$550.2 million of restricted net assets, of which \$445.7 is restricted for Debt service, \$1.8 million is restricted for Donations and \$102.7 is restricted by Enabling legislation.

**NOTE 15. LITIGATION AND CONTINGENCIES**

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*a. State and Federal Aid Receipts*

State and Federal aid is generally subject to review by the responsible governmental agencies for compliance with the agencies' regulations governing the aid. In the opinion of CPS management and legal counsel, any potential adjustments to the Federal or State aid recorded by CPS through June 30, 2008, resulting from a review by a responsible government agency will not have a material effect on CPS' financial statements at June 30, 2008.

*b. Asbestos and Lead Abatement*

Under Federal and State asbestos and lead abatement laws and guidelines, CPS will be required to perform significant amounts of asbestos and lead abatement in school facilities. The cost of the asbestos and lead abatement is estimated to be substantial. These future costs will be recorded as expenditures when the work is performed. Although the amount, funding and timing of the future expenditures required is uncertain, CPS intends to comply with all Federal and State asbestos and lead abatement laws and guidelines.

**NOTE 15. LITIGATION AND CONTINGENCIES (continued)**

*c. Wrongful Death Claim*

Deena Samuels v Board of Education of the City of Chicago, et. is both a survivor action and a wrongful death claim lawsuit on behalf of Aniya Bowers. On March 17, 2005 Deena Samuels, a CPS employee, fell on a wet floor in the cafeteria of Oscar DePriest Elementary School. She was pregnant at the time. She gave birth to Aniya Bowers, who died on April 27, 2005. The Board's custodians were responsible for cleaning the area near where Ms. Samuels fell. The key issue at trial will be whether Ms. Samuels' fall caused Aniya's premature birth and death. A finding of liability on the part of CPS cannot be predicted as either probable or remote at this juncture.

*d. Other Litigation and Claims*

There are numerous other claims and pending legal actions involving CPS, including actions concerned with civil rights of employees, workers' compensation, torts, property tax objections, and other matters, arising out of CPS' ordinary conduct of its business. Certain actions involve alleged damages in substantial amounts. The amounts of liability, if any, on these claims as of June 30, 2008, in excess of related insurance coverage with respect to certain claims, are not determinable at this time. In the opinion of CPS management and legal counsel, the final resolution of these claims and legal actions will not be material to CPS' financial statements as of June 30, 2008.

**NOTE 16. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING METHOD**

In 2007 and prior years, CPS' policy considered non-exchange transactions such as State Aid, Federal Aid and Replacement tax revenues, to be available and susceptible to accrual if collected within 90 days of the fiscal year end for fund financial statements. During fiscal year 2008 CPS retrospectively changed its method to consider these revenues to be available and susceptible to accrual if collected within 30 days after the year end. This change is consistent with CPS' current property tax revenue recognition policy.

The fund balances for the years ended June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007 have been retrospectively adjusted for this change and are as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fund Balances				
June 30, 2006 as previously reported . . . . .	\$ 495,897	\$504,984	\$353,267	\$1,354,148
Change in accounting policy . . . . .	(112,084)	—	—	(112,084)
Fund Balances, as restated . . . . .	<u>\$ 383,813</u>	<u>\$504,984</u>	<u>\$353,267</u>	<u>\$1,242,064</u>
June 30, 2007 as previously reported . . . . .	\$ 633,936	\$680,513	\$423,347	\$1,737,796
Change in accounting policy . . . . .	(159,153)	(312)	—	(159,465)
Fund Balances, as restated . . . . .	<u>\$ 474,783</u>	<u>\$680,201</u>	<u>\$423,347</u>	<u>\$1,578,331</u>

**NOTE 17. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Series 2005DE, Series 2004CDE, Series 2000BCD) variable rate demand obligations

In August 2008, CPS substituted insurance on \$195,000,000 outstanding Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds (Series 2005D) as a result of the initial insurer, CIFG, being downgraded below investment grade by both Fitch and Moody's. CIFG was replaced with Assured Guaranty. Cost of issuance of \$1.1 million for the substitution were paid from CPS' funds.



**NOTE 17. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS (continued)**

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Also in August 2008, Standard & Poor's downgraded CIFG below investment grade, which resulted in an immediate termination of CPS' Standby Bond Purchase Agreement with Dexia Credit Local for \$130,000,000 outstanding Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds (Series 2005E). Under the terms of the Series 2005E trust indenture, CPS is required to diligently pursue corrective action within a sixty (60) day period, which action it is currently pursuing. Currently \$79,500,000 bonds are bank bonds under the Standby Bond Purchase Agreement, resulting in current interest rates of 6.25% for bank bonds and 9.0% for remarketed bonds.

In September 2008, related to the impact of the global liquidity crisis, Depfa Bank PLC, liquidity provider for the Series 2005D bonds, was downgraded by Standard & Poor's to BBB+ from A, by Moody's to A2 from Aa3 and by Fitch to A- from AA-. Subsequently in October 2008, \$153,485,000 of the Series 2005D bonds were unable to be remarketed and are currently bank bonds under the Standby Bond Purchase Agreement, resulting in current interest rates of 4.0% and 6.25% for remarketed bonds.

Also in October 2008, \$198,280,000 of the \$210,660,000 outstanding Series 2004CDE bonds with Depfa Bank PLC as liquidity provider were unable to be remarketed and are currently bank bonds under the Standby Bond Purchase Agreement, resulting in current interest rates of 4.5% for bank bonds and 8.0% - 9.0% for remarketed bonds.

In September 2008, related to the impact of the global liquidity crisis, Dexia Credit Local, liquidity provider for the Series 2000 BCD bonds, was downgraded by Standard & Poor's to AA- from AA. In October 2008 Dexia Credit Local was downgraded by Moody's to Aa3 from Aa1, by Fitch to AA- from AA+, and again by Standard & Poor's to A+ from AA-. Consequently, \$89,850,000 of the Series 2000D bonds were unable to be remarketed and became bank bonds under the Standby Bond Purchase Agreement resulting in interest rates of 4.0% for bank bonds and 3.75 — 5.5% for remarketed bonds. In November 2008, \$20,000,000 of the Series 2000D bank bonds were remarketed at a rate of 5.5%.

**Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds (Series 1996, 1999A and 2008B)**

In September 2008, Lehman Brothers Holding Inc. filed for bankruptcy. Lehman Brothers is counterparty to two agreements with CPS. Lehman Brothers Inc. provided a guaranteed investment contract for debt service funds associated with the Series 1996 and 1999A bonds at a rate of 7.27%. Collateral posted by Lehman related to the agreement was liquidated in October 2008, in excess of the principal amount invested. CPS anticipates filing a bankruptcy claim for interest owed under the agreement.

Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc. ("LBSFI") is counterparty to an interest rate swap agreement associated with the series 2008B bonds. The current mark-to-market valuation of the swap is in favor of LBSFI. CPS is not required to post collateral related to the agreement or make a termination payment as a result of the bankruptcy. As a result of the bankruptcy proceedings, Lehman Brothers Inc. may assume or reject the swap contract by December 18, 2008. CPS does not anticipate making a termination payment in either case.

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## **APPENDIX B**

### **Summary of Certain Provisions of the Indenture**

## APPENDIX B

### SUMMARY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE INDENTURE

The following is a summary of certain provisions of the Indenture not summarized elsewhere in this Official Statement. Reference is made to the Indenture for a complete description thereof. The discussion herein is qualified by such reference.

#### Definitions Of Certain Terms

“*Act*” means the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State, as amended.

“*Additional Bonds*” means any alternate bonds issued in the future in accordance with the provisions of the Act on a parity with and sharing ratably and equally in all or any portion of the Pledged State Aid Revenues with the Bonds as authorized by the Indenture.

“*Alternate Bonds*” means general obligation bonds payable from any revenue source as provided by the Act, particularly Section 15 thereof.

“*Authorized Denominations*” means \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

“*Authorized Officer*” means (i) any Designated Official; (ii) the Controller and Chief Operating Officer of the Board acting together or (iii) any other officer or employee of the Board authorized to perform specific acts or duties hereunder by resolution duly adopted by the Board.

“*Board*” means the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, as governed by the Chicago Board of Education, created and established pursuant to Article 34 of the School Code.

