

**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF THE CHARLES A. BEARD MEMORIAL SCHOOL CORPORATION, HENRY/RUSH COUNTIES, INDIANA, TO ISSUE ONE OR MORE SERIES OF PROPOSED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR ENTER INTO A PROPOSED LEASE OR LEASES OR AN AMENDMENT OR AMENDMENTS TO ONE OR MORE EXISTING LEASES OF FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE SCHOOL CORPORATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED 2026 AND BEYOND CAPITAL MAINTENANCE, EQUIPPING AND BUS/VEHICLE ACQUISITION AND REIMBURSEMENT PROJECT**

Owners of real property, and registered voters residing, in the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation, Henry/Rush Counties, Indiana (the "School Corporation"), hereby are given notice that the Board of School Trustees of the School Corporation (the "Board") preliminarily has determined, at its meeting held on June 17, 2025, (A) that a need exists for (1) reimbursing the Operations Fund of the School Corporation in connection with (a) prior facility renovation and site improvement projects at one or more facilities operated by the School Corporation, (b) prior equipment acquisitions and/or installations to be used in connection with the School Corporation's operations at all or a portion of the facilities operated by the School Corporation, and (c) prior bus and/or vehicle acquisitions to be used in connection with the School Corporation's operations, (2) funding one or more capital improvement projects at one or more facilities operated by the School Corporation, (3) making one or more bus and/or vehicle purchases to support the transportation and other vehicular needs of the School Corporation, (4) acquiring and/or installing equipment and/or acquiring land and/or structures to be used in connection with the School Corporation's operations at all or a portion of the facilities operated by the School Corporation, and (5) all other projects related to any of the projects described in clauses (1) through and including (4), all of which are currently anticipated to commence sometime on or after January 1, 2026, and will be unrelated to the 2023-2024 Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Building Reconfiguration/Expansion/Update Project, as defined and described in the resolution adopted by the Board on February 21, 2023 (clauses (1) through and including (5), collectively, the "2026 and Beyond Capital Maintenance, Equipping and Bus/Vehicle Acquisition and Reimbursement Project"); and (B) to the extent permitted by law to take all of the necessary steps to finance all or a portion of the costs of the 2026 and Beyond Capital Maintenance, Equipping and Bus/Vehicle Acquisition and Reimbursement Project by issuing one or more series of proposed general obligation bonds (the "General Obligation Bonds") and/or entering into a proposed lease or leases or a proposed amendment or amendments to one or more existing lease or leases (collectively, the "Leases") between one or more local nonprofit school building corporations, as lessor (collectively, the "Building Corporation"), and the School Corporation, as lessee, relating to all or any portion of the school facilities operated by the School Corporation. The Building Corporation, as lessor, will issue one or more series of first mortgage bonds secured by and payable from the lease payments under the Leases (the "First Mortgage Bonds"). The total maximum original aggregate principal amount of the General Obligation Bonds and the First Mortgage Bonds (collectively, the "Bonds"). The total maximum original aggregate principal amount of the Bonds will not exceed \$10,000,000, or such greater amount in the case of the issuance of any first mortgage bonds all or a portion of which will be used to refund all or any portion of the First Mortgage Bonds.

The maximum term for each series of the Bonds will not exceed twenty (20) years, and each of the Leases with respect to each facility subject to a Lease or Leases at the time of the issuance of each series of the First Mortgage Bonds will have a maximum term not to exceed twenty (20) years from the date of issuance of each such series of the First Mortgage Bonds, beginning on the date each such Lease or addendum thereto is recorded by the School Corporation in connection with the 2026 and Beyond Capital Maintenance, Equipping and Bus/Vehicle Acquisition and Reimbursement Project and with an aggregate term not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from the issuance of the first series of First Mortgage Bonds. Based on the estimated interest rates that will be paid in connection with the Bonds not anticipated to exceed a maximum taxable rate of eight percent (8.00%) per annum, the total interest cost associated therewith is \$12,640,000 (which amount is net of any funds received by the School Corporation or the Building Corporation from the United States of America as a result of any or all of the Bonds being issued under one or more federal tax credit programs), not taking into account any funds of

the School Corporation or the Building Corporation being available for capitalized interest. The maximum annual principal and interest to be paid on the Bonds plus the maximum annual lease rental to be paid by the School Corporation under the Leases is \$4,000,000 (which amount is net of any funds received by the School Corporation or the Building Corporation from the United States of America as a result of any or all of the Bonds being issued under one or more federal tax credit programs), and the maximum total principal and interest to be paid on the Bonds plus the maximum total lease rental to be paid by the School Corporation over the term of the Leases is \$22,640,000 (which amount is net of any funds received by the School Corporation or the Building Corporation from the United States of America as a result of any or all of the Bonds being issued under one or more federal tax credit programs), not taking into account any funds of the School Corporation or the Building Corporation available for capitalized interest. The School Corporation's certified total debt service fund tax levy for 2024 pay 2025 (which is the most recent certified tax levy) is \$3,500,601, and the School Corporation's certified total debt service fund tax rate for 2024 pay 2025 (which is the most recent certified tax rate) is \$0.7999 per \$100 of assessed value. The estimated total maximum debt service fund tax levy for the School Corporation and the estimated total maximum debt service fund tax rate for the School Corporation after the issuance of the Bonds are anticipated to occur no earlier than 2026 pay 2027 and will be \$3,500,601 and \$0.7999 per \$100 of assessed value (based on the assumption that there is no change in the net assessed value of the School Corporation from the 2024 pay 2025 net assessed value), respectively, as a result of the payment of the debt service on the General Obligation Bonds and the lease rentals under the Leases described herein, which does not exceed the School Corporation's long-standing goal of maintaining an annual total tax rate not to exceed \$1.4149 per \$100 of assessed value or less (based on the assumption that there is no change in the net assessed value of the School Corporation from the 2024 pay 2025 net assessed value). The percent of the School Corporation's current annual debt service and projected maximum annual debt service after the issuance of the Bonds compared to the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation is approximately eighty-seven one hundredths of one percent (0,87%). The percent of the School Corporation's outstanding long term debt, together with the outstanding long term debt of other taxing units that include any of the territory of the School Corporation, compared to the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation is approximately fourteen and forty-two one-hundredths of one percent (14.42%).

Petitions requesting the application of the petition and remonstrance process to the Bonds and/or the Leases related to the 2026 and Beyond Capital Maintenance, Equipping and Bus/Vehicle Acquisition and Reimbursement Project may be filed with the Henry County Voter Registration Office and/or the Rush County Voter Registration Office within thirty days after the date of the publication of this notice in the manner provided by Indiana Code §6-1.1-20-3.1, as amended, and any such petitions must specifically reference that they are being filed in connection with the 2026 and Beyond Capital Maintenance, Equipping and Bus/Vehicle Acquisition and Reimbursement Project.

Dated: June 18, 2025.

CHARLES A. BEARD MEMORIAL SCHOOL  
CORPORATION, HENRY/RUSH COUNTIES,  
INDIANA

By: Jediah Behny, Superintendent