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#### **California Association of County Treasurers and Tax Collectors:**

### **Overview of K-14 Technology Funding Alternatives**

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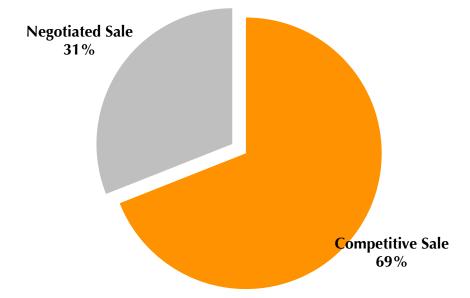


## Dale Scott & Company: Introduction

#### DS&C Serves as Financial Advisor to California's K-14 Districts

- **Experience.** Has served California's K-14 districts on hundreds of transactions for over two and a half decades.
- **Leadership.** Consistently ranked among the leading independent financial advisory firms in the State.
- Innovation. Hold US Patents for GO Bond Reauthorizations® and Ed-Tech Bonds™
- Client-Driven. Statewide reputation for solid, practical advice combined with a history of clientdriven innovations.
- **Independence.** Committed to representing only our clients without ties to investment banks, commercial banks, architects or developers.

#### **DS&C GO Bond Financings: 2012 to date (new money)**





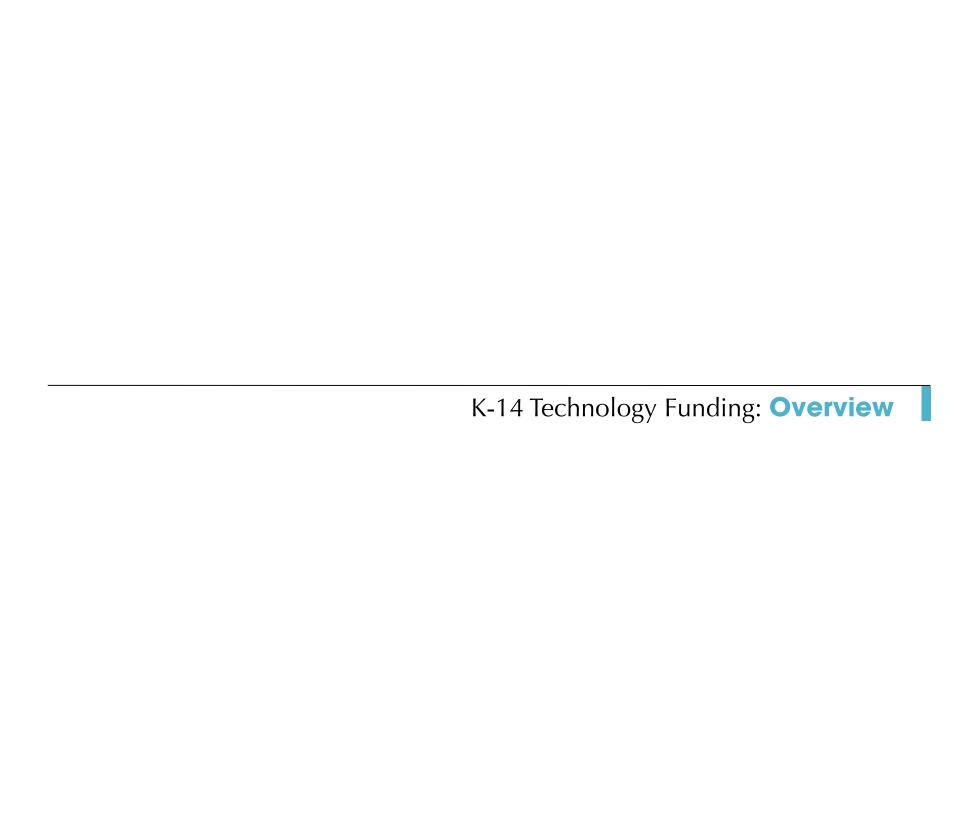
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## **Statewide Base of Clients (representative listing)**

