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**CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT
2020 SCHOOL BUILDING AND SITE BONDS, SERIES I**

Chelsea, Michigan - The Board of Education of Chelsea School District is proud to announce the successful sale of its 2020 School Building and Site Bonds, Series I, as authorized by the voters of the School District on November 5, 2019. The 2020 School Building and Site Bonds, Series I, with total proceeds of \$29,744,000, will be used for the purpose of erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to and remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping existing school buildings and other facilities; acquiring and installing instructional technology in school buildings; purchasing school buses; preparing, developing, equipping, and improving playgrounds, athletic fields and facilities, and sites; and paying the costs of issuing the Bonds.

In preparing to sell the 2020 School Building and Site Bonds, Series I, the School District, working with their municipal advisor, PFM Financial Advisors LLC, requested that S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard and Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P") evaluate the School District's credit quality. S&P assigned the School District an underlying rating of "A+" with a stable outlook. The rating agency cited the School District's very strong wealth and income metrics, growing and diverse property tax base, and very strong reserve position in their rationale for rating of the School District at this level.

"The Chelsea School District and Board of Education are proud of the District's rating and subsequent sale of the first series of bonds. Our financial stability was key in achieving this rating, which contributes to the financial confidence in our buyers. This confidence was evident in the market as watched the bonds sell very quickly", said Superintendent Dr. Julie Helber.

The School District's financing was conducted by the Michigan investment banking office of the brokerage firm, Stifel, the municipal advising firm, PFM Financial Advisors LLC and the law firm serving as bond counsel, Thrun Law Firm, P.C. The School District's 2020 School Building and Site Bonds, Series I were sold at a true interest rate of 2.06% with a final maturity of 2039 (a repayment term of approximately 19 years).

Brodie Killian, Managing Director with Stifel states, "Chelsea School Districts' bonds were well received by the bond market. The District received overwhelming demand from investors and took advantage of historically low market interest rates."