

State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Annual Debt Statement

Official Watchung Borough - 2023

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Budget Year Ending December 31 (Month D-D) 2023 (Year)

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William Hance, being duly sworn, deposes and says: Deponent is the Chief Financial Officer of Watchung Borough - County of Somerset here and in the statement hereinafter mentioned called the local unit. This Annual Debt Statement is a true statement of the debt condition of the local unit as of the date therein stated above and is computed as provided by the Local Bond Law of New Jersey.

	Gross Debt	Deduction	Net Debt
Total Bonds and Notes for Local School Purposes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Bonds and Notes for Regional School Purposes	\$5,808,817.04	\$5,808,817.04	\$0.00
Total Bonds and Notes for all Utilities	\$	\$	\$0.00
Municipal/County General Obligations	\$14,619,962.16	\$398,531.09	\$14,221,431.07
<u>Total</u>	\$20,428,779.20	\$6,207,348.13	\$14,221,431.07

Equalized valuation basis (the average of the equalized valuations of real estate, including improvements and the assessed valuation of class II railroad property of the local unit for the last 3 preceding years).

	<u>Year</u>		
(1)	<u>2021</u>	Equalized Valuation Real Property with Improvements plus assessed valuation of Class II RR Property	\$1,855,940,016.00
(2)	<u>2022</u>	Equalized Valuation Real Property with Improvements plus assessed valuation of Class II RR Property	\$1,984,560,146.00
(3)	<u>2023</u>	Equalized Valuation Real Property with Improvements plus assessed valuation of Class II RR Property	\$2,079,875,543.00
Equalized Valuation Basis - Average of (1), (2) and (3).....			\$1,973,458,568.33
Net Debt expressed as a percentage of such equalized valuation basis is: %			0.721%

BONDS AND NOTES FOR LOCAL SCHOOL PURPOSES

Local School District Type (select one):		
1. Term Bonds		\$
2. Serial Bonds		
(a) Issued		\$
(b) Authorized but not issued		\$
3. Temporary Notes		
(a) Issued		\$
(b) Authorized but not issued		\$
4. Total Bonds and Notes		\$0.00

DEDUCTIONS APPLICABLE TO BONDS AND NOTES – FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

Amounts held or to be held for the sole purpose of paying bonds and notes included above.

5.	Sinking funds on hand for bonds shown as Line 1 but not in excess of such bonds.		\$				
6.	Funds on hand in those cases where such funds cannot be diverted to purposes other than the payment of bonds and notes included in Line 4.		\$				
7.	Estimated proceeds of bonds and notes authorized but not issued where such proceeds will be used for the sole purpose of paying bonds and notes included in Line 4.		\$				
8.	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">% of average of equalized valuations</td> <td style="width: 20%; border-bottom: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">\$1,973,458,568.33</td> <td style="width: 10%; border-bottom: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">%</td> <td style="width: 40%; border-bottom: 1px solid black; text-align: right;">\$1,973,458,568.33</td> </tr> </table>	% of average of equalized valuations	\$1,973,458,568.33	%	\$1,973,458,568.33		
% of average of equalized valuations	\$1,973,458,568.33	%	\$1,973,458,568.33				
Use applicable per centum as follows:							
2.50% Kindergarten or Grade 1 through Grade 6							
3.00% Kindergarten or Grade 1 through Grade 8							
3.50% Kindergarten or Grade 1 through Grade 9							
4.00% Kindergarten or Grade 1 through Grade 12							
9.	Additional State School Building Aid Bonds (N.J.S.A. 18A:58-33.4(d))		\$				
10.	Total Potential Deduction		\$1,973,458,568.33				
	Total Allowable Deduction		\$0.00				

BONDS AND NOTES FOR REGIONAL SCHOOL PURPOSES

Regional School District	Watchung Hills Regional High School
1. TERM BONDS	\$
2. SERIAL BONDS	
(a) Issued	\$4,023,607.72
(b) Authorized but not issued	\$
3. TEMPORARY BONDS AND NOTES	
(a) Issued	\$1,785,209.32
(b) Authorized but not issued	\$
4. TOTAL OF REGIONAL SCHOOL BONDS AND NOTES	\$5,808,817.04

N.J.S.A. 40A:2-43 reads in part as follows: "Gross debt of a municipality shall also include that amount of the total of all the bonds and notes issued and authorized but not issued by any school district including the area of the municipality, which results from the application to such total of the ratio which the equalized valuation basis of the municipality bears to the sum of the equalized valuation basis of each municipality in any such school district."

COMPUTATION OF REGIONAL AND/OR CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT DEBT

% OF VALUATIONS APPORTIONED TO EACH MUNICIPALITY			APPORTIONMENT OF DEBT – Dec. 31, 2023		
Municipality	Average Equalized Valuations	%	Serial Bonds Issued	Temp. Bond – Notes Issued	Authorized But not Issued
Long Hill Township	\$1,924,396,819.33	21.89252112%	\$3,923,577.64	\$1,740,827.60	\$0.00
Warren Township	\$4,892,346,566.67	55.65681644%	\$9,974,814.64	\$4,425,663.07	\$0.00
Watchung Borough	\$1,973,458,568.33	22.45066244%	\$4,023,607.72	\$1,785,209.33	\$0.00
Totals	\$8,790,201,954.33	100.00%	\$17,922,000.00	\$7,951,700.00	\$

