

# PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 7, 2019

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under present federal and State of Minnesota laws, regulations and rulings, the interest to be paid on the Bonds of this offering is not includible in gross income of the recipient for United States or in taxable net income of individuals, estates or trusts for State of Minnesota income tax purposes. Interest on the Bonds is includible in taxable income of corporations and financial institutions for purposes of the Minnesota franchise tax. See "Tax Exemption" herein for a discussion of federal tax legislation.

The District will designate the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, relating to the ability of financial institutions to deduct from income for federal income tax purposes, interest expense that is allocable to carrying and acquiring tax-exempt obligations.

**New Issue**

**Rating Application Made: S&P Global Ratings**

## INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 195 (RANDOLPH PUBLIC SCHOOLS), MINNESOTA (Dakota and Goodhue Counties)

(Minnesota School District Credit Enhancement Program)

### \$6,740,000\* GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2019A

**PROPOSAL OPENING:** February 19, 2019, 10:00 A.M., C.T.    **CONSIDERATION:** February 19, 2019, 7:00 P.M., C.T.

**PURPOSE/AUTHORITY/SECURITY:** The \$6,740,000\* General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2019A (the "Bonds") are being issued pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, and a special election held November 6, 2018, by Independent School District No. 195 (Randolph Public Schools), Minnesota (the "District"), for the purpose of financing the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities in the District. The Bonds will be general obligations of the District for which its full faith, credit and taxing powers are pledged. Delivery is subject to receipt of an approving legal opinion of Knutson, Flynn & Deans, P.A., Mendota Heights, Minnesota.

**DATE OF BONDS:** March 14, 2019

**MATURITY:** February 1 as follows:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Amount*</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Amount*</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Amount*</u> |
|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| 2029        | \$485,000      | 2033        | \$585,000      | 2037        | \$685,000      |
| 2030        | 520,000        | 2034        | 610,000        | 2038        | 715,000        |
| 2031        | 540,000        | 2035        | 635,000        | 2039        | 740,000        |
| 2032        | 565,000        | 2036        | 660,000        |             |                |

**MATURITY ADJUSTMENTS:** \* The District reserves the right to increase or decrease the principal amount of the Bonds on the day of sale, in increments of \$5,000 each. Increases or decreases may be made in any maturity. If any principal amounts are adjusted, the purchase price proposed will be adjusted to maintain the same gross spread per \$1,000.

**TERM BONDS:** See "Term Bond Option" herein.

**INTEREST:** August 1, 2019 and semiannually thereafter.

**OPTIONAL REDEMPTION:** Bonds maturing February 1, 2028 and thereafter are subject to call for prior redemption on February 1, 2027 and any date thereafter, at a price of par plus accrued interest.

**MINIMUM PROPOSAL:** \$6,672,600.

**MAXIMUM PROPOSAL:** \$7,279,200.

**GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT:** A good faith deposit in the amount of \$134,800 shall be made by the winning bidder by wire transfer of funds.

**PAYING AGENT:** Bond Trust Services Corporation

**BOND COUNSEL:** Knutson, Flynn & Deans, P.A.

**MUNICIPAL ADVISOR:** Ehlers and Associates, Inc.

**BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY:** See "Book-Entry-Only System" herein (unless otherwise specified by the purchaser).

This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained herein are subject to completion and amendment. These securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the Official Statement is delivered in final form. Under no circumstances shall this Preliminary Official Statement constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy these securities nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. This Preliminary Official Statement is in a form deemed final as of its date for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b) (1), but is subject to revision, amendment and completion in a Final Official Statement.

## REPRESENTATIONS

No dealer, broker, salesperson or other person has been authorized by the District to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained in this Preliminary Official Statement and, if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the District. ***This Preliminary Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any of the Bonds in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction.***

This Preliminary Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract with the Syndicate Manager or Syndicate Members. Statements contained herein which involve estimates or matters of opinion are intended solely as such and are not to be construed as representations of fact. Ehlers and Associates, Inc. prepared this Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda thereto relying on information of the District and other sources for which there is reasonable basis for believing the information is accurate and complete. Bond Counsel has not participated in the preparation of this Preliminary Official Statement and is not expressing any opinion as to the completeness or accuracy of the information contained therein. Compensation of Ehlers and Associates, Inc., payable entirely by the District, is contingent upon the sale of the Bonds.

## COMPLIANCE WITH S.E.C. RULE 15c2-12

Certain municipal obligations (issued in an aggregate amount over \$1,000,000) are subject to Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Rule").

**Preliminary Official Statement:** This Preliminary Official Statement was prepared for the District for dissemination to potential investors. Its primary purpose is to disclose information regarding the Bonds to prospective underwriters in the interest of receiving competitive proposals in accordance with the sale notice contained herein. Unless an addendum is posted prior to the sale, this Preliminary Official Statement shall be deemed nearly final for purposes of the Rule subject to completion, revision and amendment in a Final Official Statement as defined below.

**Review Period:** This Preliminary Official Statement has been distributed to prospective bidders for review. Comments or requests for the correction of omissions or inaccuracies must be submitted to Ehlers and Associates, Inc. at least two business days prior to the sale. Requests for additional information or corrections in the Preliminary Official Statement received on or before this date will not be considered a qualification of a proposal received from an underwriter. If there are any changes, corrections or additions to the Preliminary Official Statement, interested bidders will be informed by an addendum prior to the sale.

**Final Official Statement:** Copies of the Final Official Statement will be delivered to the underwriter (Syndicate Manager) within seven business days following the proposal acceptance.

**Continuing Disclosure:** Subject to certain exemptions, issues in an aggregate amount over \$1,000,000 may be required to comply with provisions of the Rule which require that underwriters obtain from the issuers of municipal securities (or other obligated party) an agreement for the benefit of the owners of the securities to provide continuing disclosure with respect to those securities. This Preliminary Official Statement describes the conditions under which the District is exempt or required to comply with the Rule.

## CLOSING CERTIFICATES

Upon delivery of the Bonds, the underwriter (Syndicate Manager) will be furnished with the following items: (1) a certificate of the appropriate officials to the effect that at the time of the sale of the Bonds and all times subsequent thereto up to and including the time of the delivery of the Bonds, this Preliminary Official Statement did not and does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; (2) a receipt signed by the appropriate officer evidencing payment for the Bonds; (3) a certificate evidencing the due execution of the Bonds, including statements that (a) no litigation of any nature is pending, or to the knowledge of signers, threatened, restraining or enjoining the issuance and delivery of the Bonds, (b) neither the corporate existence or boundaries of the District nor the title of the signers to their respective offices is being contested, and (c) no authority or proceedings for the issuance of the Bonds have been repealed, revoked or rescinded; and (4) a certificate setting forth facts and expectations of the District which indicates that the District does not expect to use the proceeds of the Bonds in a manner that would cause them to be arbitrage bonds within the meaning of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or within the meaning of applicable Treasury Regulations.

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**RANDOLPH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL BOARD**

|                  |             | <u>Term Expires</u> |
|------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Gary Moorhouse   | Chairperson | January 2021        |
| Sara Taylor      | Clerk       | January 2021        |
| Regina Wernimont | Treasurer   | January 2023        |
| Jason Podritz    | Member      | January 2021        |
| Cory Lorenzen    | Member      | January 2023        |
| Leah Radman      | Member      | January 2023        |

**ADMINISTRATION**

Michael Kelley, Superintendent  
Patty Riemenschneider, Business Manager

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Knutson, Flynn & Deans, P.A., District Attorney and Bond Counsel, Mendota Heights, Minnesota

Ehlers and Associates, Inc., Municipal Advisors, Roseville, Minnesota  
*(Other offices located in Waukesha, Wisconsin and Denver, Colorado)*

## INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Preliminary Official Statement contains certain information regarding Independent School District No. 195 (Randolph Public Schools), Minnesota (the "District") and the issuance of its \$6,740,000\* General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2019A (the "Bonds"). Any descriptions or summaries of the Bonds, statutes, or documents included herein are not intended to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to such statutes and documents and the form of the Bonds to be included in the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of the Bonds ("Award Resolution") to be adopted by the Board of Education on February 19, 2019.

Inquiries may be directed to Ehlers and Associates, Inc. ("Ehlers" or the "Municipal Advisor"), Roseville, Minnesota, (651) 697-8500, the District's Municipal Advisor. A copy of this Preliminary Official Statement may be downloaded from Ehlers' web site at [www.ehlers-inc.com](http://www.ehlers-inc.com) by connecting to the link to the Bond Sales and following the directions at the top of the site.

## THE BONDS

### GENERAL

The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form as to both principal and interest in denominations of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof, and will be dated, as originally issued, as of March 14, 2019. The Bonds will mature on February 1 in the years and amounts set forth on the cover of this Preliminary Official Statement. Interest will be payable on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 2019, to the registered owners of the Bonds appearing of record in the bond register as of the close of business on the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the immediately preceding month. Interest will be computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and will be rounded pursuant to rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"). **The rate for any maturity may not be more than 2.00% less than the rate for any preceding maturity. (For example, if a rate of 4.50% is proposed for the 2029 maturity, then the lowest rate that may be proposed for any later maturity is 2.50%.)** All Bonds of the same maturity must bear interest from the date of issue until paid at a single, uniform rate. Each rate must be expressed in an integral multiple of 5/100 or 1/8 of 1%.

Unless otherwise specified by the purchaser, the Bonds will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). (See "Book-Entry-Only System" herein.) As long as the Bonds are held under the book-entry system, beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds may be acquired in book-entry form only, and all payments of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds shall be made through the facilities of DTC and its participants. If the book-entry system is terminated, principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds shall be payable as provided in the Award Resolution.

The District has selected Bond Trust Services Corporation, Roseville, Minnesota, to act as paying agent (the "Paying Agent"). Bond Trust Services Corporation and Ehlers are affiliate companies. The District will pay the charges for Paying Agent services. The District reserves the right to remove the Paying Agent and to appoint a successor.

\* Preliminary, subject to change.

## OPTIONAL REDEMPTION

At the option of the District, the Bonds maturing on or after February 1, 2028 shall be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity on February 1, 2027 or any date thereafter, at a price of par plus accrued interest.

Redemption may be in whole or in part of the Bonds subject to prepayment. If redemption is in part, the selection of the amounts and maturities of the Bonds to be redeemed shall be at the discretion of the District. If only part of the Bonds having a common maturity date are called for redemption, then the District or Paying Agent, if any, will notify DTC of the particular amount of such maturity to be redeemed. DTC will determine by lot the amount of each participant's interest in such maturity to be redeemed and each participant will then select by lot the beneficial ownership interest in such maturity to be redeemed.