District	County
Amador County USD	Amador
Calaveras USD	Calaveras
Central USD	Fresno
Orland USD	Glenn
Calipatria USD	Imperial
Corcoran USD	Kings
Kern HSD	Kern
Konocti USD	Lake
Shaffer Union SD	Lassen
Pomona USD	Los Angeles
Yosemite USD	Madera
Soledad USD	Monterey
Fullerton Jt. UHSD	Orange

District	County
Hemet USD	Riverside
Los Rios CCD	Sacramento
Colton USD	San Bernardino
Chula Vista ESD	San Diego
Stockton USD	San Joaquin
Jefferson UHSD	San Mateo
Goleta Union ESD	Santa Barbara
East Side UHSD	Santa Clara
Dixon USD	Solano
Sonoma Valley USD	Sonoma
Red Bluff Union ESD	Tehema
Sonora UHSD	Tuolumne
Oxnard UHSD	Ventura





## **CACTTC: Legal Background**

#### **Proposition 39 Permits the Financing of Technology**

#### **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS**

The people of the State of California find and declare as follows:

- (a) Investing in education is crucial if we are to prepare our children for the 21st Century.
- (b) We need to make sure our children have access to the learning tools of the 21st Century like computers and the Internet, but most California classrooms do not have access to these technologies ...



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#### **SECTION FOUR**

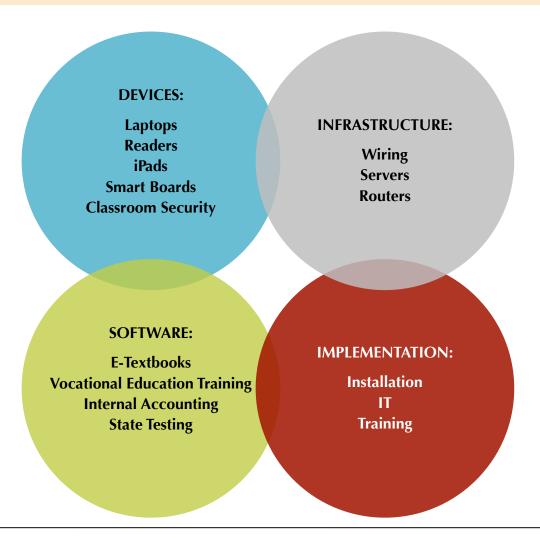
Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution is amended to read:

(3) Bonded indebtedness incurred by a school district, community college district, or county office of education for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, approved by 55 percent of the voters of the district ...