“*Bond Counsel*” means any nationally recognized firm(s) of municipal bond attorneys approved by the Board and acceptable to the Trustee.

“*Bond Insurance Policy*” means the financial guaranty insurance policy issued by the Bond Insurer insuring the payment of the principal of and interest on the Insured Bonds as provided therein.

“*Bond Insurer*” means Assured Guaranty Corp., the issuer of the Bond Insurance Policy.

“*Bond Payment Account*” means the Bond Payment Account established in the Indenture.

“*Bond Resolution*” means Resolution No. 09-0624-RS34, adopted by the Board on June 24, 2009, authorizing the issuance of the Bonds.

“*Bond Year*” means each annual period beginning on December 2 of a calendar year to and including December 1 of the next succeeding calendar year.

“*Bonds*” means the \$75,720,000 aggregate principal amount Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Dedicated Revenues), Series 2009D, of the Board, being issued under the Indenture and any Bonds issued hereunder in substitution or replacement thereof.

“*Business Day*” means any day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions in the city where the principal corporate trust office of any Fiduciary is located are authorized by law or executive order to close (and such Fiduciary is in fact closed).

“*Code and Regulations*” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated or proposed pursuant thereto as the same may be in effect from time to time.

“*Costs of Issuance Account*” means the Costs of Issuance Account established in the Indenture.

“*Counsel’s Opinion*” or “*Opinion of Counsel*” means an opinion signed by an attorney or firm of attorneys of recognized standing in the area of law to which the opinion relates, who may be counsel to the Board (including the General Counsel to the Board) or Bond Counsel.

“*County Clerks*” means, collectively, the County Clerks of The Counties of Cook and DuPage, Illinois.

“*County Collectors*” means, collectively, the County Treasurers of The Counties of Cook and DuPage, Illinois, in their respective capacities as county collector, or, respectively, such other officer as may be lawfully appointed in the future to serve as county collector in either of said counties.

“*Current Funds*” means moneys which are immediately available in the hands of the payee at the place of payment.

“*Debt Service Fund*” means the Debt Service Fund established in the Indenture.

“*Defeasance Government Obligations*” means Government Obligations which are not subject to redemption other than at the option of the holder thereof.

“*Defeasance Obligations*” means (i) Defeasance Government Obligations and (ii) Pre-refunded Municipal Obligations.

“*Deposit Date*” means February 15 of each year or such earlier date as may be necessary to permit the Board to lawfully make the abatement of taxes pursuant to the Indenture.

“*Designated Official*” means (i) the President of the Board; (ii) the Chief Financial Officer of the Board or (iii) any other officer of the Board authorized to perform specific acts and duties hereunder by resolution duly adopted by the Board.

“*DTC*” means The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, as securities depository for the Bonds.

“*DTC Participant*” shall mean any securities broker or dealer, bank, trust company, clearing corporation or other organization depositing Bonds with DTC pursuant to the book-entry only system described in the Indenture.

“*Event of Default*” means any event so designated and specified in the Indenture.

“*Fiduciary*” or “*Fiduciaries*” means the Trustee, the Registrar and any Paying Agent, or any or all of them, as may be appropriate.

“*Forward Supply Contract*” means any contract entered into between the Board and a supplier of Investment Securities selected by or pursuant to the direction of the Board (a “*Counterparty*”) pursuant to which the Counterparty agrees to sell to the Board (or to the Trustee on behalf of the Board) and the Board (or the Trustee on behalf of the Board) agrees to purchase specified Investment Securities on specific dates at specific purchase prices, all as established at the time of the execution and delivery of such contract and as set forth in such contract. Any amounts due and owing from the Board to the Counterparty pursuant to any Forward Supply Contract (other than the specified purchase prices of the Investment Securities set forth therein) shall be treated as current operating expenses of the Board subject to annual appropriation, and shall not constitute indebtedness of the Board.

“*Government Obligations*” means (i) any direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America and (ii) certificates of ownership of the principal of or interest on obligations of the type described in clause (i) of this definition, (a) which obligations are held in trust by a commercial bank which is a member of the Federal Reserve System in the capacity of a custodian; (b) the owner of which certificate is the real party in interest and has the right to proceed directly and individually against the obligor of the underlying obligations and (c) for which the underlying obligations are held in safekeeping in a special account, segregated from the custodian’s general assets, and are not available to satisfy any claim of the custodian, any person claiming through the custodian, or any person to whom the custodian may be obligated.

“*Indenture*” means the Trust Indenture, dated as of July 1, 2009, by and between the Board and the Trustee, as from time to time amended and supplemented.

“*Insured Bonds*” means the \$46,840,000 principal amount of the Bonds maturing in the years 2016 to 2022, both inclusive.

“*Interest Sub-Account*” means the sub-account of that name in the Bond Payment Account established in the Indenture.

“*Investment Policy*” means the Investment Policy approved by the Board, as currently in effect and as may be amended from time to time.

“*Investment Securities*” means any of the following securities authorized by law and the Investment Policy as permitted investments of Board funds at the time of purchase thereof:

- (i) Government Obligations;
- (ii) Obligations of any of the following federal agencies which obligations represent the full faith and credit of the United States of America, including:

- Export-Import Bank
- Farm Credit System Financial Assistance Corporation
- Farmers Home Administration
- General Services Administration
- U.S. Maritime Administration
- Small Business Administration
- Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA)
- U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (PHA's)
- Federal Housing Administration;

(iii) Senior debt obligations issued by Fannie Mae or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and senior debt obligations of other government agencies which at the time of purchase have any two of the following ratings: “AAA” by Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services (“S&P”), “Aaa” by Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. (“Moody’s”) and “AAA” by Fitch Ratings (“Fitch”);

(iv) U.S. dollar denominated deposit accounts, federal funds and banker’s acceptances with domestic commercial banks which at the time of purchase have any two of the following ratings on their short term certificates of deposit at the time of purchase: “A-1” or “A-1+” by S&P, “P-1” by Moody’s and “F1” or “F1+” by Fitch and maturing no more than 360 days after the date of purchase. (Ratings on holding companies are not considered as the rating of the bank);

(v) Commercial paper which at the time of purchase has any two of the following ratings: “A-1” or above by S&P, “P-1” by Moody’s and “F1” or “F1+” by Fitch and which matures not more than 180 days after the date of purchase;

(vi) Investments in a money market fund which at the time of purchase is rated “AAAm” or “AAAm-G” or better by S&P, including those of the Trustee;

(vii) Repurchase agreements of government securities having the meaning set out in the Government Securities Act of 1986 subject to the provisions of said Act and the Regulations issued thereunder. The government securities that are the subject of such repurchase agreements, unless registered or inscribed in the name of the Board, shall be purchased through banks or trust companies authorized to do business in the State of Illinois;

(viii) Pre-refunded Municipal Obligations; and

(ix) any Forward Supply Contract.

“*Outstanding*” means, as of any date, all Bonds theretofore or thereupon being authenticated and delivered under the Indenture except:

(i) Any Bonds canceled by the Trustee at or prior to such date;

(ii) Bonds (or portions of Bonds) for the payment or redemption of which moneys and/or Defeasance Obligations, equal to the principal amount or Redemption

Price thereof, as the case may be, with interest to the date of maturity or date fixed for redemption, are held in trust under the Indenture and set aside for such payment or redemption (whether at or prior to the maturity or redemption date), provided that if such Bonds (or portions of Bonds) are to be redeemed, notice of such redemption shall have been given as in Article IV provided or provision satisfactory to the Trustee shall have been made for the giving of such notice;

(iii) Bonds in lieu of or in substitution for which other Bonds shall have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to the Indenture; and

(iv) Bonds deemed to have been paid as provided in the Indenture.

“*Owner*” means any person who shall be the registered owner of any Bond or Bonds.

“*Paying Agent*” means the Trustee and any other bank, national banking association or trust company designated by a Designated Official as paying agent for the Bonds, and any successor or successors appointed by a Designated Official under the Indenture.

“*Pledged State Aid Revenues*” means State Aid Revenues not in excess of amounts available under the 2006 Authorization in amounts each year as shall provide for the payment of the Bonds and other alternate bonds secured by a pledge of State Aid Revenues and issued pursuant to the 2006 Authorization and the provision of not less than an additional .10 times such amounts in such years, and pledged under the Indenture as security for the Bonds.