BONDS AND NOTES FOR UTILITY FUND

	Utility		
1.	Term bonds	_____	\$
2.	Serial bonds	_____	
	(a) Issued	_____	\$
	(b) Authorized but not issued	_____	\$
3.	Bond Anticipation Notes		
	(a) Issued	_____	\$
	(b) Authorized but not issued	_____	\$
4.	Capital Notes (N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8)		
	(a) Issued	_____	\$
	(b) Authorized but not issued	_____	\$
5.	Other		
	(a) Issued	_____	\$
	(b) Authorized but not issued	_____	\$
6.	Total	_____	\$

DEDUCTIONS APPLICABLE TO BONDS AND NOTES FOR SELF-LIQUIDATING PURPOSES

Self-Liquidating Utility Calculation

1.	Total Cash Receipts from Fees, Rents or Other Charges for Year		_____	\$
2.	Operating and Maintenance Cost		\$ _____	
3.	Debt Service			
	(a) Interest	_____	\$	
	(b) Notes	_____	\$	
	(c) Serial Bonds	_____	\$	
	(d) Sinking Fund Requirements	_____	\$	
4.	Debt Service per Current Budget (N.J.S.A. 40A:2-52)			
	(a) Interest on Refunding Bonds	_____	\$	
	(b) Refunding Bonds	_____	\$	
5.	Anticipated Deficit in Dedicated Assessment Budget	_____	\$	
6.	Total Debt Service		\$ _____	
7.	Total Deductions (Line 2 plus Line 6)		_____	\$
8.	Excess in Revenues (Line 1 minus Line 7)		_____	\$
9.	Deficit in Revenues (Line 7 minus Line 1)		_____	\$
10.	Total Debt Service (Line 6)		_____	\$
11.	Deficit (smaller of Line 9 or Line 10) If Excess in Revenues (Line 8) all Utility Debt is Deductible		_____	\$
(a)	Gross System Debt	_____	\$	
(b)	Less: Deficit (Capitalized at 5%), (Line 9 or line 11) \$- times 20	_____	\$	
(c)	Deduction	_____	\$	
(d)	Plus: Cash held to Pay Bonds and Notes included in 2 (a) above	_____	\$	
(e)	Total Deduction (Deficit in revenues)	_____	\$	
(f)	NonDeductible Combined GO Debt	_____	\$	
	Total Allowable Deduction		_____	\$

OTHER BONDS, NOTES AND LOANS
MISCELLANEOUS BONDS, NOTES AND LOANS

(not including Tax Anticipation Notes, Emergency Notes, Special Emergency Notes and Utility Revenue Notes)

6. Miscellaneous Bonds, Notes and Loans

(a) Issued

<u>New Jersey Green Trust Loans</u>	<u>\$241,759.58</u>	
<u>New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loans</u>	<u>\$643,202.58</u>	
Miscellaneous Bonds, Notes and Loans Issued		<u>\$884,962.16</u>

(b) Authorized but not Issued

	<u>\$</u>	
Miscellaneous Bonds and Notes Authorized but not Issued		<u>\$</u>

Total Miscellaneous Bonds, Notes and Loans Issued and Authorized but not Issued		<u>\$884,962.16</u>
Total of all Miscellaneous Bonds, Notes and Loans Issued and Authorized but not Issued		<u>\$14,619,962.16</u>

DEDUCTIONS APPLICABLE TO OTHER BONDS AND NOTES

1. Amounts held or to be held for the sole purpose of paying general bonds and notes included		
(a) Sinking funds on hand for term bonds		
	\$	\$
(b) Funds on hand (including proceeds of bonds and notes held to pay other bonds and notes), in those cases where such funds cannot be diverted to purposes other than the payment of bonds and notes		
Reserve for Payment of Debt Service	\$398,531.09	
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(c) Estimated proceeds of bonds and notes authorized but not issued where such proceeds will be used for the sole purpose of paying bonds and notes		
	\$	\$
(d) Accounts receivable from other public authorities applicable only to the payment of any part of the gross debt not otherwise deductible		
	\$	\$
2. Bonds authorized by another Public Body to be guaranteed by the municipality		\$
3. Bonds issued and bonds authorized by not issued to meet cash grants-in-aid for housing authority, redevelopment agency or municipality acting as its local public agency [N.J.S.A. 55:14B-4.1(d)]		\$
4. Bonds issued and bonds authorized but not issued - Capital projects for County Colleges (N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-22.1 to 18A:64A-22.8)		\$
5. Refunding Bonds (N.J.S.A. 40A:2-52)		
	\$	\$
Total Deductions Applicable to Other Bonds and Notes		\$398,531.09

**BONDS AUTHORIZED/ISSUED BY ANOTHER PUBLIC BODY
TO BE GUARANTEED BY THE MUNICIPALITY**

	\$	
Total Bonds and Notes authorized/issued by another Public Body to be guaranteed by the municipality		\$

**SPECIAL DEBT STATEMENT BORROWING POWER
AVAILABLE UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(f)**

1.	Balance of debt incurring capacity December 31, 2022 (N.J.S.A. 40:1-16(d))	\$
2.	Obligations heretofore authorized during 2023 in excess of debt limitation and pursuant to:	
	(a) N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7, paragraph (d)	\$
	(b) N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7, paragraph (f)	\$
	(c) N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7, paragraph (g)	\$
	Total	\$0.00
3.	Less 2022 authorizations repealed during 2023	\$
4.	Net authorizations during 2023	\$
5.	Balance of debt incurring capacity December 31, 2023 (N.J.S.A. 40:1-16(d))	\$0.00

Obligations NOT Included in Gross Debt

1. Capital Leases and Other Commitments		
	\$	
Total Leases and Other Comittments		\$
2. Guarantees NOT included in Gross Debt – Public and Private		
	\$	
Total Guarantees NOT included in Gross Debt – Public and Private		\$