## **CACTTC: K-14 Technology Needs?**

#### **Four Components of Successful Tech Plan**



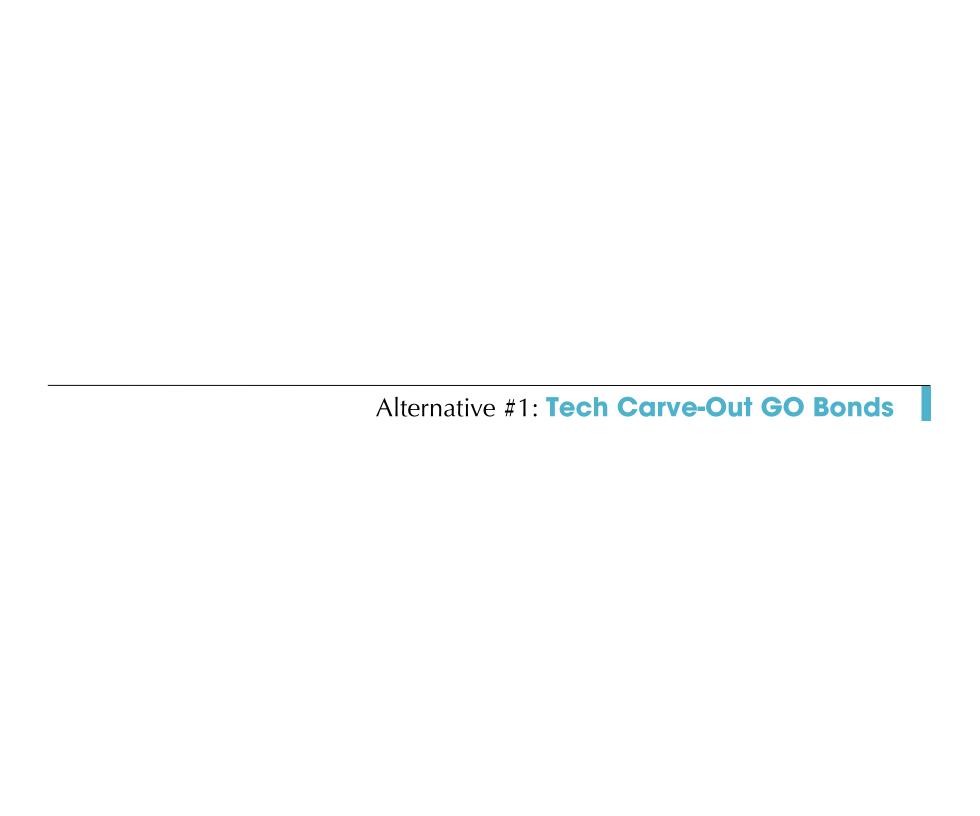


## **CACTTC: Challenges That Must Be Met**

#### Five Challenges in Designing a Successful Tech Funding Plan

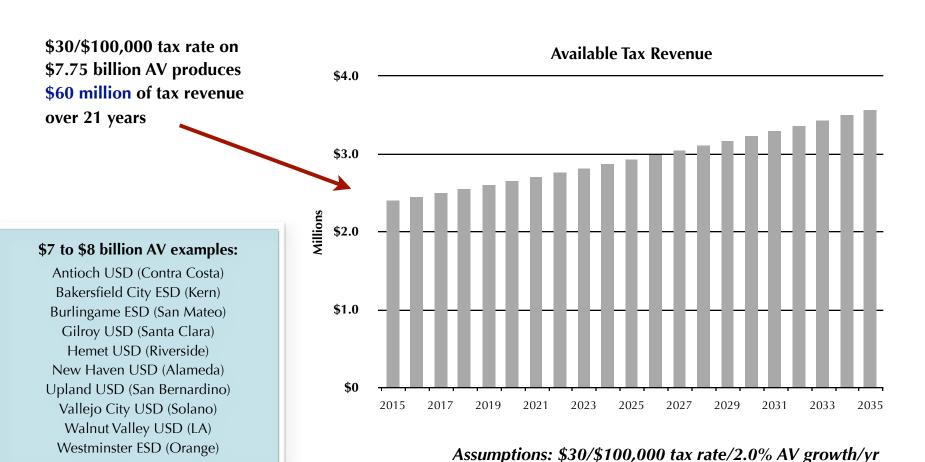
- Term of Financing: Does amortization match useful life of asset?
- Replenishment: Is obsolete equipment replaced?
- Risk: Is there interest risk to the district/taxpayer?
- **Simplicity:** Is the program simple to administer?
- Interest Costs: Are borrowing costs as low as possible?