Notice of redemption shall be sent by mail not more than 60 days and not less than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered owner of each Bond to be redeemed at the address shown on the registration books.

## AUTHORITY; PURPOSE

The Bonds are being issued by the District pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, and a special election held November 6, 2018, at which voters approved a building program by a vote of 761-596. Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities in the District.

## ESTIMATED SOURCES AND USES\*

|                                       |                |                    |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Sources</b>                        |                |                    |
| Par Amount                            | \$6,740,000    |                    |
| Original Issue Premium                | <u>129,406</u> |                    |
| <b>Total Sources</b>                  |                | <b>\$6,869,406</b> |
| <b>Uses</b>                           |                |                    |
| Total Underwriter's Discount (1.000%) | \$67,400       |                    |
| Costs of Issuance                     | 60,000         |                    |
| Deposit to Project Construction Fund  | 6,740,000      |                    |
| Deposit to Debt Service Fund          | <u>2,006</u>   |                    |
| <b>Total Uses</b>                     |                | <b>\$6,869,406</b> |

\*Preliminary, subject to change.

## SECURITY

The Bonds are general obligations of the District to which its full faith, credit and taxing powers are pledged. In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, the District will levy each year an amount not less than 105% of the debt service requirements on the Bonds, less estimated collections of other revenues pledged for payments on the Bonds. In the event funds on hand for payment of principal and interest are at any time insufficient, the District is required to levy additional taxes upon all taxable properties within its boundaries without limit as to rate or amount to make up any deficiency.

## **RATING**

The District will be participating in the State of Minnesota Credit Enhancement Program ("MNCEP") for this issue and is requesting a rating from S&P Global Ratings ("S&P"). S&P has a policy which assigns a minimum rating of "AAA" to issuers participating in the MNCEP. The "AAA" rating is based on the State of Minnesota's current "AAA" rating from S&P. See "STATE OF MINNESOTA CREDIT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS" for further details.

The District does not currently have an underlying rating, however, has requested an underlying rating on this issue from S&P. Such rating reflects only the views of such organization and explanations of the significance of such rating may be obtained from the rating agency furnishing the same. Generally, a rating agency bases its rating on the information and materials furnished to it and on investigations, studies and assumptions of its own. There is no assurance that such rating will continue for any given period of time or that it will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by such rating agency, if in the judgement of such rating agency circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

Such rating is not to be construed as a recommendation of the rating agency to buy, sell or hold the Bonds, and the rating assigned by the rating agency should be evaluated independently. Except as may be required by the Disclosure Undertaking described under the heading "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE" neither the District nor the underwriter undertake responsibility to bring to the attention of the owner of the Bonds any proposed changes in or withdrawal of such rating or to oppose any such revision or withdrawal.

## **STATE OF MINNESOTA CREDIT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

By resolution adopted for this issue on January 15, 2019 (the "Resolution"), the District has covenanted and obligated itself to be bound by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, which provides for payment by the State of Minnesota in the event of a potential default of a school district obligation (herein referred to as the "State Payment Law" or the "Law"). The provisions of the State Payment Law shall be binding on the District as long as any obligations of the issue remain outstanding.

Under the State Payment Law, if the District believes it may be unable to make a principal or interest payment for this issue on the due date, it must notify the Commissioner of Education as soon as possible, but not less than 15 working days prior to the due date (which notice is to specify certain information) that it intends to exercise the provisions of the Law to guarantee payment of the principal and interest when due. The District also covenants in the Resolution to deposit with the Paying Agent for the issue three business days prior to the date on which a payment is due an amount sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner of Education that it will be unable to make all or a portion of the payment.

The Law also requires the Paying Agent for this issue to notify the Commissioner of Education if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal and interest on these obligations, or if, on the day two business days prior to the payment date, there are insufficient funds to make the payment or deposit with the Paying Agent.

The Law also requires, after receipt of a notice which requests a payment pursuant to the Law, after consultation with the Paying Agent and District, and after verifying the accuracy of the information provided, the Commissioner of Education shall notify the Commissioner of Management and Budget of the potential default. The State Payment Law provides that "upon receipt of this notice . . . the Commissioner of Management and Budget shall issue a warrant and authorize the Commissioner of Education to pay to the Paying Agent for the debt obligation the specified amount on or before the date due. The amounts needed for purposes of subdivision are annually appropriated to the Department of Education from the state general fund."

The Law requires that all amounts paid by the State on behalf of any School District are required to be repaid by the District to the State with interest, either via a reduction in State aid payable to the District, or through the levy of an ad valorem tax which may be made with the approval of the Commissioner of Education.

In its Official Statement dated August 7, 2018, for General Obligation State Bonds, Series 2018A, 2018B, and 2018C, the State of Minnesota disclosed the following information about the State Credit Enhancement Program for School Districts.

"As the date of this Official Statement, the total amount of principal on certificates of indebtedness and capital notes issued for equipment, certificates of participation and bonds, plus the interest on these obligations, through the year 2046, is approximately \$13.1 billion. Based upon these currently outstanding balances now enrolled in the program, during the Current Biennium the total amount of principal and interest outstanding as of the date of this Official Statement is \$901.2 million, with the maximum amount of principal and interest payable in any one month being \$833.5 million. However, more certificates of indebtedness, capital notes, certificates of participation and bonds are expected to be enrolled in the program and these amounts are expected to increase.

The State has not had to make any debt service payments on behalf of school districts or intermediate school districts under the program and does not expect to make any payments in the future. If such payments are made the State expects to recover all or substantially all of the amounts so paid pursuant to contractual agreements with the school districts and intermediate school districts."

## **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE**

In order to assist the Underwriters in complying with SEC Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (hereinafter the "Rule"), the District shall covenant to take certain actions pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the Board of Education by entering into a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking (the "Disclosure Undertaking") for the benefit of holders, including beneficial holders. The Disclosure Undertaking requires the District to provide electronically or in the manner otherwise prescribed certain financial information annually and to provide notices of the occurrence of certain events enumerated in the Rule. The details and terms of the Disclosure Undertaking for this issue are set forth in Appendix D to be executed and delivered by the District at the time of delivery of the Bonds. Such Disclosure Undertaking will be in substantially the form attached hereto.

Except to the extent that the following are deemed to be material, the District believes it has not failed to comply in all material respects with its prior undertakings under the Rule. In the interest of full disclosure, the District notes the following: Prior continuing disclosure undertakings entered into by the District included language stating that an Annual Report including the District's audited financial statements and operating data would be filed "as soon as available." Although the District did not always comply with this requirement, the Annual Reports were timely filed within the required twelve (12) month timeframe as provided for in each undertaking. The District has reviewed its continuing disclosure responsibilities to help ensure compliance in the future.

A failure by the District to comply with any Disclosure Undertaking will not constitute an event of default on this issue or any issue outstanding. However, such a failure may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

The District will file its continuing disclosure information using the Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system or any system that may be prescribed in the future. Investors will be able to access continuing disclosure information filed with the MSRB at [www.emma.msrb.org](http://www.emma.msrb.org). Ehlers is currently engaged as disclosure dissemination agent for the District.



## **LEGAL OPINION**

An opinion as to the validity of the Bonds and the exemption from taxation of the interest thereon will be furnished by Knutson, Flynn & Deans, P.A., Mendota Heights, Minnesota, Bond Counsel to the District, and will be available at the time of delivery of the Bonds. The legal opinion will state that the Bonds are valid and binding general obligations of the District; provided that the rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights and by equitable principles (which may be applied in either a legal or equitable proceeding). See "FORM OF LEGAL OPINION" found in Appendix B.

## **TAX EXEMPTION AND RELATED CONSIDERATIONS**

In the opinion of Knutson, Flynn & Deans, P.A., as Bond Counsel, on the basis of laws in effect on the date of issuance of the Bonds, interest on the Bonds is not includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes or in taxable net income of individuals, estates and trusts for Minnesota income tax purposes. Interest on the Bonds is includible in taxable income of corporations and financial institutions for purposes of the Minnesota franchise tax. Certain provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), however, impose continuing requirements that must be met after the issuance of the Bonds in order for interest thereon to be and remain not includible in federal gross income and in Minnesota taxable net income. Noncompliance with such requirements by the Issuer may cause the interest on the Bonds to be includible in federal gross income and in Minnesota taxable net income, retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds, irrespective in some cases of the date on which such noncompliance occurs or is ascertained. No provision has been made for redemption of or for an increase in the interest rate on the Bonds in the event that interest on the Bonds becomes includible in federal gross income or Minnesota taxable net income.

Interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference includible in alternative minimum taxable income for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax applicable to all taxpayers or the Minnesota alternative minimum tax applicable to individuals, estates and trusts, and is not includible in adjusted current earnings in determining the alternative minimum taxable income of corporations for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax, and the environmental tax imposed by Section 59A of the Code. Interest on the Bonds may be includible in the income of a foreign corporation for purposes of the branch profits tax imposed by Section 884 of the Code and is includible in the net investment income of foreign insurance companies for purposes of Section 842(b) of the Code. In the case of an insurance company subject to the tax imposed by Section 831 of the Code, the amount which otherwise would be taken into account as losses incurred under Section 832(b)(5) of the Code must be reduced by an amount equal to fifteen percent of the interest on the Bonds that is received or accrued during the taxable year. Section 86 of the Code requires recipients of certain Social Security and railroad retirement benefits to take into account interest on the Bonds in determining the taxability of such benefits. Passive investment income, including interest on the Bonds, may be subject to federal income taxation under Section 1375 of the Code for an S corporation that has Subchapter C earnings and profits at the close of the taxable year if more than twenty-five percent of its gross receipts is passive investment income. Section 265 of the Code denies a deduction for interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry the Bonds.

The foregoing is not intended to be an exhaustive discussion of collateral tax consequences arising from receipt of interest on the Bonds. Prospective purchasers or Bondholders should consult their tax advisors with respect to collateral tax consequences, including without limitation the calculations of alternative minimum tax, environmental tax or foreign branch profits tax liability or the inclusion of Social Security or other retirement payments in taxable income. Except as stated in its opinion, no opinion will be expressed by Bond Counsel regarding other state or federal tax consequences caused by the receipt or accrual of interest on or arising with respect to ownership of the Bonds.

## **QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS**

The District will designate the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code relating to the ability of financial institutions to deduct from income for federal income tax purposes, interest expense that is allocable to carrying and acquiring tax-exempt obligations.