“*Pledged State Aid Revenues Account*” means the account of that name in the Debt Service Fund.

“*Pledged Taxes*” means the ad valorem taxes levied against all of the taxable property in the School District without limitation as to rate or amount and pledged hereunder as security for the Bonds.

“*Pledged Taxes Account*” means the account of that name in the Debt Service Fund.

“*Pre-refunded Municipal Obligations*” means any bonds or other obligations of any state of the United States of America or of any agency, instrumentality or local governmental unit of any such state which are not callable at the option of the obligor prior to maturity or as to which irrevocable instructions have been given by the obligor to call on the date specified in the notice; and

(A) which are rated, based on an irrevocable escrow account or fund (the “escrow”), in the highest rating category of S&P and Moody’s or any successors thereto; or

(B) (i) which are fully secured as to principal and interest and redemption premium, if any, by an escrow consisting only of cash or Government Obligations, which escrow may be applied only to the payment of such principal of and interest and redemption premium, if any, on such bonds or other obligations on the maturity date or dates thereof or the specified redemption date or dates pursuant to such irrevocable



instructions, as appropriate, and (ii) which escrow is sufficient, as verified by a nationally recognized independent certified public accountant, to pay principal of and interest and redemption premium, if any, on the bonds or other obligations described in this paragraph on the maturity date or dates specified in the irrevocable instructions referred to above, as appropriate.

“*Principal Sub-Account*” means the sub-account of that name in the Bond Payment Account established in the Indenture.

“*Rating Services*” means the nationally recognized rating services, or any of them, that shall have assigned ratings to any Bonds Outstanding as requested by or on behalf of the Board, and which ratings are then currently in effect.

“*Record Date*,” means, with respect to any interest payment date for the Bonds, the 15th day (whether or not a Business Day) of the calendar month next preceding such interest payment date.

“*Redemption Price*” means, with respect to any Bond, the principal amount thereof plus the applicable premium, if any, payable upon the date fixed for redemption.

“*Registrar*” means the Trustee and any other bank, national banking association or trust company appointed by a Designated Official under the Indenture and designated as registrar for the Bonds, and its successor or successors.

“*School District*” means the school district constituted by the City of Chicago, Illinois pursuant to Article 34 of the School Code of the State, as amended, and governed by the Board.

“*SLG’s*” means United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, Notes and Bonds - State and Local Government Series.

“*State*” means the State of Illinois.

“*State Aid Revenues*” means State Aid payments received by the Board in any Year pursuant to Article 18 of the School Code, or such successor or replacement fund or act as may be enacted in the future.

“*Supplemental Indenture*” means any Supplemental Indenture between the Board and the Trustee authorized pursuant to the Indenture.

“*Swap Agreement*” means any agreement between the Board and a counterparty, filed with the Trustee, the purpose of which is to provide to the Board an interest rate basis, cash flow basis or other basis from that provided in the Bonds for the payment of interest.

“*Swap Payment*” means, with respect to each Swap Agreement, each periodic scheduled payment owing to the Swap Provider made with respect to the notional amount identified in such Swap Agreement. For purposes of this Indenture, “Swap Payment” excludes any non-scheduled payments, including but not limited to termination payments, indemnification payments, tax gross-up payments, expenses and default interest payments.

“*Swap Payment Account*” means the Account of that name in the Debt Service Fund.

“*Swap Provider*” means any counterparty to a Swap Agreement.

“*Tax Agreement*” means the Tax Compliance Agreement, dated the date of issuance of the Bonds, executed by the Board and the Trustee.

“*Trustee*” means Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois, and any successor or successors appointed under the Indenture as hereinafter provided.

“*Trust Estate*” means the Pledged State Aid Revenues, the Pledged Taxes and all other property pledged to the Trustee pursuant to the Indenture.

“*2006 Authorization*” means the authorization adopted by the Board pursuant to Resolution No. 06-0628-RS78 on June 28, 2006, authorizing the issuance of alternate bonds pursuant to the Act in an amount not to exceed \$750,000,000.

“*Year*” or “*year*” means a calendar year.

### **Pledge of Trust Estate**

In order to secure the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on all Bonds issued under the Indenture, and the performance and observance of each and every covenant and condition contained in the Indenture and in the Bonds, the Board in the Indenture pledges and grants a lien upon the following Trust Estate to the Trustee, for the benefit of the Owners, the Bond Insurer and any Swap Provider, to the extent provided in the Indenture:

(a) The Pledged State Aid Revenues and the Pledged Taxes; provided that the pledge of State Aid Revenues to the Bonds is on a parity with the pledge of such revenues to outstanding alternate bonds of the Board payable from State Aid Revenues and issued pursuant to the 2006 Authorization;

(b) All moneys and securities and earnings thereon in all Funds, Accounts and Sub-Accounts (except the Costs of Issuance Account) established pursuant to the Indenture; and

(c) Any and all other moneys, securities and property furnished from time to time to the Trustee by the Board or on behalf of the Board or by any other persons to be held by the Trustee under the terms of the Indenture.

Pursuant to Section 13 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act, the moneys, securities and properties pledged under the Indenture and received by the Board, shall immediately be subject to the lien and pledge of the Indenture without any physical delivery or further act, and the lien and pledge of the Indenture shall be valid and binding as against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the Board, irrespective of whether such parties have notice of the lien and pledge.

## **The Bonds Are General Obligations**

The Bonds are at all times Outstanding the general obligation of the Board, for the payment of which its full faith and credit are pledged, and are payable, in addition to the Pledged State Aid Revenues, from the levy of Pledged Taxes, as described in the Indenture. The Bonds do not represent or constitute a debt of the Board within the meaning of any constitutional or any statutory limitation unless the Pledged Taxes have been extended for collection, in which case the Outstanding Bonds will to the extent required by law be included in the computation of indebtedness of the Board for purposes of all statutory provisions or limitations until such time as an audit of the Board shows that the Bonds have been paid from the Pledged State Aid Revenues for a complete fiscal year of the Board.

## **Additional Bonds Payable From Pledged State Aid Revenues**

The Board will not issue any bonds or other evidences of indebtedness other than the Bonds, which are secured by a pledge of or lien on the Pledged State Aid Revenues, the Pledged Taxes or the moneys, securities or funds held or set aside by the Board or by the Trustee under the Indenture except in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture. The Board reserves the right to issue Additional Bonds payable from all or any portion of the State Aid Revenues available under the 2006 Authorization or any other source of payment which may be pledged under the Act, and any such Additional Bonds shall share ratably and equally in the Pledged State Aid Revenues with the Bonds; provided, however, that no Additional Bonds may be issued except in accordance with the provisions of the Act as in existence on the date of issuance of the Additional Bonds.

The Board reserves the right to issue bonds or other evidences of indebtedness payable from State Aid Revenues available under the 2006 Authorization subordinate to the Bonds. Such subordinate obligations will be paid from State Aid Revenues available under the 2006 Authorization available to the Board in each year in excess of those required to be deposited in the Alternate Revenues Account during such year.

## **Provisions Regarding Payment of Bonds**

The principal and Redemption Price of the Bonds is payable at the designated corporate trust offices of the Trustee, in the City of Chicago, Illinois, as Paying Agent, and at such offices of any co-Paying Agent or successor Paying Agent or Paying Agents appointed for the Bonds pursuant to the Indenture. Interest on the Bonds is payable by check or bank draft mailed or delivered by the Trustee to the Owners as the same appear on the registration books of the Board maintained by the Registrar as of the Record Date or, at the option of any Owner of \$1,000,000 or more in aggregate principal amount of Bonds, by wire transfer of Current Funds to such bank in the continental United States as said Owner shall request in writing to the Registrar. The Bonds are payable, with respect to interest, principal, redemption premium (if any) in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

## **Provisions Regarding Transfer And Exchange Of Bonds**

Subject to the operation of the global book-entry only system described in the body of this Official Statement, the following provisions apply to the transfer and exchange of Bonds under the Indenture. Each Bond will be transferable only upon the registration books of the Board, which will be kept for such purpose by the Registrar, by the Owner in person or by its attorney duly authorized in writing, upon surrender thereof with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar, duly executed by the Owner or its duly authorized attorney. Upon the transfer of any such Bond, the Board will issue in the name of the transferee a new Bond or Bonds in Authorized Denominations of the same aggregate principal amount. Upon surrender at the principal office of the Registrar with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar, duly executed by the Owner or its duly authorized attorney, any Bond may, at the option of the Owner and upon payment of any charges sufficient to reimburse the Trustee for any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid, be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of fully registered Bonds of the same maturity and tenor of any other Authorized Denominations. The Registrar and the Trustee will not be required to make any registration, transfer or exchange of any Bond during the period between each Record Date and the next succeeding interest payment date for such Bond, or after such Bond has been called for redemption or, in the case of any proposed redemption of Bonds, during the 15 days next preceding the date of first giving of notice of such redemption.