#### **CACTTC: Tax Base**

#### **Conventional GOs Designed for Leveraging Upfront Funding**

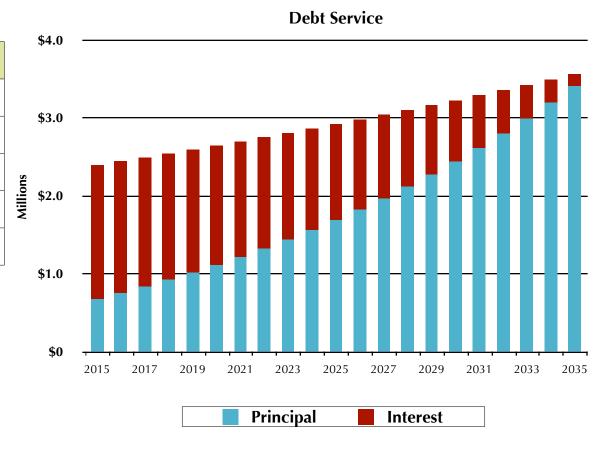




### **Conventional GOs Designed for Leveraging Upfront Funding**

Table 1: Conventional GO Bond				
Principal Interest Total				
Facilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Tech	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total	\$60.00			
Debt ratio			1.62:1	

Assumes interest rate of 4.50%

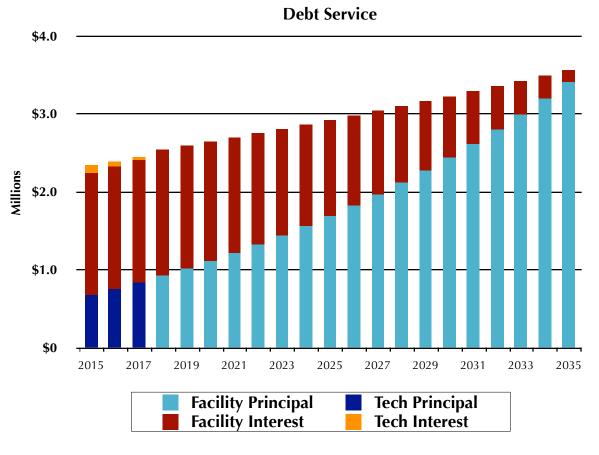




#### **Tech Carve-Out Presumes Facility Principal Repayment Is Delayed**

Table 2: Tech Carve-Out			
	Principal	Interest	Total
Facilities	\$34.90	\$22.70	\$57.60
Tech	\$2.20	\$0.20	\$2.40
Total	\$60.00		
Debt ratio			1.62:1

Assumes interest rate of 4.50%

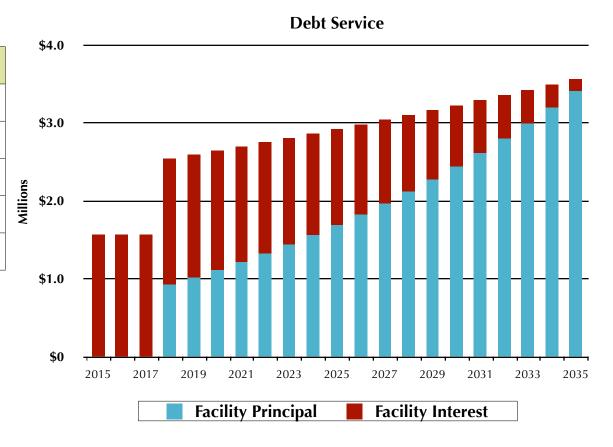




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Table 2-A: Facility Portion of Tech Carve-Out			
	Principal	Interest	Total
Facilities	\$34.90	\$22.70	\$57.60
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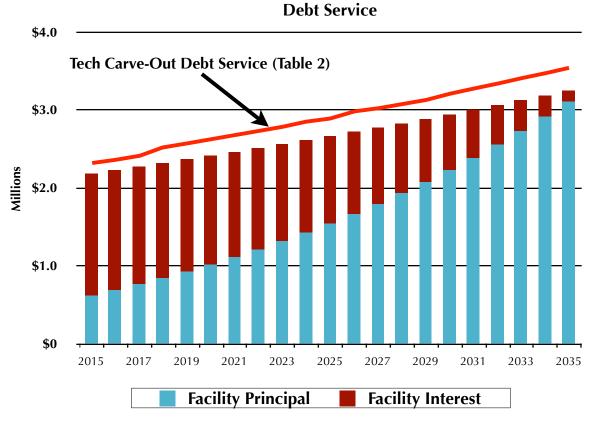