## **MUNICIPAL ADVISOR**

Ehlers has served as municipal advisor to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The Municipal Advisor cannot participate in the underwriting of the Bonds. The financial information included in this Preliminary Official Statement has been compiled by the Municipal Advisor. Such information does not purport to be a review, audit or certified forecast of future events and may not conform with accounting principles applicable to compilations of financial information. Ehlers is not a firm of certified public accountants. Ehlers is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the MSRB as a Municipal Advisor.

## **MUNICIPAL ADVISOR AFFILIATED COMPANIES**

Bond Trust Services Corporation ("BTSC") and Ehlers Investment Partners, LLC ("EIP") are affiliate companies of Ehlers. BTSC is chartered by the State of Minnesota and authorized in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Colorado, and Illinois to transact the business of a limited purpose trust company. BTSC provides paying agent services to debt issuers. EIP is a Registered Investment Advisor with the Securities and Exchange Commission. EIP assists issuers with the investment of bond proceeds or investing other issuer funds. This includes escrow bidding agent services. Issuers, such as the District, have retained or may retain BTSC and/or EIP to provide these services. If hired, BTSC and/or EIP would be retained by the District under an agreement separate from Ehlers.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

The basic financial statements of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, have been audited by Burkhardt & Burkhardt, Ltd., Mankato, Minnesota, independent auditors (the "Auditor"). The report of the Auditor, together with the basic financial statements, component units financial statements, and notes to the financial statements are attached hereto as "APPENDIX A – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS". The Auditor has not been engaged to perform and has not performed, since the date of its report included herein, any procedures on the financial statements addressed in that report. The Auditor also has not performed any procedures relating to this Preliminary Official Statement.

## RISK FACTORS

Following is a description of possible risks to holders of the Bonds without weighting as to probability. This description of risks is not intended to be all-inclusive, and there may be other risks not now perceived or listed here.

**Taxes:** The Bonds are general obligations of the District, the ultimate payment of which rests in the District's ability to levy and collect sufficient taxes to pay debt service should other revenue (state aids) be insufficient. In the event of delayed billing, collection or distribution of property taxes, sufficient funds may not be available to the District in time to pay debt service when due.

**State Actions:** Many elements of local government finance, including the issuance of debt and the levy of property taxes, are controlled by state government. Future actions of the state may affect the overall financial condition of the District, the taxable value of property within the District, and the ability of the District to levy and collect property taxes.

**Future Changes in Law:** Various State and federal laws, regulations and constitutional provisions apply to the District and to the Bonds. The District can give no assurance that there will not be a change in or interpretation of any such applicable laws, regulations and provisions which would have a material effect on the District or the taxing authority of the District.

**Ratings; Interest Rates:** In the future, the District's credit rating may be reduced or withdrawn, or interest rates for this type of obligation may rise generally, either possibility resulting in a reduction in the value of the Bonds for resale prior to maturity.

**Tax Exemption:** If the federal government or the State of Minnesota taxes all or a portion of the interest on municipal obligations, directly or indirectly, or if there is a change in federal or state tax policy, the value of the Bonds may fall for purposes of resale. Noncompliance following the issuance of the Bonds with certain requirements of the Code and covenants of the Award Resolution may result in the inclusion of interest on the Bonds in gross income of the recipient for United States income tax purposes or in taxable net income of individuals, estates or trusts for State of Minnesota income tax purposes. No provision has been made for redemption of the Bonds, or for an increase in the interest rate on the Bonds, in the event that interest on the Bonds becomes subject to federal or State of Minnesota income taxation, retroactive to the date of issuance.

**Continuing Disclosure:** A failure by the District to comply with the Disclosure Undertaking for continuing disclosure (see "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE") will not constitute an event of default on the Bonds. Any such failure 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. Such a failure may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

**State Economy; State Aids:** State of Minnesota cash flow problems could affect local governments and possibly increase property taxes.

**Book-Entry-Only System:** The timely credit of payments for principal and interest on the Bonds to the accounts of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds may be delayed due to the customary practices, standing instructions or for other unknown reasons by DTC participants or indirect participants. Since the notice of redemption or other notices to holders of these obligations will be delivered by the District to DTC only, there may be a delay or failure by DTC, DTC participants or indirect participants to notify the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds.

**Economy:** A combination of economic, climatic, political or civil disruptions or terrorist actions outside of the control of the District, including loss of major taxpayers or major employers, could affect the local economy and result in reduced tax collections and/or increased demands upon local government. Real or perceived threats to the financial stability of the District may have an adverse effect on the value of the Bonds in the secondary market.

**Secondary Market for the Bonds:** No assurance can be given that a secondary market will develop for the purchase and sale of the Bonds or, if a secondary market exists, that such Bonds can be sold for any particular price. The underwriters are not obligated to engage in secondary market trading or to repurchase any of the Bonds at the request of the owners thereof. Prices of the Bonds as traded in the secondary market are subject to adjustment upward and downward in response to changes in the credit markets and other prevailing circumstances. No guarantee exists as to the future market value of the Bonds. Such market value could be substantially different from the original purchase price.

**Bankruptcy:** The rights and remedies of the holders may be limited by and are subject to the provisions of federal bankruptcy laws, to other laws, or equitable principles that may affect the enforcement of creditors' rights, to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to limitations on legal remedies against local governments. The opinion of Bond Counsel to be delivered with respect to the Bonds will be similarly qualified.

**Cybersecurity:** The District is dependent on electronic information technology systems to deliver services. These systems may contain sensitive information or support critical operational functions which may have value for unauthorized purposes. As a result, the electronic systems and networks may be targets of cyberattack. There can be no assurance that the District will not experience an information technology breach or attack with financial consequences that could have a material adverse impact.

# VALUATIONS

## OVERVIEW

All non-exempt property is subject to taxation by local taxing districts. Exempt real property includes Indian lands, public property, and educational, religious and charitable institutions. Most personal property is exempt from taxation (except investor-owned utility mains, generating plants, etc.).

The valuation of property in Minnesota consists of three elements. (1) The estimated market value is set by city or county assessors. Not less than 20% of all real properties are to be appraised by local assessors each year. (2) The taxable market value is the estimated market value adjusted by all legislative exclusions. (3) The tax capacity (taxable) value of property is determined by class rates set by the State Legislature. The tax capacity rate varies according to the classification of the property. Tax capacity represents a percent of taxable market value.

The property tax rate for a local taxing jurisdiction is determined by dividing the total tax capacity or market value of property within the jurisdiction into the dollars to be raised from the levy. State law determines whether a levy is spread on tax capacity or market value. Major classifications and the percentages by which tax capacity is determined are:

| Type of Property                           | 2015/16  | 2016/17  | 2017/18  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Residential homestead <sup>1</sup>         | First \$500,000 - 1.00%<br>Over \$500,000 - 1.25%  | First \$500,000 - 1.00%<br>Over \$500,000 - 1.25%  | First \$500,000 - 1.00%<br>Over \$500,000 - 1.25%  |
| Agricultural homestead <sup>1</sup>        | First \$500,000 HGA - 1.00%<br>Over \$500,000 HGA - 1.25%<br>First \$2,140,000 - 0.50% <sup>2</sup><br>Over \$2,140,000 - 1.00% <sup>2</sup>   | First \$500,000 HGA - 1.00%<br>Over \$500,000 HGA - 1.25%<br>First \$2,050,000 - 0.50% <sup>2</sup><br>Over \$2,050,000 - 1.00% <sup>2</sup>   | First \$500,000 HGA - 1.00%<br>Over \$500,000 HGA - 1.25%<br>First \$1,940,000 - 0.50% <sup>2</sup><br>Over \$1,940,000 - 1.00% <sup>2</sup>   |
| Agricultural non-homestead                 | Land - 1.00% <sup>2</sup>  | Land - 1.00% <sup>2</sup>  | Land - 1.00% <sup>2</sup>  |
| Seasonal recreational residential          | First \$500,000 - 1.00% <sup>3</sup><br>Over \$500,000 - 1.25% <sup>3</sup>  | First \$500,000 - 1.00% <sup>3</sup><br>Over \$500,000 - 1.25% <sup>3</sup>  | First \$500,000 - 1.00% <sup>3</sup><br>Over \$500,000 - 1.25% <sup>3</sup>  |
| Residential non-homestead:                 | 1 unit - 1st \$500,000 - 1.00%<br>Over \$500,000 - 1.25%<br>2-3 units - 1.25%<br>4 or more - 1.25%<br>Small City <sup>4</sup> - 1.25%<br>Affordable Rental:<br>First \$106,000 - .75%<br>Over \$106,000 - .25% | 1 unit - 1st \$500,000 - 1.00%<br>Over \$500,000 - 1.25%<br>2-3 units - 1.25%<br>4 or more - 1.25%<br>Small City <sup>4</sup> - 1.25%<br>Affordable Rental:<br>First \$115,000 - .75%<br>Over \$115,000 - .25% | 1 unit - 1st \$500,000 - 1.00%<br>Over \$500,000 - 1.25%<br>2-3 units - 1.25%<br>4 or more - 1.25%<br>Small City <sup>4</sup> - 1.25%<br>Affordable Rental:<br>First \$121,000 - .75%<br>Over \$121,000 - .25% |
| Industrial/Commercial/Utility <sup>5</sup> | First \$150,000 - 1.50%<br>Over \$150,000 - 2.00%  | First \$150,000 - 1.50%<br>Over \$150,000 - 2.00%  | First \$150,000 - 1.50%<br>Over \$150,000 - 2.00%  |

<sup>1</sup> A residential property qualifies as "homestead" if it is occupied by the owner or a relative of the owner on the assessment date.

<sup>2</sup> Applies to land and buildings. Exempt from referendum market value tax.

<sup>3</sup> Exempt from referendum market value tax.

<sup>4</sup> Cities of 5,000 population or less and located entirely outside the seven-county metropolitan area and the adjacent nine-county area and whose boundaries are 15 miles or more from the boundaries of a Minnesota city with a population of over 5,000.

<sup>5</sup> The estimated market value of utility property is determined by the Minnesota Department of Revenue.

