

New York, January 17, 2017 -- Issue: 2017 Refunding Bonds (General Obligation - Unlimited Tax); Rating: Aa3; Rating Type: Underlying LT; Sale Amount: \$31,815,000; Expected Sale Date: 01/24/2017; Rating Description: General Obligation;

Summary Rating Rationale

Moody's Investors Service has assigned a Aa3 rating to Grosse Pointe Public Schools, Ml's \$31.8 million 2017 Refunding Bonds (General Obligation - Unlimited Tax). Moody's maintains the Aa3 rating on the district's outstanding general obligation unlimited tax (GOULT) debt. Inclusive of the new sale the district will have \$34.6 million in GOULT debt outstanding. The Aa3 rating reflects the district's sizable, affluent tax base; adequate operating reserves; ongoing enrollment declines; manageable debt burden; and exposure to unfunded pension liabilities.

Rating Outlook

Outlooks are not typically assigned to local governments with this amount of debt.

Factors that Could Lead to an Upgrade

Stabilization of enrollment trends

Significant increases to reserve levels

Moderation of pension liabilities

Factors that Could Lead to a Downgrade

Declines in the district's tax base and/or socioeconomic profile

Imbalanced operations leading to a narrowing of reserves

Continued declines in enrollment which pressure revenues