#### **Tech Carve-Out Results in \$1.1 million in Added Interest Costs**

Table 2-B: Facility without Tech Carve-Out			
	Principal	Interest	Total
Facilities	\$34.90	\$21.60	\$56.50
Tech	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total \$34.90 \$21.60			\$56.50
Debt ratio			1.62:1

Assumes interest rate of 4.50%

Table 2-C: Full Cost of Tech Carve-Out		
Principal \$2.2		
Interest on Tech \$0.2		
Additional Interest \$1.1		
Total \$3.5		
Debt ratio 1.59:1		





## **CACTTC: Challenges That Must Be Met**

## Five Challenges in Designing a Successful Plan

	Tech Carve-Out Bonds	Endowment Bonds	Ed-Tech Bonds™
Amortization matches useful life of asset?	X		
Replaces obsolete equipment?	X		
No interest rate risk to taxpayers/district	<b>✓</b>		
Simplicity?	<b>✓</b>		
Low cost of borrowing?	×		



Alternative #2: **Endowment Bonds** 

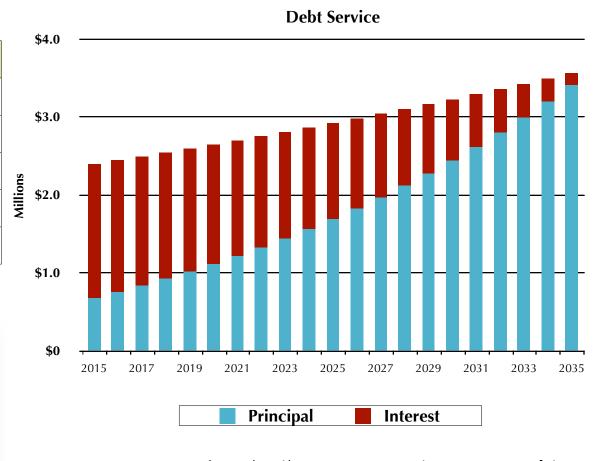
#### **CACTTC: Endowment Bonds**

#### **Endowment Bonds Require Ongoing Investment of Bond Proceeds**

Table 3: Endowment Bond			
	Principal	Interest	Total
Facilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tech	\$37.10	\$22.90	\$60.00
Total	\$37.10	\$22.90	\$60.00
Debt Ratio			1.65:1

Assumes interest rate of 4.50%

- 1. Require special treatment in order to comply with IRS 3-year rule
- 2. Available funding augmented by investment earnings





### **CACTTC: Endowment Bonds**

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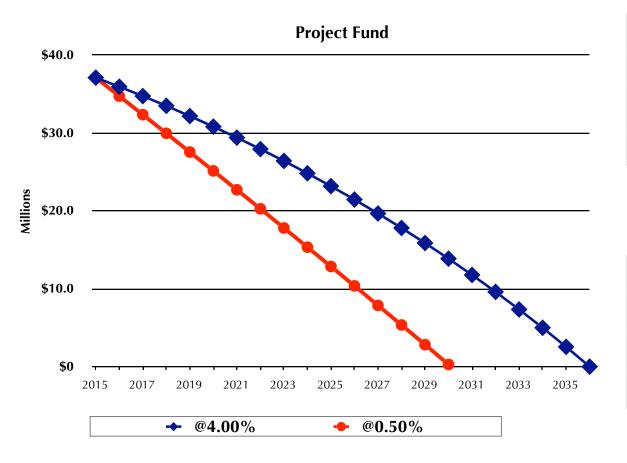


Table 3-A: Endowment Bond		
Bond Funds \$37,100,000		
Interest Earnings @ 4.00%	\$16,300,000	
Total \$53,400,000		

Assumes level drawdown of \$2.4 million per year

Table 3-B: Endowment Bond		
Bond Funds \$37,100,000		
Interest Earnings @ 0.50%	\$1,320,000	
Total \$38,420,000		