## CURRENT PROPERTY VALUATIONS

2017/18 Economic Market Value \$616,447,312<sup>1</sup>

### 2017/18 Assessor's Estimated Market Value

|                   | <b>Dakota<br/>County</b>    | <b>Goodhue<br/>County</b>   | <b>Total</b>                 |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Real Estate       | \$486,154,500               | \$ 68,391,600               | \$ 554,546,100               |
| Personal Property | <u>17,592,100</u>           | <u>341,300</u>              | <u>17,933,400</u>            |
| Total Valuation   | <u><u>\$503,746,600</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 68,732,900</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 572,479,500</u></u> |

### 2017/18 Net Tax Capacity

|  | <b>Dakota<br/>County</b>   | <b>Goodhue<br/>County</b> | <b>Total</b>               |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Real Estate  | \$ 4,366,983               | \$ 654,701                | \$ 5,021,684               |
| Personal Property                                  | <u>350,714</u>             | <u>3,346</u>              | <u>354,060</u>             |
| Net Tax Capacity                                   | \$ 4,717,697               | \$ 658,047                | \$ 5,375,744               |
| Less: Fiscal Disparities Contribution <sup>2</sup> | <u>(308,178)</u>           | <u>0</u>                  | <u>(308,178)</u>           |
| Taxable Net Tax Capacity                           | \$ 4,409,519               | \$ 658,047                | \$ 5,067,566               |
| Plus: Fiscal Disparities Distribution <sup>2</sup> | <u>187,200</u>             | <u>0</u>                  | <u>187,200</u>             |
| Adjusted Taxable Net Tax Capacity                  | <u><u>\$ 4,596,719</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 658,047</u></u>  | <u><u>\$ 5,254,766</u></u> |

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<sup>1</sup> According to the Minnesota Department of Revenue, the Assessor's Estimated Market Value (the "AEMV") for Independent School District No. 195 (Randolph Public Schools) is about 95.60% of the actual selling prices of property most recently sold in the District. The sales ratio was calculated by comparing the selling prices with the AEMV. Dividing the AEMV of real estate by the sales ratio and adding the AEMV of personal property and utility, railroads and minerals, if any, results in an Economic Market Value ("EMV") for the District of \$616,447,312.

<sup>2</sup> Each community in the seven-county metropolitan area contributes 40% of the growth in its commercial-industrial property tax base since 1972 to an area pool which is then distributed among the municipalities on the basis of population, special needs, etc. Each governmental unit makes a contribution and receives a distribution--sometimes gaining and sometimes contributing net tax capacity for tax purposes.

## 2017/18 NET TAX CAPACITY BY CLASSIFICATION

|  | <b>2017/18<br/>Net Tax Capacity</b> | <b>Percent of Total<br/>Net Tax Capacity</b> |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| Residential homestead                  | \$ 2,324,473                        | 43.24%                                       |
| Agricultural                           | 1,977,142                           | 36.78%                                       |
| Commercial/industrial                  | 520,544                             | 9.68%  |
| Public utility                         | 79,428                              | 1.48%  |
| Railroad operating property            | 40,838                              | 0.76%  |
| Non-homestead residential              | 51,197                              | 0.95%  |
| Commercial & residential seasonal/rec. | 28,062                              | 0.52%  |
| Personal property                      | 354,060                             | 6.59%  |
| Total                                  | <u><u>\$ 5,375,744</u></u>          | <u><u>100.00%</u></u>                        |

## TREND OF VALUATIONS

| <b>Levy<br/>Year</b> | <b>Assessor's<br/>Estimated<br/>Market Value</b> | <b>Assessor's<br/>Taxable<br/>Market Value</b> | <b>Net Tax<br/>Capacity<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>Adjusted<br/>Taxable<br/>Net Tax<br/>Capacity<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>Percent +/- in<br/>Estimated<br/>Market Value</b> |
|----------------------|--|--|---|--|--|
| 2013/14              | \$ 491,483,800                                   | \$ 475,117,736                                 | \$4,314,219                             | \$4,178,067  | +10.13%  |
| 2014/15              | 530,547,400                                      | 515,383,818                                    | 4,735,611                               | 4,762,537  | + 7.95%  |
| 2015/16              | 537,376,400                                      | 522,562,627                                    | 4,783,967                               | 4,745,698  | + 1.29%  |
| 2016/17              | 563,386,400                                      | 549,512,656                                    | 5,201,511                               | 5,154,368  | + 4.84%  |
| 2017/18              | 572,479,500                                      | 552,920,204                                    | 5,375,744                               | 5,254,766  | + 1.61%  |

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<sup>1</sup> Net Tax Capacity is before fiscal disparities adjustments.

<sup>2</sup> Adjusted Taxable Net Tax Capacity is after fiscal disparities adjustments.

**LARGER TAXPAYERS**

| <b>Taxpayer</b>                           | <b>Type of Property</b> | <b>2017/18<br/>Net Tax<br/>Capacity</b> | <b>Percent of<br/>District's Total<br/>Net Tax<br/>Capacity</b> |
|---|-------------------------|---|---|
| Xcel Energy                               | Utility                 | \$203,460                               | 3.78%   |
| Central Valley Cooperative                | Commercial              | 199,754                                 | 3.72%   |
| Syngenta Crop Protection                  | Agricultural            | 154,387                                 | 2.87%   |
| Southern Minnesota Municipal Power AG     | Utility                 | 71,874                                  | 1.34%   |
| Individual                                | Agricultural            | 53,735                                  | 1.00%   |
| Individual                                | Agricultural            | 49,482                                  | 0.92%   |
| Individual                                | Agricultural            | 46,730                                  | 0.87%   |
| Great Western Industrial Park, LLC        | Industrial              | 40,044                                  | 0.74%   |
| Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC       | Utility                 | 38,314                                  | 0.71%   |
| Dairyland Power Cooperative               | Utility                 | 35,918                                  | 0.67%   |
| <b>Total</b>                              |                         | <u><u>\$893,698</u></u>                 | <u><u>16.62%</u></u>  |
| District's Total 2017/18 Net Tax Capacity | \$5,375,744             |   |   |

**Source:** Current Property Valuations, Net Tax Capacity by Classification, Trend of Valuations and Larger Taxpayers have been furnished by Dakota and Goodhue Counties.



# DEBT

## DIRECT DEBT<sup>1</sup>

**General Obligation Debt** (see schedule following)

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Total g.o. debt being paid from taxes and state aids <sup>2</sup> (includes the Bonds)* | <u>\$ 11,560,000</u> |
|---|----------------------|

\*Preliminary, subject to change.

## STATE AID FOR DEBT SERVICE

The Minnesota Debt Service Equalization program provides state aid to finance a portion of the principal and interest payments on most school district bonds. Bonds not eligible for the program include all alternative facilities bonds, facilities maintenance bonds, capital facilities bonds and OPEB bonds, as well as building bonds with relatively short maturities.

Under the Debt Service Equalization Formula (the Formula) adopted by the 2001 Minnesota State Legislature, each school district is responsible for the amount of its qualifying annual debt service which is equal to 15.74% of its Adjusted Net Tax Capacity (ANTC). The District does not currently qualify for debt service equalization aid.

In addition to debt service equalization aid, some school districts will qualify for state Long Term Facilities Maintenance Aid to finance a portion of the payments on Alternative Facilities Bonds and Facilities Maintenance Bonds, pursuant to the Long Term Facilities Maintenance Revenue (LTFMR) program approved by the State in 2015. If any aid is received, it is deposited into the District's debt service fund and must be used for payments on the bonds; any payment of state aid into the debt service fund causes a reduction in the tax levy for Alternative Facilities Bonds and Facilities Maintenance Bonds. The amount of aid received in the debt service fund will vary each year, depending on a number of factors. Although the District expects to receive some Long Term Facilities Maintenance Aid in its debt service fund, Ehlers has not attempted to estimate the portion of debt service payments that would be financed by state aid.

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<sup>1</sup> Outstanding debt is as of the dated date of the Bonds.

<sup>2</sup> Based upon the long term facilities maintenance revenue formula and current statistics, the District anticipates a portion of this debt will be paid by the State of Minnesota.

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 195 (RANDOLPH PUBLIC SCHOOLS), MINNESOTA**  
**Schedule of Bonded Indebtedness**  
**General Obligation Debt Being Paid From Taxes**  
**(As of 3/14/19)**  
**FISCAL YEAR BASIS**

| Fiscal Year Ending | School Building (GSCB) Series 2010A |          | School Building Series 2010B |          | Refunding 2) Series 2012A |          | School Building Series 2016A |          | School Building Series 2019A |          | Total Principal | Total Interest | Total P & I | Principal Outstanding | % Paid  | Fiscal Year Ending |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------|--------------------|
|                    | Dated Amount                        | Maturity | Dated Amount                 | Maturity | Dated Amount              | Maturity | Dated Amount                 | Maturity | Dated Amount                 | Maturity |                 |                |             |                       |         |                    |
| 2020               | 0                                   | 2/01     | 35,000                       | 2/01     | 505,000                   | 2/01     | 0                            | 2/01     | 0                            | 2/01     | 540,000         | 395,125        | 935,125     | 11,020,000            | 4.67%   | 2020               |
| 2021               | 230,000                             | 2/01     | 265,000                      | 2/01     | 5,681                     | 2/01     | 50,000                       | 2/01     | 0                            | 2/01     | 545,000         | 420,684        | 965,684     | 10,475,000            | 9.39%   | 2021               |
| 2022               | 505,000                             | 2/01     | 8,215                        | 2/01     | 5,681                     | 2/01     | 50,000                       | 2/01     | 0                            | 2/01     | 555,000         | 403,169        | 958,169     | 9,920,000             | 14.19%  | 2022               |
| 2023               | 505,000                             | 2/01     | 90,269                       | 2/01     | 5,681                     | 2/01     | 50,000                       | 2/01     | 0                            | 2/01     | 555,000         | 382,294        | 937,294     | 9,365,000             | 18.99%  | 2023               |
| 2024               | 505,000                             | 2/01     | 69,438                       | 2/01     | 5,681                     | 2/01     | 50,000                       | 2/01     | 0                            | 2/01     | 555,000         | 360,788        | 915,788     | 8,810,000             | 23.79%  | 2024               |
| 2025               | 505,000                             | 2/01     | 47,975                       | 2/01     | 5,681                     | 2/01     | 50,000                       | 2/01     | 0                            | 2/01     | 555,000         | 338,475        | 893,475     | 8,255,000             | 28.59%  | 2025               |
| 2026               | 505,000                             | 2/01     | 24,619                       | 2/01     | 5,681                     | 2/01     | 50,000                       | 2/01     | 0                            | 2/01     | 555,000         | 314,269        | 869,269     | 7,700,000             | 33.39%  | 2026               |
| 2027               |                                     |          |                              |          | 5,681                     | 2/01     | 465,000                      | 2/01     | 0                            | 2/01     | 465,000         | 288,800        | 753,800     | 7,235,000             | 37.41%  | 2027               |
| 2028               |                                     |          |                              |          | 5,681                     | 2/01     | 495,000                      | 2/01     | 0                            | 2/01     | 495,000         | 279,500        | 774,500     | 6,740,000             | 41.70%  | 2028               |
| 2029               |                                     |          |                              |          | 5,681                     | 2/01     | 485,000                      | 2/01     | 485,000                      | 2/01     | 485,000         | 269,600        | 754,600     | 6,255,000             | 45.89%  | 2029               |
| 2030               |                                     |          |                              |          | 5,681                     | 2/01     | 520,000                      | 2/01     | 520,000                      | 2/01     | 520,000         | 250,200        | 770,200     | 5,735,000             | 50.39%  | 2030               |
| 2031               |                                     |          |                              |          | 5,681                     | 2/01     | 540,000                      | 2/01     | 540,000                      | 2/01     | 540,000         | 229,400        | 769,400     | 5,195,000             | 55.06%  | 2031               |
| 2032               |                                     |          |                              |          | 5,681                     | 2/01     | 565,000                      | 2/01     | 565,000                      | 2/01     | 565,000         | 207,800        | 772,800     | 4,630,000             | 59.95%  | 2032               |
| 2033               |                                     |          |                              |          | 5,681                     | 2/01     | 585,000                      | 2/01     | 585,000                      | 2/01     | 585,000         | 185,200        | 770,200     | 4,045,000             | 65.01%  | 2033               |
| 2034               |                                     |          |                              |          | 5,681                     | 2/01     | 610,000                      | 2/01     | 610,000                      | 2/01     | 610,000         | 161,800        | 771,800     | 3,435,000             | 70.29%  | 2034               |
| 2035               |                                     |          |                              |          | 5,681                     | 2/01     | 635,000                      | 2/01     | 635,000                      | 2/01     | 635,000         | 137,400        | 772,400     | 2,800,000             | 75.78%  | 2035               |
| 2036               |                                     |          |                              |          | 5,681                     | 2/01     | 660,000                      | 2/01     | 660,000                      | 2/01     | 660,000         | 112,000        | 772,000     | 2,140,000             | 81.49%  | 2036               |
| 2037               |                                     |          |                              |          | 5,681                     | 2/01     | 685,000                      | 2/01     | 685,000                      | 2/01     | 685,000         | 85,600         | 770,600     | 1,455,000             | 87.41%  | 2037               |
| 2038               |                                     |          |                              |          | 5,681                     | 2/01     | 715,000                      | 2/01     | 715,000                      | 2/01     | 715,000         | 58,200         | 773,200     | 740,000               | 93.60%  | 2038               |
| 2039               |                                     |          |                              |          | 5,681                     | 2/01     | 740,000                      | 2/01     | 740,000                      | 2/01     | 740,000         | 29,600         | 769,600     | 0                     | 100.00% | 2039               |
|                    |                                     |          |                              |          |                           |          |                              |          |                              |          | 11,560,000      | 4,909,903      | 16,469,903  |                       |         |                    |

