The Orange Unified School District has established the Futuris Public Entity Investment Trust. This Trust is an IRS Section 115 Trust that is used for the purposes of investment and disbursement of funds irrevocably designated by the District for the payment of its obligations to eligible employees (and former employees) of the District and their eligible dependents and beneficiaries for life, sick, hospitalization, major medical, accident, disability, dental and other similar benefits (sometimes referred to as “other post-employment benefits,” or “OPEB”), in compliance with Governmental Accounting Statement Nos. 43/74 and 45/75¹.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) adopted Statements 43/74 and 45/75 for public sector employers to identify and report their Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liabilities. GASB Statements 43 and 45 establish uniform financial reporting standards for OPEB and improve relevance and usefulness of the reporting. Both of these standards provide instructions for calculating expenses and liabilities as well as requiring supplementary information schedules to be added to the year-end financial reports. GASB 74 and 75 build on the prior standards, requiring more disclosure, as well as more uniformity in calculating an agency’s OPEB liability.

The District has created a Retirement Board of Authority consisting of District personnel to oversee and run the Futuris Trust. Benefit Trust Company is the qualified Discretionary Trustee for asset and fiduciary management and investment policy development. Keenan & Associates is the Program Coordinator for the Futuris Trust providing oversight of the Futuris program and guidance to the District.

Attached to this notice is the most recent annual statement for the Trust. This statement shows (as of the date of the statement); the total assets in the Trust, the market value, the book value, all contribution and distribution activity (including all fees and expenses associated with the Trust), income activity, purchase activity, sale activity, and realized gains and losses. Please note that the Trust is not itself an employee benefit plan. Rather, the assets in the Trust are irrevocably designated for the funding of employee benefit plans. You are being provided this information pursuant to California Government Code Section 53216.4.

For more information regarding the Futuris Public Entity Investment Trust, please contact Joe Sorrera, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services at (714) 628-4059 with the Orange Unified School District.

¹ GASB Standard No. 43 was superseded by Statement No. 74 for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2016. GASB Standard No. 45 will be superseded by Statement No. 75 as of fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017.

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