## **Establishment and Application of Costs of Issuance Account**

The Costs of Issuance Account is established under the Indenture with the Trustee to be held and applied in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Indenture. Moneys on deposit in the Costs of Issuance Account will be paid out from time to time by the Trustee to or upon the order of the Board in order to provide for the payment or to reimburse the Board for the payment of costs of issuing the Bonds upon receipt by the Trustee of a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Board describing the costs of issuance to be paid or reimbursed with such moneys.

Moneys in the Cost of Issuance Account will be invested as described below under “INVESTMENT OF FUNDS – INVESTMENT OF CERTAIN MONEYS”.

## **Investment of Funds**

Moneys held in the several Accounts and Sub-Accounts of the Debt Service Fund and the Costs of Issuance Account will be invested and reinvested by the Trustee at the direction of a Designated Official in Investment Securities within the parameters established in the Indenture and the Investment Policy which mature no later than necessary to provide moneys when needed for payments to be made from such Fund or Account. Such Designated Official may direct the Trustee to make any such investments or reinvestments through the use of a Forward Supply Contract, to the extent permitted by State law and the Investment Policy. The Trustee may make any and all such investments through its trust department or the bond department of any bank (including the Trustee) or trust company under common control with the Trustee. All such investments made under the Indenture must be consistent with the expectations expressed in the Tax Agreement.

## **Valuation and Sale of Investments**

Investment Securities in any Fund, Account or Sub-Account created under the Indenture will be deemed at all times to be part of such Fund, Account or Sub-Account and any profit realized from the liquidation of such investment will be credited to such Fund, Account or Sub-Account and any loss resulting from liquidation of such investment will be charged to such Fund, Account or Sub-Account. Valuations of Investment Securities held in the Funds, Accounts and Sub-Accounts established under the Indenture will be made by the Trustee as often as may be necessary to determine the amounts held therein. In computing the amounts in such Funds, Accounts and Sub-Accounts, Investment Securities therein will be valued as provided in the following paragraph.

The value of Investment Securities will mean the fair market value thereof, provided, however, that all SLG's will be valued at par and those obligations which are redeemable at the option of the holder will be valued at the price at which such obligations are then redeemable.

Except as otherwise provided in the Indenture, the Trustee at the written direction of a Designated Official will sell at the best price obtainable, or present for redemption, any Investment Security held in any Fund, Account or Sub-Account held by the Trustee whenever it will be necessary to provide moneys to meet any payment or transfer from such Fund, Account or Sub-Account as the case may be.

## **Swap Agreements**

With respect to the Bonds, the Board may enter into one or more of the agreements authorized by Section 7 of the Bond Authorization Act of the State of Illinois. The Board may designate any such agreement as a Swap Agreement by filing with the Trustee (i) an executed counterpart of such agreement and (ii) a written notice that such agreement has been designated as a Swap Agreement for the purposes of this Indenture. Each Swap Payment under a Swap Agreement shall be payable from the Swap Payment Account. The stated notional amount under all such Swap Agreements (net of offsetting transactions) shall not in the aggregate exceed the then outstanding principal amount of the Bonds. Each Swap Agreement shall satisfy the following conditions precedent: (i) each Rating Service (if such Rating Service also rates the unsecured obligations of the proposed Swap Provider or any person who guarantees the obligations of the Swap Provider under the Swap Agreement) shall have assigned the unsecured obligations of the Swap Provider or such guarantor, as of the date the Swap Agreement is entered into, a rating that is equal or higher than the rating then assigned to the Outstanding Bonds by such Rating Service (without regard to any Bond Insurance Policy), and (ii) the Board shall have notified each Rating Service (whether or not such Rating Service also rates the unsecured obligations of the Swap Provider or its guarantor, if any, under the Swap Agreement) in writing, at least fifteen days prior to executing and delivering the Swap Agreement of its intention to enter into the Swap Agreement.

## **Particular Covenants and Representations of the Board**

### *Covenants Regarding Pledged State Aid Revenues*

Pursuant to Section 15(e) of the Act, the Board covenants under the Indenture, so long as there are any Outstanding Bonds, to provide for, collect and apply the Pledged State Aid Revenues to the payment of the Bonds and other alternate bonds secured by a pledge of State Aid Revenues and issued pursuant to the 2006 Authorization and the provision of not less than an additional .10 times debt service.

The Board and its officers will comply with all present and future applicable laws, including the provisions of Article 18 of the School Code, in order to assure that the Pledged State Aid Revenues may be allocated and paid to the Board for application as provided in the Indenture.

### *Covenants Regarding Pledged Taxes*

The Board has directed the County Collectors to deposit all collections of the Pledged Taxes, if and when extended for collection, directly with the Trustee for application in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture. As long as any of the Bonds remain Outstanding, the Board will not modify or amend such direction, except for such modifications or amendments as may be necessitated by changes in State law, procedures, rules or regulations thereunder with respect to the collection and distribution of ad valorem property taxes; provided that no such modification or amendment shall provide for the deposit with the Trustee of less than all of the Pledged Taxes to be collected in any Year.

As described in the Official Statement under the heading "SECURITY FOR THE SERIES 2009D BONDS – Pledged Taxes," the Board shall direct the abatement of the Pledged Taxes in whole or in part as described therein, and proper notification of any such abatement shall be filed with (i) the County Clerks, in a timely manner to effect such abatement; and (ii) the County Collectors, so as to advise such officers of the amount of the Pledged Taxes to be extended for the relevant levy year.

As long as there are any Outstanding Bonds, the Board and its officers will comply with all present and future applicable laws in order to assure that the Pledged Taxes may be levied and extended and collected and deposited to the Pledged Taxes Account as described above.

### *Indebtedness and Liens*

The Board will not issue any bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, other than the Bonds and Additional Bonds, which are secured by a pledge of or lien on the Pledged State Aid Revenues, the Pledged Taxes or the moneys, securities or funds held or set aside by the Board or by the Trustee under the Indenture, and will not, except as (i) provided in the Indenture with respect to future parity pledges, and (ii) provided in the Indenture with respect to future subordinate claims, create or cause to be created any lien or charge on the Pledged State Aid Revenues, the Pledged Taxes or such moneys, securities or funds.

### *Accounts and Reports*

The Board will keep proper books of record and account (separate from all other records and accounts) in which complete and correct entries shall be made of its transactions relating to the Pledged State Aid Revenues, the Pledged Taxes and the Funds, Accounts and Sub-Accounts established by the Indenture, and which, together with all other books and financial records of the Board, will at all reasonable times be available for the inspection of the Trustee and the Owners of not less than twenty-five percent (25%) in aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Bonds or their representatives duly authorized in writing.

### *Tax Covenants*

The Board will not take, or omit to take, any action lawful and within its power to take, which action or omission would cause interest on any Bond to become subject to federal income taxes in addition to federal income taxes to which interest on such Bond is subject on the date of original issuance thereof.

The Board will not permit any of the proceeds of the Bonds, or any facilities financed with such proceeds, to be used in any manner that would cause any Bond to constitute a “private activity bond” within the meaning of Section 141 of the Code. The Board will not permit any of the proceeds of the Bonds or other moneys to be invested in any manner that would cause any Bond to constitute an “arbitrage bond” within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code or a “hedge bond” within the meaning of Section 149(g) of the Code. The Board will comply with the provisions of Section 148(f) of the Code relating to the rebate of certain investment earnings at periodic intervals to the United States of America.

