

# **South Dakota State Aid Pledge Program**

## **A credit enhancement designed to benefit South Dakota Schools**



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# Capital Outlay Summary

- Used to acquire real property, land, buildings, and equipment  
SDCL 13-16-6
- Twenty year maximum term  
SDCL 13-16-6.2
- Principal on Capital Outlay Certificates may not exceed 3% of the taxable valuation  
SDCL 13-16-6



# Rating Agencies and Categories

<b>Bond Rating</b>			
<b><u>Moody's (1,2,3)</u></b>	<b><u>S&amp;P (+,-)</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>	<b><u>Risk</u></b>
Aaa	AAA	Investment	Lowest
Aa	AA	Investment	Low
A	A	Investment	Low
Baa	BBB	Investment	Medium
Ba	BB	Junk	High
Caa/Ca/C	CCC/CC/C	Junk	Highest
C	D	Junk	In Default

# Ratings History

## State of South Dakota

Standard & Poor's State of South Dakota upgrades

- Upgraded to AA from AA- in 2006
- Upgraded to AA+ from AA in 2011
- Upgraded to AAA from AA+ in May of 2015



## Map of Standard & Poor's School District Credit Enhancement Ratings



*26 States do not have an enhanced rating  
5 states with credit enhancement are rated AAA  
7 states are rated AA+ (S&P upgraded our  
Program to AA+ in February 2016)*

# Background of the New Program

- In 2015 Senate Bill 191 expanded the ability to intercept State Aid Payments
- Standard & Poor's upgraded the State rating to AAA in May of 2015
- In February 2016 Standard & Poor's assigned an AA+ rating to the South Dakota Credit Enhancement Program designed for school districts



# Benefits of the New Program

- AA+ Standard & Poor's rating for any School District that qualifies
- Reduced interest costs:

Example of:

## Interest Costs of a \$5,000,000 tax-exempt 20 year loan

Interest cost at A+ =	\$1,495,780 (NIC = 2.66%)
Interest cost at AA+ =	<u>\$1,406,845</u> (NIC = 2.52%)
Savings	<u>\$ 88,935</u>

## Interest Costs of a \$20,000,000 tax-exempt 20 year loan

Interest cost at A+ =	\$6,857,400 (NIC = 3.02%)
Interest cost at AA+ =	<u>\$6,466,977</u> (NIC = 2.86%)
Savings	<u>\$ 390,423</u>



# Average General Obligation Tax Exempt Bank Qualified Rates

As of March 3, 2016

