

Rating Action: Moody's affirms 214 US public K-12 school districts' Issuer Ratings and debt ratings

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New York, March 30, 2021 -- Moody's Investors Service has today affirmed Issuer Ratings and debt instrument ratings (as applicable) of 214 US K-12 public school districts in conjunction with the implementation of the US K-12 Public School Districts Methodology published on January 26, 2021. Issuer Ratings reflect school districts' ability to repay debt and debt-like obligations without consideration of any pledge, security, or structural features. These actions affect issuers with approximately \$27 billion in debt.

The outlook for each issuer and its debt instruments is unchanged from the outlook currently assigned. There are four possible outlooks: STA (stable); NEG (negative); POS (positive) or NOO (no outlook). NOO is typically assigned to school districts with less than \$250 million of rated debt.

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RATINGS RATIONALE

The affirmation of Issuer Ratings reflects an evaluation of the key factors of the analysis for K-12 school districts including the economy, finances, institutional framework and leverage together with other relevant considerations.

The affirmation of debt instrument ratings reflects the individual school district's Issuer Rating and each debt instrument's security considerations.

RATING OUTLOOK

The outlook for each issuer and its debt instruments are unchanged from the outlook currently assigned. An outlook is an opinion regarding the likely rating direction over the medium term.

FACTORS THAT COULD LEAD TO AN UPGRADE OF THE RATINGS

- Improvement in fundamental credit factors, including those related to economy, finances, institutional framework, or leverage

FACTORS THAT COULD LEAD TO A DOWNGRADE OF THE RATINGS

- Deterioration of fundamental credit factors, including those related to economy, finances, institutional framework, or leverage

METHODOLOGY

The principal methodology used in these ratings was US K-12 Public School Districts Methodology published in January 2021 and available at https://www.moody's.com/researchdocumentcontentpage.aspx?docid=PBM_1202421. Alternatively, please see the Rating Methodologies page on www.moody's.com for a copy of this methodology.

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- Issuer Participation
- Participation: Access to Management
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- Disclosure to Rated Entity
- Endorsement
- State

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