

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
MORRIS HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY**

**NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE**

The Refunding Bond Ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of The Board of Education of the Morris Hills Regional School District in the County of Morris, New Jersey on February 23, 2026 and will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said Board of Education to be held in the Board of Education Conference Room, 48 Knoll Drive, Rockaway, New Jersey on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

**REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION OF THE MORRIS HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY  
PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF  
ITS OUTSTANDING SCHOOL ENERGY SAVINGS OBLIGATION  
REFUNDING BONDS, DATED APRIL 3, 2019, ISSUED IN THE  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$8,230,000 AND  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED  
\$6,250,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF  
REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS OF THE BOARD TO EFFECT  
SUCH REFUNDING**

**WHEREAS**, on April 3, 2019, The Board of Education of the Morris Hills Regional School District in the County of Morris, New Jersey (the "Board" when referring to the governing body and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) issued \$8,230,000 aggregate principal amount of tax-exempt School Energy Savings Obligation Refunding Bonds, dated April 3, 2019 (the "2019 School Bonds"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that the current interest rate environment may enable it to realize going-forward debt service savings for property taxpayers residing in the School District through the issuance by the Board of Refunding School Bonds (the "Refunding School Bonds") to refund all or a portion of the \$5,965,000 aggregate principal amount of the outstanding 2019 School Bonds maturing on July 15 in the years 2027 through 2039, inclusive (the "Refunded Bonds"); and

**WHEREAS**, in efforts to realize such taxpayer savings, the Board now desires to adopt and enact a refunding school bond ordinance (the "Refunding Bond Ordinance") authorizing the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$6,250,000, the net proceeds of which shall be used to refund all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds in accordance with their terms.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION OF THE MORRIS HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF  
MORRIS, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively  
concurring) AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Board is hereby authorized to refund all or a portion of the \$5,965,000 aggregate principal amount of outstanding 2019 School Energy Savings Obligation Refunding

Bonds maturing on July 15 in the years 2027 through 2039, inclusive. The Refunded Bonds may be paid/redeemed on or after July 15, 2026, at a redemption price equal to par, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

**Section 2.** In order to finance the cost of the purpose set forth in Section 1 hereof, the Board is hereby authorized to issue not to exceed \$6,250,000 aggregate principal amount of Refunding School Bonds, all in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 through 62.

**Section 3.** An aggregate amount not exceeding \$200,000 may be allocated from the aggregate principal amount of the Refunding School Bonds to pay for the aggregate costs of issuance thereof, including, but not limited to, bond insurance premiums, financial advisory fees, underwriting fees, official statement printing fees, public advertisement expenses, refunding verification agent fees, refunding escrow agent fees, bond counsel fees and other expenses in connection therewith.

**Section 4.** The purpose of the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds is to realize net present value interest cost savings for property taxpayers residing in the School District (“net” meaning savings after payment of all costs of issuance of the Refunding School Bonds). Applicable State requirements mandate that such net present value interest cost savings equal at least 3% of the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds. In addition, the issuance of the Refunding Bonds shall comply with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5, including that within 10 days of the date of the closing on the Refunding Bonds, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall file a report with the Local Finance Board within the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs setting forth: (a) a comparison of the Refunding School Bonds’ debt service and the Refunded Bonds’ debt service which comparison shall set forth the present value savings achieved by the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds; (b) a summary of the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds; (c) an itemized accounting of all costs of issuance in connection with the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds; and (d) a certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that (i) all of the conditions of section (b) of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5 have been met, and (ii) a resolution authorizing the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds, adopted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.5(b), was approved by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the Board.

**Section 5.** The supplemental debt statements required by N.J.S.A. 18A:24-16, N.J.S.A. 18A:24-17, and N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4 have been duly prepared by the chief financial officers of the constituent municipalities of the Morris Hills Regional School District and have been filed in the offices of each respective municipal clerk and in the Office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the Board as of the date of approval of this Refunding Bond Ordinance and complete executed duplicates have been filed in the Office of the Director and such statements show that the gross debt of the constituent municipalities is increased by \$285,000 as a result of the authorization of the Refunding School Bonds.

**Section 6.** If the Refunding School Bonds are issued as tax exempt, the Board covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the interest on all Refunding School Bonds issued under this Refunding Bond Ordinance.

**Section 7.** This Refunding Bond Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption hereof.