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REPORT ON OPERATIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

This report is the report on operations and accomplishments of the Yonkers Joint Schools Construction Board (the “**YJSCB**” or “**Board**”) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 (this report, the “**Report**” and that fiscal year, the “**Fiscal Year**”). This Report is prepared and submitted pursuant to the New York Public Authorities Law (“**PAL**”). This Report outlines the completed and ongoing activities and projects of the YJSCB, and any material changes thereto, during the Fiscal Year.

OPERATIONS

The YJSCB was established and operates pursuant to Chapter 355 of the 2016 Laws of New York known as the Yonkers City School District Joint Schools Construction and Modernization Act (the “**Act**”). Pursuant to the Act, for the purposes of title 2 of article 1 of the PAL, the YJSCB shall be considered a local authority.

The YJSCB was established for the purpose of more economically and more innovatively managing the acquisition, design, construction, financing, operation, and maintenance of new educational facilities in order to meet the growing educational needs of the City of Yonkers (the “**City**”)

The YJSCB is composed of nine voting members: the mayor of the City, the president of the City’s board of education, the superintendent of the City school district, a designee of the Yonkers Council of Parent Teacher Association, a designee of the City’s city council majority, a designee of the City’s city council minority, and three joint designees of the mayor and superintendent.

The powers and responsibilities of the YJSCB are set forth in the Act and include the power and responsibility to do all things necessary, convenient or desirable to carry out the purposes of the YJSCB and for the exercise of the powers granted to the YJSCB in the Act.

The YJSCB establishes and communicates its expectations and goals with respect to carrying out the purposes of the Board, adopts the policies and procedures in compliance with the Act that govern and guide Board operations, and approves resolutions that authorize the YJSCB to take specific actions in furtherance of its mission.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During the Fiscal Year, the YJSCB took actions and accomplished goals in furtherance of its mission; some of these activities and goals are outlined below.

- **Construction of the Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School**

A major objective and undertaking of the YJSCB is the construction of a new pre-kindergarten through 8th grade public school in southwest Yonkers: the Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School (the “**Community School**”).

During the Fiscal Year, the Board supported the creation of, reviewed, and approved the schematic design of the Community School. A community meeting was held to present the Community School to residents and receive their feedback. In accordance with the Act, the YJSCB submitted an application to the Yonkers Industrial Development Agency for financial assistance in connection with the construction of the Community School.

While the YJSCB made progress towards achieving its objectives during the Fiscal Year, the Board’s progress was hindered by the impacts of COVID-19.