\* Preliminary, subject to change.

- 1) Gross amount prior to federal subsidy payment.
- 2) This issue refunded the 2014 through 2020 maturities of the District's \$5,410,000 General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2005A, dated March 10, 2005.

**BONDED DEBT LIMIT**

Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.53, subdivision 4, presently limits the "net debt" of a school district to 15% of its actual market value. The actual market value of property within a district, on which its debt limit is based, is (a) the value certified by the county auditors, or (b) this value divided by the ratio certified by the commissioner of revenue, whichever results in a higher value. The current debt limit of the District is computed as follows:

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 2017/18 Economic Market Value  | \$ 616,447,312              |
| Multiply by 15%  | <u>0.15</u>                 |
| Statutory Debt Limit   | \$ 92,467,097               |
| Less: Long-Term Debt Outstanding Being Paid Solely from Taxes<br>(includes the Bonds)* | <u>(11,560,000)</u>         |
| Unused Debt Limit*   | <u><u>\$ 80,907,097</u></u> |

\*Preliminary, subject to change.

**OVERLAPPING DEBT<sup>1</sup>**

| Taxing District                            | 2017/18<br>Adjusted<br>Taxable Net<br>Tax Capacity | % In<br>District | Total<br>G.O. Debt <sup>2</sup> | District's<br>Proportionate<br>Share |
|--|--|------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Goodhue County                             | \$ 76,704,944                                      | 0.8579%          | \$ 17,845,000                   | \$ 153,092                           |
| City of Hampton                            | 497,252  | 1.8449%          | 1,813,000                       | 33,448                               |
| Town of Randolph                           | 1,626,538  | 99.1187%         | 144,750                         | 143,474                              |
| Metropolitan Council                       | 3,971,779,581                                      | 0.1110%          | 146,285,000 <sup>3</sup>        | <u>162,376</u>                       |
| District's Share of Total Overlapping Debt |  |                  |                                 | <u><u>\$ 492,391</u></u>             |

<sup>1</sup> Overlapping debt is as of the dated date of the Bonds. Only those taxing jurisdictions with general obligation debt outstanding are included in this section. It does *not* include non-general obligation debt, self-supporting general obligation revenue debt, short-term general obligation debt, or general obligation tax/aid anticipation certificates of indebtedness.

<sup>2</sup> Outstanding debt is based on information in Official Statements obtained on EMMA and the Municipal Advisor's records.

<sup>3</sup> The above debt includes all outstanding general obligation debt supported by taxes of the Metropolitan Council. The Council also has general obligation sewer revenue, wastewater revenue, and radio revenue bonds and lease obligations outstanding all of which are supported entirely by revenues and have not been included in the Overlapping Debt or Debt Ratios sections.

## DEBT PAYMENT HISTORY

The District has no record of default in the payment of principal and interest on its debt.

## DEBT RATIOS

|   | <b>G.O. Debt</b>           | <b>Debt/Economic<br/>Market Value<br/>(\$616,447,312)</b> | <b>Debt/<br/>Current<br/>Population<br/>Estimate<br/>(2,334)</b> |
|---|----------------------------|---|--|
| Direct G.O. Debt Being Paid From Taxes<br>(includes the Bonds)* | \$11,560,000               | 1.88%   | \$4,952.87   |
| District's Share of Total Overlapping Debt                      | <u>\$ 492,391</u>          | <u>0.08%</u>  | <u>\$210.96</u>  |
| Total*  | <u><u>\$12,052,391</u></u> | <u><u>1.96%</u></u>                                       | <u><u>\$5,163.84</u></u>   |

\*Preliminary, subject to change.

## FUTURE FINANCING

The District has no current plans for additional financing in the next 12 months.

## LEVY LIMITS

Minnesota school district tax levies for most purposes are subject to statutory limitations. No limit, however, is placed on the debt service levy, and districts are required to levy 105% of actual principal and interest requirements to allow for delinquencies.

School districts receive a basic revenue amount per pupil unit from aid and levy proceeds in a variety of categorical state aids. They are also allowed to certify additional levies within limits for certain specified purposes. The State Department of Education and the applicable County Auditors review the levies of each school district to determine compliance with state levy limits.

## TAX RATES, LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS

### TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS

| Tax Year | Net Tax Levy <sup>1</sup> | Total Collected Following Year | Collected to Date <sup>2</sup> | % Collected |
|----------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 2013/14  | \$ 1,134,522              | \$ 1,132,113                   | \$ 1,134,503                   | 100.00%     |
| 2014/15  | 863,404                   | 861,561                        | 863,385                        | 100.00%     |
| 2015/16  | 1,368,246                 | 1,367,077                      | 1,368,211                      | 100.00%     |
| 2016/17  | 1,383,374                 | 1,382,578                      | 1,380,566                      | 99.80%      |
| 2017/18  | 1,438,844                 | In process of collection       |                                |             |

Property taxes are collected in two installments in Minnesota--the first by May 15 and the second by October 15.<sup>3</sup> Mobile home taxes are collectible in full by August 31. Minnesota Statutes require that levies (taxes and special assessments) for debt service be at least 105% of the actual debt service requirements to allow for delinquencies.

### TAX CAPACITY RATES<sup>4</sup>

|  | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| I.S.D. No. 195 (Randolph Public Schools) | 18.001% | 16.685% | 18.662% | 17.065% | 17.509% |
| Dakota County                            | 31.827% | 26.902% | 28.570% | 28.004% | 26.580% |
| Goodhue County                           | 44.511% | 43.146% | 42.786% | 43.290% | 43.882% |
| City of Hampton                          | 44.221% | 46.932% | 42.776% | 45.342% | 40.813% |
| City of Randolph                         | 36.865% | 26.076% | 26.284% | 28.171% | 24.722% |
| Town of Randolph <sup>5</sup>            | 8.004%  | 8.665%  | 8.940%  | 7.345%  | 9.617%  |

#### *Referendum Market Value Rates:*

|  |          |          |          |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| I.S.D. No. 195 (Randolph Public Schools) | 0.11376% | 0.12359% | 0.15385% | 0.13873% | 0.12468% |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|

**Source:** Tax Levies and Collections and Tax Capacity Rates have been furnished by Dakota and Goodhue Counties.

<sup>1</sup> This reflects the Final Levy Certification of the District after all adjustments have been made.

<sup>2</sup> Collections are through June 30, 2018 for Dakota and through June 5, 2018 for Goodhue Counties.

<sup>3</sup> Second half tax payments on agricultural property are due on November 15th of each year.

<sup>4</sup> After reduction for state aids. Does not include the statewide general property tax against commercial/industrial, non-homestead resorts and seasonal recreational residential property.

<sup>5</sup> Representative town rate.

# THE ISSUER

## EMPLOYEES

The District is governed by an elected school board and employs a staff of 107, including 57 non-licensed employees and 50 licensed employees (46 of whom are teachers). The District provides education for 677 students in grades kindergarten through twelve.

## PENSIONS; UNIONS

### Teachers' Retirement Association (TRA)

All teachers employed by the District are covered by defined benefit pension plans administered by the State of Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association (TRA). TRA members belong to either the Coordinated Plan or the Basic Plan. Coordinated members are covered by Social Security and Basic members are not. All new members must participate in the Coordinated Plan. These plans are established and administered in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 354 and 356.

### Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA)

All full-time and certain part-time employees of the District (other than those covered by TRA) are covered by a defined benefit plan administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Minnesota (PERA). PERA administers the General Employees Retirement Fund (GERF) which is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer retirement plan. This plan is established and administered in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 353 and 356.

### Recognized and Certified Bargaining Units

| <b>Bargaining Unit</b>         | <b>Expiration Date of Current Contract</b> |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Randolph Education Association | June 30, 2019                              |

## POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The District has obligations for some post-employment benefits for its employees. Accounting for these obligations is dictated by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75 (GASB 75). The District's most recent actuarial study of its OPEB obligations shows a total OPEB liability of \$329,921 as of July 1, 2017. The District has been funding these obligations on a pay-as-you-go basis.