Assumes level drawdown of \$2.4 million per year



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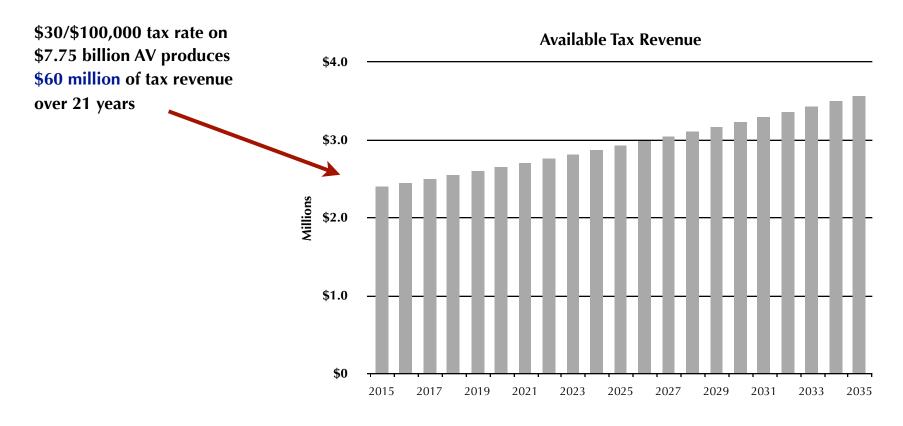
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	Tech Carve-Out Bonds	Endowment Bonds	Ed-Tech Bonds™
Amortization matches useful life of asset?	X	X	
Replaces obsolete equipment?	X	<b>✓</b>	
No interest rate risk to taxpayers/district	<b>✓</b>	X	
Simplicity?	<b>✓</b>	X	
Borrowing costs as low as possible?	X	X	



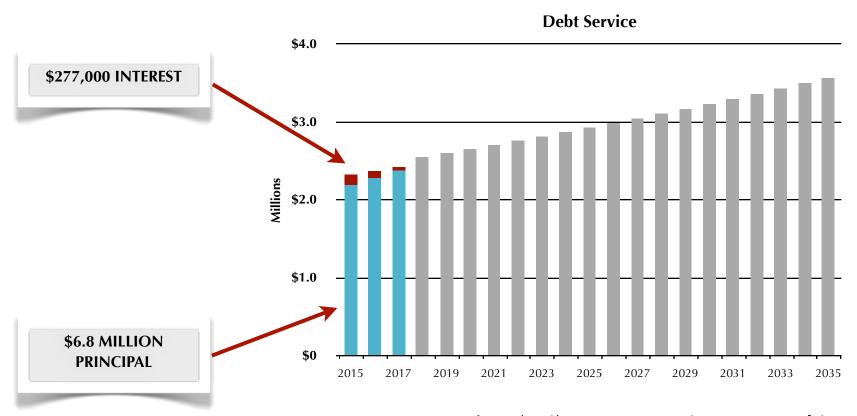
Alternative #3: **Ed-Tech Bonds™** 

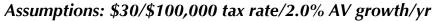
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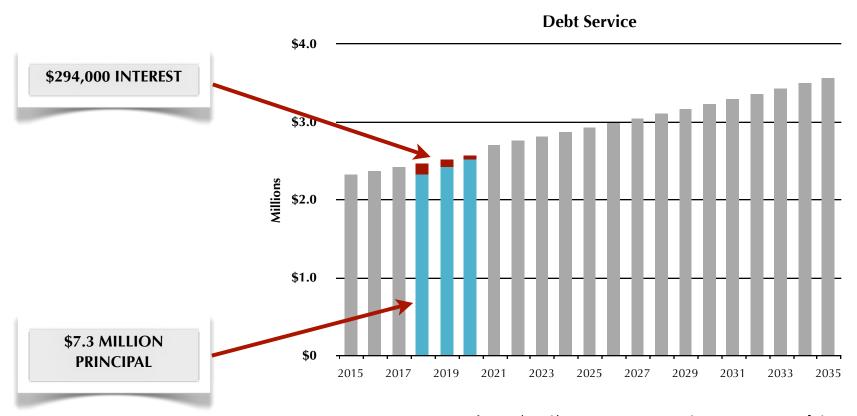
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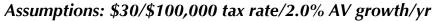