### **Events of Default and Remedies**

#### *Events of Default*

Each of the following events constitutes an Event of Default under the Indenture:

- (1) If a default occurs in the due and punctual payment of interest on any Bond when and as such interest becomes due and payable;
- (2) If a default occurs in the due and punctual payment of the principal or Redemption Price of any Bond when and as the same becomes due and payable, whether at maturity or by call for redemption or otherwise;
- (3) If a default occurs in the performance or observance by the Board of any other of the covenants, agreements or conditions contained in the Indenture or in the Bonds, and such default continues for a period of 60 days after written notice thereof to the Board by the Trustee or after written notice thereof to the Board and to the Trustee by the Owners of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Bonds provided that if the nature of the default is such that it cannot be cured within the 60-day period but can be cured within a longer period, no event of default shall occur if the Board institutes corrective action within the 60-day period and diligently pursues such action until the default is corrected (provided such default is correctable); or

(4) If the Board files a petition seeking a composition of indebtedness under the federal bankruptcy laws or under any other applicable law or statute of the United States of America or of the State of Illinois.

*Proceedings Brought By Trustee*

***There is no provision for the acceleration of the maturity of the Bonds if an Event of Default occurs under the Indenture.***

If an Event of Default happens and is not remedied, then and in every such case, the Trustee, by its agents and attorneys, may proceed, and upon identical written request of the Owners of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds Outstanding and upon being indemnified to its satisfaction will proceed, to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the Owners of the Bonds under the Indenture forthwith by a suit or suits in equity or at law, whether for the specific performance of any covenant contained in the Indenture, or in aid of the execution of any power granted in the Indenture, or for an accounting against the Board as if the Board were the trustee of an express trust, or in the enforcement of any other legal or equitable right as the trustee, being advised by counsel, will deem most effectual to enforce any of its rights or to perform any of its duties under the Indenture.

All actions against the Board under the Indenture must be brought in a state or federal court located in the State of Illinois.

The Owners of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds at the time Outstanding may direct the time, method and place (subject to the preceding paragraph) of conducting any proceedings to be taken in connection with the enforcement of the terms and conditions of the Indenture or for the enforcement of any remedy available to the Trustee, or for the exercise of any trust or power conferred upon the Trustee, provided that the Trustee will have the right to decline to follow any such direction if the Trustee is advised by counsel that the action or proceeding so directed may not lawfully be taken, or if the Trustee in good faith determines that the action or proceeding so directed would involve the Trustee in personal liability or be unjustly prejudicial to the Owners not parties to such direction.

*Application of Trust Estate and Other Moneys on Default*

During the continuance of an Event of Default, the Trustee will apply all moneys, securities, funds, Pledged State Aid Revenues and Pledged Taxes and the income therefrom as follows and in the following order:

- (1) to the payment of the reasonable and proper charges and expenses of the Trustee, including the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel employed by it; and
- (2) to the payment of the principal of, Redemption Price and interest on the Bonds then due, as follows:

FIRST: 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 such installments, together with accrued and unpaid interest on the Bonds theretofore called for



redemption, and, if the amount available shall not be sufficient to pay in full any installment or installments of interest maturing on the same date, then to the payment thereof ratably, according to the amounts due thereon, to the persons entitled thereto, without any discrimination or preference;

SECOND: to the payment to the persons entitled thereto of the unpaid principal or Redemption Price of any Bonds which shall have become due, whether at maturity or by call for redemption, in the order of their due dates, and, if the amount available shall not be sufficient to pay in full all the Bonds due on any date, then to the payment thereof ratably, according to the amounts of principal or Redemption Price due on such date, to the persons entitled thereto, without any discrimination or preference.

(3) to the payment of Swap Payments.

If and whenever all overdue installments of principal and Redemption Price of and interest on all Bonds, together with the reasonable and proper charges and expenses of the Trustee, and all other overdue sums payable by the Board under the Indenture, including the overdue principal and Redemption Price of and accrued unpaid interest on all Bonds held by or for the account of the Board, or provision satisfactory to the Trustee will be made for such payment, and all defaults under the Indenture or the Bonds are made good or secured to the satisfaction of the Trustee or provision deemed by the Trustee to be adequate is made therefor, the Trustee will pay over to the Board all moneys, securities and funds then remaining unexpended in the hands of the Trustee (except moneys, securities and funds deposited or pledged, or required by the terms of the Indenture to be deposited or pledged, with the Trustee), and thereupon the Board, the Trustee and the Owners will be restored, respectively, to their former positions and rights under the Indenture. No such payment to the Board by the Trustee nor such restoration of the Board and the Trustee to their former positions and rights will extend to or affect any subsequent default under the Indenture or impair any right consequent thereon.

#### *Restrictions on Bondholders' Actions*

No Owner of any Bond will have any right to institute any suit or proceeding at law or in equity for the enforcement or violation of any provision of the Indenture or the execution of any trust under the Indenture or for any remedy under the Indenture, unless such Owner has previously given to the Trustee written notice of the happening of an Event of Default, as provided in the Indenture, and the Owners of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding have filed a written request with the Trustee, and have offered it reasonable opportunity either to exercise the powers granted in the Indenture or by the laws of the State or to institute such suit or proceeding in its own name, and unless such Owners will have offered to the Trustee adequate security and indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred therein or thereby, and the Trustee has refused or failed to comply with such request within 60 days after receipt by it of such notice, request and offer of indemnity, it being understood and intended that no one or more Owners of Bonds will have any right in any manner whatever by 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 provided in the Indenture; and that all proceedings at law or in equity to enforce any provision of the Indenture

will be instituted, had and maintained in the manner provided in the Indenture and for the equal benefit of all Owners of the Outstanding Bonds.

#### *No Remedy Exclusive*

No remedy by the terms of the Indenture conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or the Owners is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, but each remedy will be cumulative and will be in addition to every other remedy given under the Indenture or existing at law or in equity or by statute on or after the date of the execution and delivery of the Indenture.

#### *Rights and Remedies of Bond Insurer*

So long as the Bond Insurance Policy is in full force and effect and the Bond Insurer has not failed to perform any of its obligations thereunder, the Bond Insurer shall (i) have the right to direct all remedies granted under the Indenture with respect to the Insured Bonds upon the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default, and (ii) shall be recognized as the registered owner of each Insured Bond for the purposes of exercising all such rights and privileges available to the Owners of the Insured Bonds.

#### *Waiver*

The Owners of not less than two-thirds in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds at the time Outstanding, or their attorneys-in-fact duly authorized may on behalf of the Owners of all of the Bonds waive any past default under the Indenture and its consequences, except a default in the payment of interest on, or principal or Redemption Price of any of the Bonds when due. No such waiver will extend to any subsequent or other default or impair any right consequent thereon.

### **Provisions Relating To Trustee**

#### *Resignation and Removal of Trustee*

The Trustee may at any time resign and be discharged of the duties and obligations imposed upon it by the Indenture by giving not less than 60 days' written notice to the Board, all Owners of the Bonds and the other Fiduciaries, and such resignation will take effect upon the day specified in such notice but only if a successor will have been appointed by the Board or the Owners as provided below and accepted such appointment, in which event such resignation will take effect immediately on the acceptance of such appointment by such successor whether or not the date specified for such resignation to take effect has arrived. If a successor Trustee has not been appointed and accepted such appointment within a period of 90 days following the giving of notice, then the Trustee is authorized to petition any court of competent jurisdiction to appoint a successor Trustee as described below.

The Trustee may be removed at any time by an instrument in writing approved by and executed in the name of the Board and delivered to the Trustee; provided, however, that if an Event of Default will have occurred and be continuing, the Trustee may be so removed by the Board only with the written concurrence of the Owners of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Bonds then Outstanding excluding any Bonds held by or for the account of the Board.

The Trustee may be removed at any time by the Owners of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding, excluding any Bonds held by or for the account of the Board, by an instrument or concurrent instruments in writing signed and duly acknowledged by such Owners or their attorneys-in-fact duly authorized, and delivered to the Board.