## STUDENT BODY

The number of students enrolled for the past four years and for the current year have been as follows:

| Year    | Kindergarten | Grades 1-6 | Grades 7-12 | Total |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------|
| 2014/15 | 52           | 311        | 246         | 609   |
| 2015/16 | 53           | 328        | 269         | 650   |
| 2016/17 | 54           | 333        | 274         | 661   |
| 2017/18 | 47           | 341        | 273         | 661   |
| 2018/19 | 50           | 333        | 294         | 677   |

Enrollments for the next three years are projected to be as follows:

| Year    | Kindergarten | Grades 1-6 | Grades 7-12 | Total |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------|
| 2019/20 | 55           | 339        | 305         | 699   |
| 2020/21 | 55           | 342        | 321         | 718   |
| 2021/22 | 55           | 328        | 330         | 713   |

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

| School Building | Year Constructed | Years of Additions/<br>Remodelings |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| K-12            | 1917             | 1954, 1958, 1970, 2002, 2011       |

## FUNDS ON HAND (as of June 30, 2018)

| Fund                       | Total Cash<br>and Investments    |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| General                    | \$2,169,349                      |
| Food Service               | 92,802                           |
| Community Service          | 147,493                          |
| Debt Service               | 498,245                          |
| Building/Construction      | 5                                |
| <b>Total Funds on Hand</b> | <b><u><u>\$2,907,894</u></u></b> |

## **LITIGATION**

There is no litigation threatened or pending questioning the organization or boundaries of the District or the right of any of its officers to their respective offices or in any manner questioning their rights and power to execute and deliver the Bonds or otherwise questioning the validity of the Bonds.

## **MUNICIPAL BANKRUPTCY**

Municipalities are prohibited from filing for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 (reorganization) or Chapter 7 (liquidation) of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532) (the "Bankruptcy Code"). Instead, the Bankruptcy Code permits municipalities to file a petition under Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code, but only if certain requirements are met. These requirements include that the municipality must be "specifically authorized" under State law to file for relief under Chapter 9. For these purposes, "State law" may include, without limitation, statutes of general applicability enacted by the State legislature, special legislation applicable to a particular municipality, and/or executive orders issued by an appropriate officer of the State's executive branch.

Currently there is no statutory authority for Minnesota school districts to file for bankruptcy relief under Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Nevertheless, there can be no assurance (a) that State law will not change in the future while the Bonds are outstanding; or (b) even absent such a change in State law, that an executive order or other executive action could not effectively authorize the District to file for relief under Chapter 9; or (c) whether it would still be eligible for voluntary or involuntary relief under Chapters of the Bankruptcy Code other than Chapter 9 or under similar federal or state law or equitable proceeding regarding insolvency or providing for protection from creditors. Such action could impact the rights of holders of the Bonds. Such modifications could be adverse to holders of the Bonds and there could ultimately be no assurance that holders of the Bonds would be paid in full or in part on the Bonds.



## SUMMARY GENERAL FUND INFORMATION

Following are summaries of the revenues and expenditures and fund balances for the District's General Fund. These summaries are not purported to be the complete audited financial statements of the District, and potential purchasers should read the included financial statements in their entirety for more complete information concerning the District. Copies of the complete statements are available upon request. Appendix A includes the District's 2018 audited financial statements.

| COMBINED STATEMENT                                  | FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 |                     |                     |                     | 2018-19<br>Revised<br>Budget <sup>1</sup> |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---|
|   | 2015<br>Audited            | 2016<br>Audited     | 2017<br>Audited     | 2018<br>Audited     |   |
| <b>Revenues</b>                                     |                            |                     |                     |                     |   |
| Local property taxes                                | \$ 419,416                 | \$ 534,883          | \$ 624,474          | \$ 706,498          | \$ 843,346                                |
| Sales and other conversion of assets                | 666,152                    | 275,836             | 1,229               | 786,477             | 768,514                                   |
| Investment earnings                                 | 18,278                     | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   | 0   |
| Other   | 48,428                     | 135,039             | 123,857             | 125,667             | 122,760                                   |
| Revenues from state sources                         | 4,841,635                  | 5,209,407           | 5,293,564           | 5,501,735           | 5,396,123                                 |
| Revenues from federal sources                       | 176,611                    | 192,341             | 188,791             | 164,018             | 258,796                                   |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                               | <u>\$ 6,170,520</u>        | <u>\$ 6,347,506</u> | <u>\$ 6,231,915</u> | <u>\$ 7,284,395</u> | <u>\$ 7,389,539</u>                       |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                                 |                            |                     |                     |                     |   |
| Current   |                            |                     |                     |                     |   |
| Administration                                      | \$ 463,895                 | \$ 460,001          | \$ 484,643          | \$ 517,986          | \$ 565,682                                |
| District support services                           | 234,383                    | 241,343             | 171,989             | 267,346             | 224,979                                   |
| Elementary & secondary regular instruction          | 3,584,860                  | 3,282,435           | 3,066,858           | 3,799,025           | 3,602,539                                 |
| Vocational education instruction                    | 175,803                    | 199,591             | 199,250             | 176,488             | 221,385                                   |
| Special education instruction                       | 636,356                    | 788,831             | 864,603             | 958,135             | 1,049,423                                 |
| Instructional support services                      | 148,345                    | 182,381             | 275,378             | 303,463             | 312,670                                   |
| Pupil support services                              | 343,975                    | 329,911             | 298,254             | 360,031             | 355,797                                   |
| Sites and buildings                                 | 622,438                    | 519,508             | 1,353,762           | 801,175             | 820,850                                   |
| Fiscal and other fixed cost programs                | 23,487                     | 28,903              | 28,319              | 29,135              | 29,974                                    |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                           | <u>\$ 6,233,542</u>        | <u>\$ 6,032,904</u> | <u>\$ 6,743,056</u> | <u>\$ 7,212,784</u> | <u>\$ 7,183,299</u>                       |
| <b>Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures</b> | \$ (63,022)                | \$ 314,602          | \$ (511,141)        | \$ 71,611           | \$ 206,240                                |
| <b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>               |                            |                     |                     |                     |   |
| Operating transfers in                              | \$ 0                       | \$ 0                | \$ 0                | \$ 0                |   |
| Operating transfers out                             | 0                          | 0                   | (17,056)            | 0                   |   |
| <b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>         | \$ 0                       | \$ 0                | \$ (17,056)         | \$ 0                |   |
| <b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>                  | \$ (63,022)                | \$ 314,602          | \$ (528,197)        | \$ 71,611           |   |
| General Fund Balance July 1                         | 2,919,930                  | 2,856,908           | 3,171,510           | 2,643,313           |   |
| Prior Period Adjustment                             | 0                          | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   |   |
| Residual Equity Transfer in (out)                   | 0                          | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   |   |
| General Fund Balance June 30                        | \$ 2,856,908               | \$ 3,171,510        | \$ 2,643,313        | \$ 2,714,924        |   |
| <b>DETAILS OF JUNE 30 FUND BALANCE</b>              |                            |                     |                     |                     |   |
| Nonspendable  | \$ 107,754                 | \$ 62,777           | \$ 295,597          | \$ 97,451           |   |
| Restricted  | 72,392                     | 0                   | 149,397             | 356,197             |   |
| Unassigned  | 2,676,762                  | 3,108,732           | 2,198,323           | 2,261,278           |   |
| <b>Total</b>  | <u>\$ 2,856,908</u>        | <u>\$ 3,171,509</u> | <u>\$ 2,643,317</u> | <u>\$ 2,714,926</u> |   |

<sup>1</sup> The 2018-19 budget was revised on December 18, 2018.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### LOCATION

The District, with a 2010 U.S. Census population of 2,350, and a current population estimate of 2,334, and comprising an area of 69 square miles, is located approximately 40 miles south of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area.

### LARGER EMPLOYERS<sup>1</sup>

Larger employers in the District include the following:

| <b>Firm</b>                             | <b>Type of Business/Product</b>               | <b>Estimated No. of Employees</b> |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| I.S.D No. 195 (Randolph Public Schools) | Elementary & secondary education              | 107                               |
| Roscoe's Roadhouse                      | Full-service restaurant                       | 15                                |
| World Food Processing                   | Soybean products (wholesale)                  | 12                                |
| River Country Co-Op                     | Service station/fertilizers and farm supplies | 12                                |
| Dakota Irrigation Inc                   | Industrial Machinery wholesalers              | 11                                |
| Hathaway Controls Inc                   | Construction machinery manufacturers          | 9                                 |
| Woody's Pump & Munch                    | Convenience store                             | 5                                 |
| Castle Rock Materials                   | Sand & gravel wholesalers                     | 5                                 |
| Walco USA Inc                           | Distribution service                          | 4                                 |
| Otte Enterprises                        | Ground applicators                            | 4                                 |
| Dubbels Trucking                        | Trucking-liquid & dry bulk                    | 3                                 |

**Source:** *ReferenceUSA, written and telephone survey (December 2018), and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.*

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<sup>1</sup> This does not purport to be a comprehensive list and is based on available data obtained through a survey of individual employers, as well as the sources identified above. Some employers do not respond to inquiries for employment data.

## U.S. CENSUS DATA

**Population Trend:** Independent School District No. 195 (Randolph Public Schools), Minnesota

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| 2000 U.S. Census population   | 2,123    |
| 2010 U.S. Census population   | 2,350    |
| 2017 Population Estimate      | 2,334    |
| Percent of Change 2000 - 2010 | + 10.69% |

### Income and Age Statistics

|  | <b>Randolph Public<br/>Schools District</b> | <b>Dakota<br/>County</b> | <b>State of<br/>Minnesota</b> | <b>United<br/>States</b> |
|--|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2017 per capita income                 | \$36,689                                    | \$38,863                 | \$34,712                      | \$31,177                 |
| 2017 median household income           | \$81,295                                    | \$79,995                 | \$65,699                      | \$57,652                 |
| 2017 median family income              | \$90,625                                    | \$96,643                 | \$82,785                      | \$70,850                 |
| 2017 median gross rent                 | \$1,070                                     | \$1,063                  | \$906                         | \$982                    |
| 2017 median value owner occupied units | \$284,700                                   | \$238,000                | \$199,700                     | \$193,500                |
| 2017 median age                        | 44.9 yrs.                                   | 37.7 yrs.                | 37.9 yrs.                     | 37.8 yrs.                |

|   | <b>State of Minnesota</b> | <b>United States</b> |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------|
| District % of 2017 per capita income    | 105.70%                   | 117.68%              |
| District % of 2017 median family income | 109.47%                   | 127.91%              |

**Source:** 2000 and 2010 Census of Population and Housing, and 2017 American Community Survey (Based on a five-year estimate), U.S. Census Bureau ([www.factfinder2.census.gov](http://www.factfinder2.census.gov)).

## EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

Rates are not compiled for individual communities within counties.

| Year           | <u>Average Employment</u> |               | <u>Average Unemployment</u> |                    |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
|                | Dakota County             | Dakota County | Dakota County               | State of Minnesota |
| 2014           | 221,882                   | 3.8%          |                             | 4.2%               |
| 2015           | 222,855                   | 3.3%          |                             | 3.7%               |
| 2016           | 225,165                   | 3.4%          |                             | 3.9%               |
| 2017           | 230,598                   | 3.1%          |                             | 3.5%               |
| 2018, December | 235,225                   | 2.6%          |                             | 3.2%               |

**Source:** Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Potential purchasers should read the included financial statements in their entirety for more complete information concerning the District's financial position. Such financial statements have been audited by the Auditor, to the extent and for the periods indicated thereon. The District has not requested the Auditor to perform any additional examination, assessments or evaluation with respect to such financial statements since the date thereof, nor has the District requested that the Auditor consent to the use of such financial statements in this Preliminary Official Statement. Although the inclusion of the financial statements in this Official Statement is not intended to demonstrate the fiscal condition of the District since the date of the financial statements, in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, the District represents that there have been no material adverse change in the financial position or results of operations of the District, nor has the District incurred any material liabilities, which would make such financial statements misleading.

Copies of the complete audited financial statements for the past three years and the current budget are available upon request from Ehlers.

**FORM OF LEGAL OPINION**

(See following page)

### BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM

1. The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the securities (the "Securities"). The Securities will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Security certificate will be issued for [each issue of] the Securities, [each] in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, and will be deposited with DTC. [If, however, the aggregate principal amount of [any] issue exceeds \$500 million, one certificate will be issued with respect to each \$500 million of principal amount, and an additional certificate will be issued with respect to any remaining principal amount of such issue.]
2. DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com).
3. Purchases of Securities under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Securities on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Security ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Securities, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Securities is discontinued.
4. To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Securities deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Securities; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Securities are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

5. Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. [Beneficial Owners of Securities may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Securities, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Security documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Securities may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Securities for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.]
6. Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Securities within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.
7. Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to Securities unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to District 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 Securities are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).
8. Redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments on the Securities will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the District or Agent, on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, Agent, or the District, 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 District or Agent, 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.
9. A Beneficial Owner shall give notice to elect to have its Securities purchased or tendered, through its Participant, to [Tender/Remarketing] Agent, and shall effect delivery of such Securities by causing the Direct Participant to transfer the Participant's interest in the Securities, on DTC's records, to [Tender/Remarketing] Agent. The requirement for physical delivery of Securities in connection with an optional tender or a mandatory purchase will be deemed satisfied when the ownership rights in the Securities are transferred by Direct Participants on DTC's records and followed by a book-entry credit of tendered Securities to [Tender/Remarketing] Agent's DTC account.
10. DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Securities at any time by giving reasonable notice to the District or Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Security certificates are required to be printed and delivered.
11. The District may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Security certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.
12. The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the District believes to be reliable, but the District takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

**APPENDIX D**

**FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE**

(See following page)



## APPENDIX E

### TERMS OF PROPOSAL

#### **\$6,740,000\* GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2019A INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 195 (RANDOLPH PUBLIC SCHOOLS), MINNESOTA**

Proposals for the purchase of \$6,740,000\* General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2019A (the "Bonds") of Independent School District No. 195 (Randolph Public Schools), Minnesota (the "District") will be received at the offices of Ehlers and Associates, Inc. ("Ehlers"), 3060 Centre Pointe Drive, Roseville, Minnesota 55113-1105, Municipal Advisors to the District, until 10:00 A.M., Central Time, and **ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS** will be received via **PARITY**, in the manner described below, until 10:00 A.M. Central Time, on February 19, 2019, at which time they will be opened, read and tabulated. The proposals will be presented to the Board of Education for consideration for award by resolution at a meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M., Central Time, on the same date. The proposal offering to purchase the Bonds upon the terms specified herein and most favorable to the District will be accepted unless all proposals are rejected.

#### **PURPOSE**

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, and a special election held November 6, 2018, by the District for the purpose of financing the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities in the District. The Bonds will be general obligations of the District for which its full faith, credit and taxing powers are pledged.

#### **DATES AND MATURITIES**

The Bonds will be dated March 14, 2019, will be issued as fully registered Bonds in the denomination of \$5,000 each, or any integral multiple thereof, and will mature on February 1 as follows:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Amount*</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Amount*</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Amount*</u> |
|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| 2029        | \$485,000      | 2033        | \$585,000      | 2037        | \$685,000      |
| 2030        | 520,000        | 2034        | 610,000        | 2038        | 715,000        |
| 2031        | 540,000        | 2035        | 635,000        | 2039        | 740,000        |
| 2032        | 565,000        | 2036        | 660,000        |             |                |

#### **ADJUSTMENT OPTION**

\* The District reserves the right to increase or decrease the principal amount of the Bonds on the day of sale, in increments of \$5,000 each. Increases or decreases may be made in any maturity. If any principal amounts are adjusted, the purchase price proposed will be adjusted to maintain the same gross spread per \$1,000.

#### **TERM BOND OPTION**

Proposals for the Bonds may contain a maturity schedule providing for any combination of serial bonds and term bonds, subject to mandatory redemption, so long as the amount of principal maturing or subject to mandatory redemption in each year conforms to the maturity schedule set forth above. All dates are inclusive.

## **INTEREST PAYMENT DATES AND RATES**

Interest will be payable on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 2019, to the registered owners of the Bonds appearing of record in the bond register as of the close of business on the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the immediately preceding month. Interest will be computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and will be rounded pursuant to rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. **The rate for any maturity may not be more than 2.00% less than the rate for any preceding maturity. (For example, if a rate of 4.50% is proposed for the 2029 maturity, then the lowest rate that may be proposed for any later maturity is 2.50%.)** All Bonds of the same maturity must bear interest from date of issue until paid at a single, uniform rate. Each rate must be expressed in an integral multiple of 5/100 or 1/8 of 1%.

## **BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY FORMAT**

Unless otherwise specified by the purchaser, the Bonds will be designated in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds, and will be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants and the transfers of interests between its participants. The participants will be responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial interests of the individual purchasers of the Bonds. So long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Bonds, all payments of principal and interest will be made to the depository which, in turn, will be obligated to remit such payments to its participants for subsequent disbursement to the beneficial owners of the Bonds.

## **PAYING AGENT**

The District has selected Bond Trust Services Corporation, Roseville, Minnesota, to act as paying agent (the "Paying Agent"). Bond Trust Services Corporation and Ehlers are affiliate companies. The District will pay the charges for Paying Agent services. The District reserves the right to remove the Paying Agent and to appoint a successor.

## **OPTIONAL REDEMPTION**

At the option of the District, the Bonds maturing on or after February 1, 2028 shall be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity on February 1, 2027 or any date thereafter, at a price of par plus accrued interest.

Redemption may be in whole or in part of the Bonds subject to prepayment. If redemption is in part, the selection of the amounts and maturities of the Bonds to be redeemed shall be at the discretion of the District. If only part of the Bonds having a common maturity date are called for redemption, then the District or Paying Agent, if any, will notify DTC of the particular amount of such maturity to be redeemed. DTC will determine by lot the amount of each participant's interest in such maturity to be redeemed and each participant will then select by lot the beneficial ownership interest in such maturity to be redeemed.

Notice of redemption shall be sent by mail not more than 60 days and not less than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered owner of each Bond to be redeemed at the address shown on the registration books.

## **DELIVERY**

On or about March 14, 2019, the Bonds will be delivered without cost to the winning bidder at DTC. On the day of closing, the District will furnish to the winning bidder the opinion of bond counsel hereinafter described, an arbitrage certification, and certificates verifying that no litigation in any manner questioning the validity of the Bonds is then pending or, to the best knowledge of officers of the District, threatened. Payment for the Bonds must be received by the District at its designated depository on the date of closing in immediately available funds.

## LEGAL OPINION

An opinion as to the validity of the Bonds and the exemption from taxation of the interest thereon will be furnished by Knutson, Flynn & Deans, P.A., Mendota Heights, Minnesota, Bond Counsel to the District, and will be available at the time of delivery of the Bonds. The legal opinion will state that the Bonds are valid and binding general obligations of the District; provided that the rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights and by equitable principles (which may be applied in either a legal or equitable proceeding). See "FORM OF LEGAL OPINION" found in Appendix B.

## SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Proposals must not be for less than \$6,672,600 plus accrued interest on the principal sum of \$6,740,000 from date of original issue of the Bonds to date of delivery. **The maximum proposal allowed will be \$7,279,200.** Prior to the time established above for the opening of proposals, interested parties may submit a proposal as follows:

- 1) Electronically to [bondsale@ehlers-inc.com](mailto:bondsale@ehlers-inc.com); or
- 2) Facsimile submission to Ehlers, Facsimile Number (651) 697-8555; or
- 3) Electronically via **PARITY** in accordance with this Terms of Proposal until 10:00 A.M. Central Time, but no proposal will be received after the time for receiving proposals specified above. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in **PARITY** conflict with this Terms of Proposal, the terms of this Terms of Proposal shall control. For further information about **PARITY**, potential bidders may contact Ehlers or i-Deal LLC at 1359 Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10018, Telephone (212) 849-5021.

Proposals must be submitted to Ehlers via one of the methods described above and must be received prior to the time established above for the opening of proposals. Each proposal must be unconditional except as to legality. Neither the District nor Ehlers shall be responsible for any failure to receive a facsimile submission.

A good faith deposit ("Deposit") in the amount of \$134,800 shall be made by the winning bidder by wire transfer of funds to **KleinBank, 1550 Audubon Road, Chaska, Minnesota, ABA No. 091915654 for credit: Ehlers and Associates Good Faith Account No. 3208138.** Such Deposit shall be received by Ehlers no later than two hours after the proposal opening time. The District reserves the right to award the Bonds to a winning bidder whose wire transfer is initiated but not received by such time provided that such winning bidder's federal wire reference number has been received by such time. In the event the Deposit is not received as provided above, the District may award the Bonds to the bidder submitting the next best proposal provided such bidder agrees to such award. The Deposit will be retained by the District as liquidated damages if the proposal is accepted and the Purchaser fails to comply therewith.