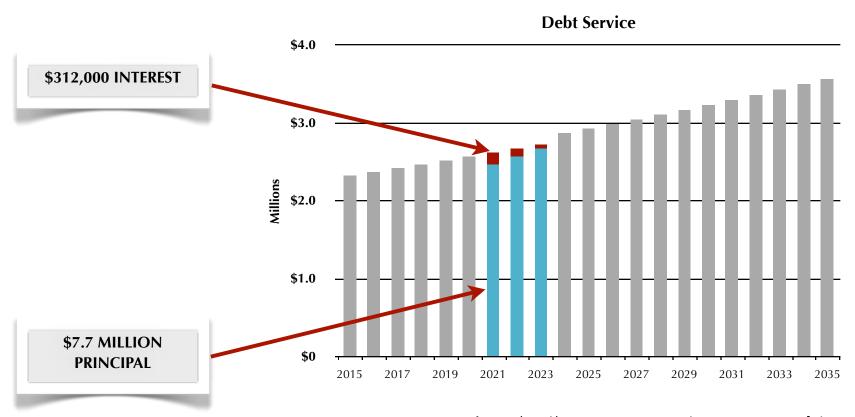
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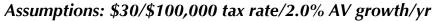






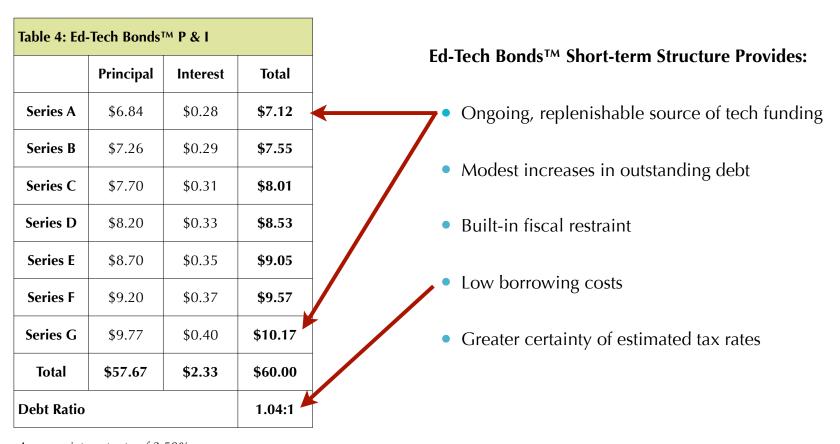
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#### Ed-Tech Bonds™ Offer Ongoing Tech Funding and Protect Taxpayers