#### *Appointment of Successor Trustee*

In case at any time the Trustee shall resign, be removed or become incapable of acting, or is adjudged a bankrupt or insolvent, or if a receiver, liquidator or conservator of the Trustee, or of its property, is appointed, or if any public officer or court takes charge or control of the Trustee, or of its property or affairs, the Board will appoint a successor Trustee. The Board will cause notice of any such appointment made by it to be mailed to all Owners of the Bonds and the Bond Insurer.

If no appointment of a Trustee is made by the Board as described in the foregoing paragraph, the Owner of any Outstanding Bond may apply to any court of competent jurisdiction to appoint a successor Trustee. Such court may thereupon, after such notice, if any, as such court may deem proper and prescribe, appoint a successor Trustee.

Any successor Trustee appointed under the provisions of the Indenture must be a bank or trust company or national banking association, doing business and having a corporate trust office in the State of Illinois, and having capital stock and surplus aggregating at least \$15,000,000, or a wholly-owned subsidiary of such an entity, if there be such a bank, trust company, national banking association or subsidiary willing and able to accept the office on reasonable and customary terms and authorized by law to perform all the duties imposed upon it by the Indenture.

### **Supplemental Indentures**

#### *Supplemental Indentures Not Requiring Consent of Owners*

The Board and the Trustee may without the consent of, or notice to, any of the Owners, enter into a Supplemental Indenture or Supplemental Indentures for any one or more of the following purposes:

- (1) To impose additional covenants or agreements to be observed by the Board;
- (2) To impose other limitations or restrictions upon the Board;
- (3) To surrender any right, power or privilege reserved to or conferred upon the Board by the Indenture;
- (4) To confirm, as further assurance, any pledge of or lien upon the Pledged State Aid Revenues, the Pledged Taxes or any other moneys, securities or funds;
- (5) To make any necessary amendments to or to supplement the Indenture in connection with the issuance of Additional Bonds;

- (6) To cure any ambiguity, omission or defect in the Indenture;
- (7) To provide for the appointment of a successor securities depository;
- (8) To provide for the appointment of any successor Fiduciary; and
- (9) To make any other change which, in the judgment of the Trustee, does not materially adversely affect the rights of the Trustee or the Owners.

#### *Supplemental Indentures Effective upon Consent of Owners*

Any Supplemental Indenture not effective in accordance with the foregoing provisions will take effect only if permitted and approved and in the manner described below under the heading “AMENDMENTS – Consent of Owners.”

#### **Amendments**

*General.* Except for Supplemental Indentures not requiring consent of the Owners as described above, the Owners of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding will have the right, from time to time, anything contained in the Indenture to the contrary notwithstanding, to (i) consent to and approve the execution by the Board and the Trustee of such other Supplemental Indenture or Indentures as may be deemed necessary and desirable by the Board for the purpose of modifying, altering, amending, adding to or rescinding, in any particular, any of the terms or provisions contained in the Indenture or in any supplemental indenture, or (ii) waive or consent to the taking by the Board of any action prohibited, or the omission by the Board of the taking of any action required, by any of the provisions of the Indenture or of any Supplemental Indenture; provided, however, that nothing in the Indenture permits or may be construed as permitting, (a) an extension of the stated maturity or reduction in the principal amount or reduction in the rate or extension of the time of paying of interest on, or reduction of any premium payable on the payment or redemption of any Bond, without the consent of the Owner of such Bond, (b) except for the pledge of the Pledged State Aid Revenues in connection with the issuance of Additional Bonds, the creation of any lien prior to or on a parity with the lien of the Indenture, without the consent of the Owners of all the Bonds at the time Outstanding, (c) a reduction in the aforesaid aggregate principal amount of Bonds, the Owners of which are required to consent to any such waiver or Supplemental Indenture, without the consent of the Owners of all the Bonds at the time Outstanding which would be affected by the action to be taken, (d) a modification of the rights, duties or immunities of the Trustee, without the written consent of the Trustee, or (e) the loss of the exclusion from federal gross income of the Owners of the interest paid on the Bonds held by a non-consenting Owner to the extent otherwise afforded under the Code and Regulations.

**Notwithstanding the foregoing, so long as the Bond Insurance Policy is in full force and effect and the Bond Insurer has not failed to perform any of its obligations thereunder, the Bond Insurer shall be deemed the owner of the Insured Bonds for purposes of consenting to any supplements or amendments to the Indenture as may be required under the Indenture.**

*Consent of Owners.* The Board may at any time authorize the execution and delivery of a Supplemental Indenture making a modification or amendment described in the preceding paragraph, to take effect when and as described in this paragraph. Upon the authorization of such Supplemental Indenture, a copy thereof will be delivered to and held by the Trustee for the inspection of the Owners. A copy of such Supplemental Indenture (or summary thereof or reference thereto in form approved by the Trustee) together with a request to Owners for their consent thereto in form satisfactory to the Trustee, will be mailed to the Owners, but failure to mail such copy and request will not affect the validity of such Supplemental Indenture when consented to as described below. Such Supplemental Indenture will not be effective unless and until, and will take effect in accordance with its terms when (a) there has been filed with the Trustee (i) the written consents of the Owners of the required aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Bonds, and (ii) a Counsel's Opinion stating that the execution and delivery of such Supplemental Indenture has been duly authorized by the Board in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, is authorized or permitted by the Indenture and, when effective, will be valid and binding upon the Board and the Trustee, and (b) the notice described below has been mailed. Any such consent will be binding upon the Owner of the Bonds giving such consent and upon any subsequent Owner of such Bonds and of any Bonds issued in exchange therefor or replacement thereof whether or not such subsequent Owner has notice thereof, provided, however, that any consent may be revoked by any Owner of such Bonds by filing with the Trustee, prior to the time when the Trustee's written statement described below is filed, a written revocation, with proof that such Bonds are held by the signer of such revocation. The Trustee will give notice by mail to the Owners of the Bonds that the Supplemental Indenture has been consented to by the Owners of the required aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Bonds and will be effective (but failure to mail such notice or any defect therein will not prevent such Supplemental Indenture from becoming effective and binding).

The Indenture and the rights and obligations of the Board and of the Owners of the Bonds may be modified or amended in any respect by a Supplemental Indenture effecting such modification or amendment and with the consents of the Owners of all the Bonds then Outstanding, each such consent to be accompanied by proof of the holding at the date of such consent of the Bonds with respect to which such consent is given. Such Supplemental Indenture will take effect upon the filing (a) with the Trustee of (i) a copy thereof, (ii) such consents and accompanying proofs and (iii) the Counsel's Opinion referred to in the preceding paragraph and (b) with the Board of the Trustee's written statement that the consents of the Owners of all Outstanding Bonds have been filed with it. No mailing or publication of any Supplemental Indenture (or reference thereto or summary thereof) or of any request or notice will be required.

### **Defeasance**

If the Board pays or causes to be paid or there is otherwise paid to the Owners of all Bonds the principal or Redemption Price, if applicable, and interest due or to become due thereon, at the times and in the manner stipulated therein and in the Indenture, then the pledge of the Trust Estate under the Indenture and all covenants, agreements and other obligations of the Board to the Owners will thereupon be discharged and satisfied. In such event, the Trustee, upon request of the Board, shall provide an accounting of the assets managed by the Trustee to be prepared and filed with the Board for any year or part thereof requested, and shall execute and deliver to the Board all such instruments as may be desirable to evidence such discharge and

satisfaction, and the Paying Agent shall pay over or deliver to the Board all moneys and securities held by it pursuant to the Indenture which are not required for the payment of Bonds not previously surrendered for such payment or redemption. If the Board shall pay or cause to be paid, or there shall otherwise be paid, to the Owners of all Outstanding Bonds of a particular maturity or portion of any maturity (which portion shall be selected by lot by the Trustee in the manner provided in the Indenture for the selection of Bonds to be redeemed in part), the principal or Redemption Price, if applicable, thereof and interest due or to become due thereon, at the times and in the manner stipulated therein and in the Indenture, such Bonds shall cease to be entitled to any lien, benefit or security under the Indenture, and all covenants, agreements and obligations of the Board to the Owners of such Bonds and to the Trustee will thereupon be discharged and satisfied.