The District and the winning bidder who chooses to so wire the Deposit hereby agree irrevocably that Ehlers shall be the escrow holder of the Deposit wired to such account subject only to these conditions and duties: 1) All income earned thereon shall be retained by the escrow holder as payment for its expenses; 2) If the proposal is not accepted, Ehlers shall, at its expense, promptly return the Deposit amount to the winning bidder; 3) If the proposal is accepted, the Deposit shall be returned to the winning bidder at the closing; 4) Ehlers shall bear all costs of maintaining the escrow account and returning the funds to the winning bidder; 5) Ehlers shall not be an insurer of the Deposit amount and shall have no liability hereunder except if it willfully fails to perform or recklessly disregards, its duties specified herein; and 6) FDIC insurance on deposits within the escrow account shall be limited to \$250,000 per bidder.

No proposal can be withdrawn after the time set for receiving proposals unless the meeting of the District scheduled for award of the Bonds is adjourned, recessed, or continued to another date without award of the Bonds having been made.

## **AWARD**

The Bonds will be awarded to the bidder offering the lowest interest rate to be determined on a True Interest Cost (TIC) basis. The District's computation of the interest rate of each proposal, in accordance with customary practice, will be controlling. In the event of a tie, the sale of the Bonds will be awarded by lot. The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informality in any proposal.

## **BOND INSURANCE**

If the Bonds are qualified for any bond insurance policy, the purchase of such policy shall be at the sole option and expense of the winning bidder. Any cost for such insurance policy is to be paid by the winning bidder, except that, if the District requested and received a rating on the Bonds from a rating agency, the District will pay that rating fee. Any rating agency fees not requested by the District are the responsibility of the winning bidder.

Failure of the municipal bond insurer to issue the policy after the Bonds are awarded to the winning bidder shall not constitute cause for failure or refusal by the winning bidder to accept delivery of the Bonds.

## **CUSIP NUMBERS**

The District will assume no obligation for the assignment or printing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds or for the correctness of any numbers printed thereon, but will permit such numbers to be printed at the expense of the winning bidder, if the winning bidder waives any delay in delivery occasioned thereby.

## **QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS**

The District will designate the Bonds as qualified tax-exempt obligations for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

## **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE**

In order to assist the Underwriters in complying with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 the District will enter into an undertaking for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds. A description of the details and terms of the undertaking is set forth in Appendix D of the Preliminary Official Statement.

## **NEW ISSUE PRICING**

The winning bidder will be required to provide, in a timely manner, certain information necessary to compute the yield on the Bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and to provide a certificate which will be provided by Bond Counsel upon request.

(a) The winning bidder shall assist the District in establishing the issue price of the Bonds and shall execute and deliver to the District at closing an "issue price" or similar certificate satisfactory to Bond Counsel setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public or the sales price or prices of the Bonds, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications. All actions to be taken by the District under this Terms of Proposal to establish the issue price of the Bonds may be taken on behalf of the District by the District's municipal advisor identified herein and any notice or report to be provided to the District may be provided to the District's municipal advisor.

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

- (1) The District shall disseminate this Terms of Proposal to potential underwriters in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential investors;
- (2) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;
- (3) the District may receive proposals from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and
- (4) the District anticipates awarding the sale of the Bonds to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Bonds at the highest price (or lowest interest cost), as set forth in this Terms of Proposal.

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

(c) If all of the requirements of a "competitive sale" are not satisfied, the District shall advise the winning bidder of such fact prior to the time of award of the sale of the Bonds to the Underwriter. In such event, any proposal submitted will not be subject to cancellation or withdrawal and the District agrees to use the rule selected by the Underwriter on its proposal form to determine the issue price for the Bonds. On its proposal form, each Underwriter must select one of the following two rules for determining the issue price of the Bonds: (1) the first price at which 10% of a maturity of the Bonds (the "10% test") is sold to the public as the issue price of that maturity or (2) the initial offering price to the public as of the sale date as the issue price of each maturity of the Bonds (the "hold-the-offering-price rule").

(d) If all of the requirements of a "competitive sale" are not satisfied and the Underwriter selects the hold-the-offering-price rule, the winning bidder shall (i) confirm that the underwriters have offered or will offer the Bonds to the public on or before the date of award at the offering price or prices (the "initial offering price"), or at the corresponding yield or yields, set forth in the proposal submitted by the winning bidder and (ii) agree, on behalf of the underwriters participating in the purchase of the Bonds, that the underwriters will neither offer nor sell unsold Bonds of any maturity to which the hold-the-offering-price rule shall apply to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the public during the period starting on the sale date and ending on the earlier of the following:

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

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

The District acknowledges that in making the representation set forth above, the winning bidder will rely on:

(i) the agreement of each underwriter to comply with requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds, as set forth in an agreement among underwriters and the related pricing wires,

(ii) in the event a selling group has been created in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group to comply with the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds, as set forth in a selling group agreement and the related pricing wires, and

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

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

(f) By submitting a proposal, each bidder confirms that:

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

(A) report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allocated to it, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred until either all securities of that maturity allocated to it have been sold or it is notified by the winning bidder that either the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity, provided that, the reporting obligation after the Closing Date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the District or bond counsel.

(B) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, in each case if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires, and

(ii) any agreement among underwriters or selling group agreement relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group and each broker dealer that is a party to a third-party distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement to:

(A) to promptly notify the winning bidder of any sales of Bonds that, to its knowledge, are made to a purchaser who is a related party to an underwriter participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (each such term being used as defined below), and

(B) to acknowledge that, unless otherwise advised by the underwriter, dealer or broker-dealer, the winning bidder shall assume that each order submitted by the underwriter, dealer or broker-dealer is a sale to the public.

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

- (i) "public" means any person other than an underwriter or a related party,
- (ii) "underwriter" means (A) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the District (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public and (B) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public),
- (iii) a purchaser of any of the Bonds is a "related party" to an underwriter if the underwriter and the purchaser are subject, directly or indirectly, to (A) more than 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (B) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (C) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other), and
- (iv) "sale date" means the date that the Bonds are awarded by the District to the winning bidder.

### **PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

Bidders may obtain a copy of the Preliminary Official Statement relating to the Bonds prior to the proposal opening by request from Ehlers at [www.ehlers-inc.com](http://www.ehlers-inc.com) by connecting to the Bond Sales link. The Syndicate Manager will be provided with an electronic copy of the Final Official Statement within seven business days of the proposal acceptance. Up to 10 printed copies of the Final Official Statement will be provided upon request. Additional copies of the Final Official Statement will be available at a cost of \$10.00 per copy.

Information for bidders and proposal forms may be obtained from Ehlers at 3060 Centre Pointe Drive, Roseville, Minnesota 55113-1105, Telephone (651) 697-8500.

By Order of the Board of Education

Independent School District No. 195  
(Randolph Public Schools), Minnesota

# PROPOSAL FORM

**The Board of Education  
Independent School District No. 195 (Randolph Public Schools), Minnesota**

**February 19, 2019**

**RE: \$6,740,000\* General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2019A**  
**DATED: March 14, 2019**

For all or none of the above Bonds, in accordance with the Terms of Proposal and terms of the Global Book-Entry System (unless otherwise specified by the Purchaser) as stated in this Official Statement, we will pay you \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (not more than \$7,279,200, or not less than \$6,672,600) plus accrued interest to date of delivery for fully registered Bonds bearing interest rates and maturing in the stated years as follows:

|       |       |      |       |       |      |       |       |      |
|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|
| _____ | % due | 2029 | _____ | % due | 2033 | _____ | % due | 2037 |
| _____ | % due | 2030 | _____ | % due | 2034 | _____ | % due | 2038 |
| _____ | % due | 2031 | _____ | % due | 2035 | _____ | % due | 2039 |
| _____ | % due | 2032 | _____ | % due | 2036 |       |       |      |

\* The District reserves the right to increase or decrease the principal amount of the Bonds on the day of sale, in increments of \$5,000 each. Increases or decreases may be made in any maturity. If any principal amounts are adjusted, the purchase price proposed will be adjusted to maintain the same gross spread per \$1,000.

**The rate for any maturity may not be more than 2.00% less than the rate for any preceding maturity. (For example, if a rate of 4.50% is proposed for the 2029 maturity, then the lowest rate that may be proposed for any later maturity is 2.50%.)** All Bonds of the same maturity must bear interest from date of issue until paid at a single, uniform rate. Each rate must be expressed in an integral multiple of 5/100 or 1/8 of 1%.

We enclose our Deposit in the amount of \$134,800, to be held by the District pending delivery and payment. Alternatively, if we are the winning bidder, we will wire our Deposit to **KleinBank, 1550 Audubon Road, Chaska, Minnesota, ABA No. 091915654 for credit: Ehlers and Associates Good Faith Account No. 3208138**. Such Deposit shall be received by Ehlers and Associates no later than two hours after the proposal opening time. The District reserves the right to award the Bonds to a winning bidder whose wire transfer is initiated but not received by such time provided that such winning bidder's federal wire reference number has been received. In the event the Deposit is not received as provided above, the District may award the Bonds to the bidder submitting the next best proposal provided such bidder agrees to such award. If our proposal is not accepted, said deposit shall be promptly returned to us. If the Deposit is wired to such escrow account, we agree to the conditions and duties of Ehlers and Associates, Inc., as escrow holder of the Deposit, pursuant to the Terms of Proposal. This proposal is for prompt acceptance and is conditional upon delivery of said Bonds to The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, in accordance with the Terms of Proposal. Delivery is anticipated to be on or about March 14, 2019.

This proposal is subject to the District's agreement to enter into a written undertaking to provide continuing disclosure under Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as described in the Preliminary Official Statement for the Bonds.

We have received and reviewed the Official Statement and have submitted our requests for additional information or corrections to the Final Official Statement. As Syndicate Manager, we agree to provide the District with the reoffering price of the Bonds within 24 hours of the proposal acceptance.

This proposal is a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds identified in the Terms of Proposal, on the terms set forth in this proposal form and the Terms of Proposal, and is not subject to any conditions, except as permitted by the Terms of Proposal.

By submitting this proposal, we confirm that we are an Underwriter and have an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds. YES:  NO: .

If the competitive sale requirements are not met, we elect to use the (circle one): 10% test / hold-the-offering-price rule to determine the issue price of the Bonds.

Account Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Account Members:

**Award will be on a true interest cost basis.** According to our computations (the correct computation being controlling in the award), the total dollar interest cost (including any discount or less any premium) computed from March 14, 2019 of the above proposal is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and the true interest cost (TIC) is \_\_\_\_\_%.

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The foregoing offer is hereby accepted by and on behalf of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 195 (Randolph Public Schools), Minnesota, on February 19, 2019.

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