Bonds or interest installments for the payment or redemption of which moneys have been set aside and held in trust by the Trustee at or prior to their maturity or redemption date will be deemed to have been paid as described in the preceding paragraph if the Board has delivered to or deposited with the Trustee (a) irrevocable instructions to pay or redeem all of said Bonds in specified amounts no less than the respective amounts of, and on specified dates no later than the respective due dates of, their principal, (b) irrevocable instructions to mail the required notice of redemption of any Bonds so to be redeemed, (c) either moneys in an amount which will be sufficient, or Defeasance Obligations the principal of and the interest on which when due will provide moneys which will be sufficient to pay when due the principal or Redemption Price, if applicable, and interest due and to become due on said Bonds on and prior to each specified redemption date or maturity date thereof, as the case may be, and (d) if any of said Bonds are not to be redeemed within the next succeeding 60 days, irrevocable instructions to mail to all Owners of said Bonds a notice that such deposit has been made with the Trustee and that said Bonds are deemed to have been paid in accordance with the Indenture and stating the maturity or redemption date upon which moneys are to be available for the payment of the principal or Redemption Price, if applicable, of said Bonds.

The Defeasance Obligations (or any portion thereof) held for the payment of the principal and Redemption Price of and interest on said Bonds as described in the preceding paragraph may not be sold, redeemed, invested, reinvested or removed from the lien of the Indenture in any manner or other Defeasance Obligations substituted therefor (any such direction to sell, redeem, invest, reinvest, remove or substitute to be referred to as a "Subsequent Action") unless prior to the taking of such Subsequent Action, the Trustee shall have received the following: (i) either (a) a certified copy of the proceedings of the Board authorizing the Subsequent Action, or (b) an opinion of counsel for the Board to the effect that such Subsequent Action has been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of the Board; (ii) an opinion from a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants to the effect that the Defeasance Obligations and cash available or to be available for payment of the Bonds after the taking of the Subsequent Action will remain sufficient to pay, without any further reinvestment thereof, the principal and Redemption Price of and interest on said Bonds at or prior to their maturity in the manner provided in the preceding paragraph; (iii) an Opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that the Subsequent Action will not adversely affect any exemption from federal income tax of the interest paid on the Bonds to which such Bonds are otherwise entitled; and (iv) such other documents and showings as the Trustee may reasonably require.

**APPENDIX C**

**Form of Opinion of Bond Counsel**

July 30, 2009

The Board of Education of the City of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Members:

We have examined a record of proceedings relating to the issuance of \$75,720,000 principal amount of Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Dedicated Revenues), Series 2009D (the “Bonds”) of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago (the “Board”). The Bonds are authorized and issued pursuant to The School Code of the State of Illinois, 105 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5, and the Local Government Debt Reform Act, 30 Illinois Compiled Statutes 350, Resolution No. 06-0628-RS78, adopted by the Board on June 28, 2006 (the “2006 Authorizing Resolution”), Resolution No. 09-0624-RS34, adopted by the Board on June 24, 2009 (the “Bond Resolution”) and a Trust Indenture dated as of July 1, 2009 (the “Indenture”) by and between the Board and Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee (the “Trustee”). Terms used herein, which are defined in the Indenture, shall have the meanings set forth in the Indenture unless otherwise defined herein.

The Bonds are issuable in the form of fully registered bonds in the denominations of \$5,000 and any integral multiple thereof. The Bonds delivered on original issuance are dated July 30, 2009. The Bonds have been assigned the following initial CUSIP numbers; mature on December 1, in each of the following years in the respective principal amount set opposite each such year in the following table, and the Bonds maturing in each such year bear interest from their date payable on December 1, 2009 and semiannually thereafter on June 1 and December 1 in each year, at the respective rate of interest per annum set forth opposite such principal amount:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>CUSIP Number</u>
2009	\$4,340,000	1.00%	167505 HZ2
2011	3,075,000	2.00	167505 JS6
2012	1,550,000	3.00	167505 JA5
2012	3,545,000	4.00	167505 JC1
2013	1,605,000	3.00	167505 JB3
2013	3,675,000	4.00	167505 JD9
2014	5,465,000	3.00	167505 JE7
2015	2,235,000	3.50	167505 JF4
2015	3,390,000	4.00	167505 JP2
2016	5,900,000	4.00	167505 JG2
2017	1,945,000	4.00	167505 JH0
2017	4,115,000	5.00	167505 JQ0
2018	6,335,000	5.00	167505 JJ6
2019	6,635,000	5.00	167505 JK3
2020	6,960,000	5.00	167505 JL1
2021	5,300,000	5.00	167505 JM9
2021	2,000,000	5.00	167505 JR8
2022	7,650,000	4.00	167505 JN7



The Bonds maturing on or after December 1, 2019 (other than the \$2,000,000 principal amount of Bonds maturing on December 1, 2021 and bearing the initial CUSIP number 167505 JR8) are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the Board, in such principal amounts and from such maturities as the Board shall determine, on December 1, 2018 and on any date thereafter at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof to be redeemed and accrued interest.

The Bonds are issued as “alternate bonds” under the Local Government Debt Reform Act for the purpose of refunding bonds of the Board that were issued for the purpose of raising moneys to construct, acquire and equip school and administrative buildings, site improvements and other real and personal property in and for the school district governed by the Board (the “School District”).

We are of the opinion that:

1. The Board had and has the right and power to adopt the 2006 Authorizing Resolution and the Bond Resolution, to enter into the Indenture and to authorize the Bonds. The 2006 Authorizing Resolution and the Bond Resolution have each been duly adopted, are presently in full force and effect, are valid and binding upon the Board and are enforceable in accordance with their terms as part of its contract with the owners of the Bonds.

2. The Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Board, is presently in full force and effect, is valid and binding upon the Board and is enforceable in accordance with its terms as part of its contract with the owners of the Bonds.

3. The Bonds have been duly authorized and issued in accordance with the 2006 Authorizing Resolution, the Bond Resolution and the Indenture, are valid and legally binding general obligations of the Board, are entitled to the benefits and security of the 2006 Authorizing Resolution, Bond Resolution and the Indenture and are enforceable in accordance with their terms.

4. The full faith and credit of the Board are irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the Bonds and the Board has power and is obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the School District for the punctual payment of the Bonds and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

5. The Indenture creates the valid pledge which it purports to create of the Trust Estate, consisting of the Pledged State Aid Revenues, the Pledged Taxes and the other moneys, securities and funds held thereunder, subject to the application thereof to the purposes permitted by the Indenture. The Pledged State Aid Revenues consist of the State Aid Revenues received by the Board in any year pursuant to Article 18 of the School Code not in excess of the amount available under the 2006 Authorizing Resolution and such pledge is on a parity with the pledge of such State Aid Revenues as security for the payment of other alternate bonds of the Board secured by a pledge of such State Aid Revenues and issued or to be issued pursuant to the 2006 Authorizing Resolution. The Pledged Taxes consist of ad valorem property taxes levied pursuant to the Bond Resolution. The Board has taken all necessary action to cause the County

Collectors of the Counties of Cook and DuPage to deposit the Pledged Taxes directly with the Trustee for application pursuant to the Indenture.

6. Under existing law, interest on the Bonds is not includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes. If there is continuing compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), interest on the Bonds will continue to be excluded from the gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes. Interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference for purposes of computing individual or corporate alternative minimum taxable income and is not taken into account when computing corporate alternative minimum taxable income for purposes of the corporate alternative minimum tax. The Code contains certain requirements that must be satisfied from and after the date hereof in order to preserve the exclusion from gross income for Federal income tax purposes of interest on the Bonds. These requirements relate to the use and investment of the proceeds of the Bonds, the payment of certain amounts to the United States, the security and source of payment of the Bonds and the use of the property financed with the proceeds of the Bonds. The Board has covenanted in the Indenture to comply with these requirements.

Interest on the Bonds is not exempt from Illinois income taxes.

In rendering the foregoing opinion, we advise that the enforceability (but not the validity or binding effect) of the Bonds, the 2006 Authorizing Resolution, the Bond Resolution and the Indenture (i) may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other laws affecting the rights or remedies of creditors now or hereafter in effect and (ii) is subject to principles of equity in the event that equitable remedies are sought.

Very truly yours,

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**APPENDIX D**

**Specimen Bond Insurance Policy**

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## Financial Guaranty Insurance Policy

**Issuer:**

**Policy No.:**

**Obligations:**

**Premium:**

**Effective Date:**

Assured Guaranty Corp., a Maryland corporation ("**Assured Guaranty**"), in consideration of the payment of the Premium and on the terms and subject to the conditions of this Policy (which includes each endorsement hereto), hereby unconditionally and irrevocably agrees to pay to the trustee (the "**Trustee**") or the paying agent (the "**Paying Agent**") for the Obligations (as set forth in the documentation providing for the issuance of and securing the Obligations) for the benefit of the Holders, that portion of the Insured Payments which shall become Due for Payment but shall be unpaid by reason of Nonpayment.

Assured Guaranty will make such Insured Payments to the Trustee or the Paying Agent on the later to occur of (i) the date applicable principal or interest becomes Due for Payment, or (ii) the Business Day next following the day on which Assured Guaranty shall have Received a completed Notice of Nonpayment. If a Notice of Nonpayment by Assured Guaranty is incomplete or does not in any instance conform to the terms and conditions of this Policy, it shall be deemed not Received, and Assured Guaranty shall promptly give notice to the Trustee or the Paying Agent. Upon receipt of such notice, the Trustee or the Paying Agent may submit an amended Notice of Nonpayment. The Trustee or the Paying Agent will disburse the Insured Payments to the Holders only upon receipt by the Trustee or the Paying Agent, in form reasonably satisfactory to it of (i) evidence of the Holder's right to receive such payments, and (ii) evidence, including without limitation any appropriate instruments of assignment, that all of the Holder's rights to payment of such principal or interest Due for Payment shall thereupon vest in Assured Guaranty. Upon and to the extent of such disbursement, Assured Guaranty shall become the Holder of the Obligations, any appurtenant coupon thereto and right to receipt of payment of principal thereof or interest thereon, and shall be fully subrogated to all of the Holder's right, title and interest thereunder, including without limitation the right to receive payments in respect of the Obligations. Payment by Assured Guaranty to the Trustee or the Paying Agent for the benefit of the Holders shall discharge the obligation of Assured Guaranty under this Policy to the extent of such payment.

This Policy is non-cancelable by Assured Guaranty for any reason. The Premium on this Policy is not refundable for any reason. This Policy does not insure against loss of any prepayment premium or other acceleration payment which at any time may become due in respect of any Obligation, other than at the sole option of Assured Guaranty, nor against any risk other than Nonpayment.

Except to the extent expressly modified by any endorsement hereto, the following terms shall have the meanings specified for all purposes of this Policy. "**Avoided Payment**" means any amount previously distributed to a Holder in respect of any Insured Payment by or on behalf of the Issuer, which amount has been recovered from such Holder pursuant to the United States Bankruptcy Code in accordance with a final, nonappealable order of a court having competent jurisdiction that such payment constitutes an avoidable preference with respect to such Holder. "**Business Day**" means any day other than (i) a Saturday or Sunday, (ii) any day on which the offices of the Trustee, the Paying Agent or Assured Guaranty are closed, or (iii) any day on which banking institutions are authorized or required by law, executive order or governmental decree to be closed in the City of New York or in the State of Maryland. "**Due for Payment**" means (i) when referring to the principal of an Obligation, the stated maturity date thereof, or the date on which such Obligation shall have been duly called for mandatory sinking fund redemption, and does not refer to any earlier date on which payment is due by reason of a call for redemption (other than by mandatory sinking fund redemption), acceleration or other advancement of maturity (unless Assured Guaranty in its sole discretion elects to make any principal payment, in whole or in part, on such earlier date) and (ii) when referring to interest on an Obligation, the stated date for payment of such interest. "**Holder**" means, in respect of any Obligation, the person or entity who, at the time of Nonpayment, is entitled under the terms of such Obligation to payment of principal or interest thereunder, except that Holder shall not include the Issuer or any person or entity whose direct or indirect obligation constitutes the underlying security for the Obligations. "**Insured Payments**" means that portion of the principal of and interest on the Obligations that shall become Due for Payment but shall be unpaid by reason of Nonpayment. Insured Payments shall not include any additional amounts owing by the Issuer solely as a result of the failure by the Trustee or the Paying Agent to pay such amount when due and payable, including without limitation any such additional amounts as may be attributable to penalties or to interest accruing at a default rate, to amounts payable in respect of indemnification, or to any other additional amounts payable by the Trustee or the Paying Agent by reason of such failure. "**Nonpayment**" means, in respect of an Obligation, the failure of the Issuer to have provided sufficient funds to the Trustee or the Paying Agent for payment in full of all principal and interest Due for Payment on such Obligation. It is further understood that the term "Nonpayment" in respect of an Obligation includes any Avoided Payment. "**Receipt**" or "**Received**" means actual receipt or notice of or, if notice is given by overnight or other delivery service, or by certified or registered United States mail, by a delivery receipt signed by a person authorized to accept delivery on behalf of the person to whom the notice was given. Notices to Assured Guaranty may be mailed by registered mail or personally delivered or telecopied to it at 1325 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019, Telephone Number: (212) 974-0100, Facsimile Number: (212) 581-3268, Attention: Risk Management Department - Public Finance Surveillance, with a copy to the General Counsel, or to such other address as shall be specified by Assured Guaranty to the Trustee

or the Paying Agent in writing. A Notice of Nonpayment will be deemed to be Received by Assured Guaranty on a given Business Day if it is Received prior to 12:00 noon (New York City time) on such Business Day; otherwise it will be deemed Received on the next Business Day. "Term" means the period from and including the Effective Date until the earlier of (i) the maturity date for the Obligations, or (ii) the date on which the Issuer has made all payments required to be made on the Obligations.

At any time during the Term of this Policy, Assured Guaranty may appoint a fiscal agent (the "Fiscal Agent") for purposes of this Policy by written notice to the Trustee or the Paying Agent, specifying the name and notice address of such Fiscal Agent. From and after the date of Receipt of such notice by the Trustee or the Paying Agent, copies of all notices and documents required to be delivered to Assured Guaranty pursuant to this Policy shall be delivered simultaneously to the Fiscal Agent and to Assured Guaranty. All payments required to be made by Assured Guaranty under this Policy may be made directly by Assured Guaranty or by the Fiscal Agent on behalf of Assured Guaranty. The Fiscal Agent is the agent of Assured Guaranty only, and the Fiscal Agent shall in no event be liable to the Trustee or the Paying Agent for any acts of the Fiscal Agent or any failure of Assured Guaranty to deposit, or cause to be deposited, sufficient funds to make payments due under this Policy.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, Assured Guaranty hereby waives, in each case for the benefit of the Holders only, all rights and defenses of any kind (including, without limitation, the defense of fraud in the inducement or in fact or any other circumstance that would have the effect of discharging a surety, guarantor or any other person in law or in equity) that may be available to Assured Guaranty to deny or avoid payment of its obligations under this Policy in accordance with the express provisions hereof. Nothing in this paragraph will be construed (i) to waive, limit or otherwise impair, and Assured Guaranty expressly reserves, Assured Guaranty's rights and remedies, including, without limitation, its right to assert any claim or to pursue recoveries (based on contractual rights, securities law violations, fraud or other causes of action) against any person or entity, in each case, whether directly or acquired as a subrogee, assignee or otherwise, subsequent to making any payment to the Trustee or the Paying Agent, in accordance with the express provisions hereof, and/or (ii) to require payment by Assured Guaranty of any amounts that have been previously paid or that are not otherwise due in accordance with the express provisions of this Policy.

This Policy (which includes each endorsement hereto) sets forth in full the undertaking of Assured Guaranty with respect to the subject matter hereof, and may not be modified, altered or affected by any other agreement or instrument, including, without limitation, any modification thereto or amendment thereof. THIS POLICY IS NOT COVERED BY THE PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE SECURITY FUND SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 76 OF THE NEW YORK INSURANCE LAW. This Policy will be governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assured Guaranty has caused this Policy to be affixed with its corporate seal, to be signed by its duly authorized officer, and to become effective and binding upon Assured Guaranty by virtue of such signature.

**ASSURED GUARANTY CORP.**

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Insert Authorized Signatory Name]  
[Insert Authorized Signatory Title]

Signature attested to by:

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Counsel