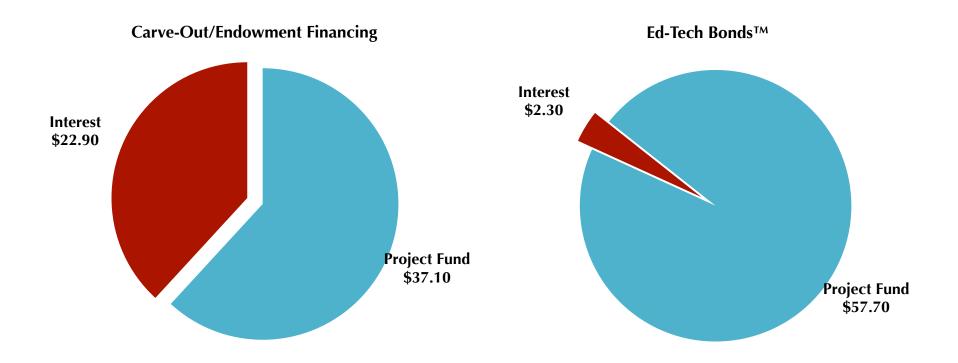


Assumes interest rate of 2.50%



## **CACTTC:** Comparison

#### **Ed-Tech Bonds™ Eliminate Nearly All Borrowing Costs**





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Amortization matches useful life of asset?	X	X	<b>√</b>
Replaces obsolete equipment?	X	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
No interest rate risk?	<b>✓</b>	X	<b>√</b>
Simplicity?	<b>✓</b>	X	<b>√</b>
Low Borrowing Costs?	×	×	<b>√</b>



#### **CACTTC: Conclusions**

#### **Ed-Tech Bonds™ Provide Long-Term, Low Cost Funding Solution**

#### **SOLVES CURRENT & FUTURE TECH FUNDING NEEDS:**

- Ongoing stream of funding for up to 30 years
- Funding for devices, infrastructure, software and implementation
- Adaptable to future tech funding needs

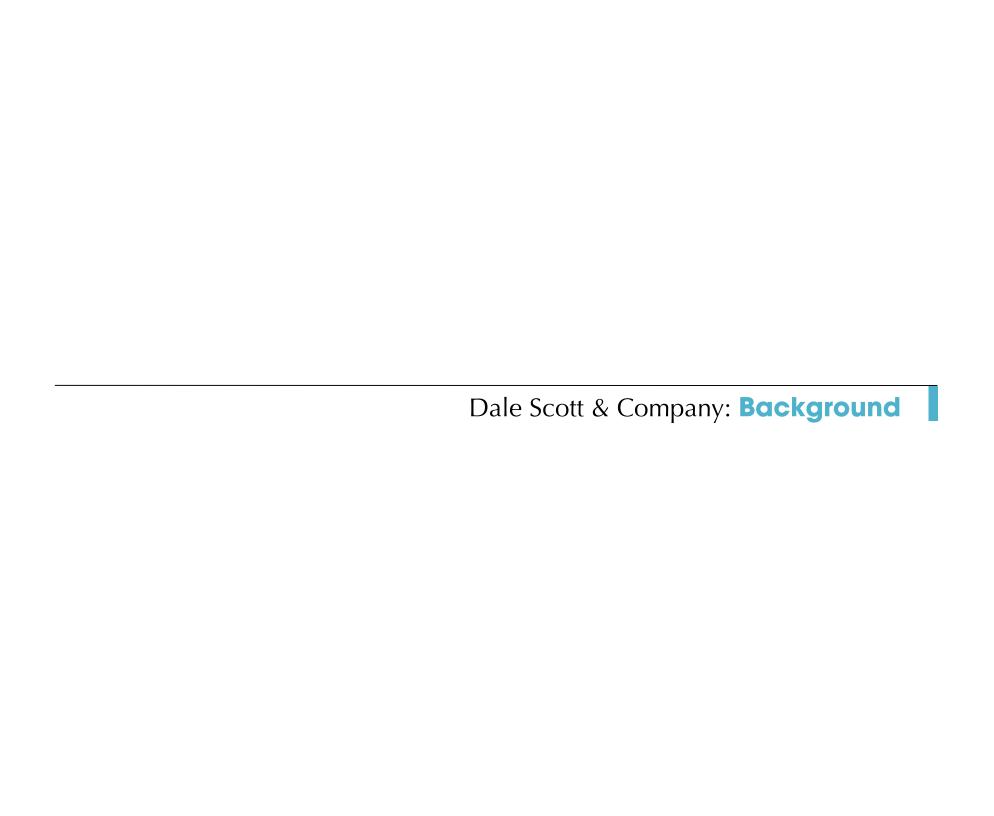
#### **SENSIBLE FINANCING:**

- Matches life of loan to life of asset
- Low Debt Ratio (1.05:1)
- Uses low cost, short term interest rates

#### **ACHIEVABLE POLITICS:**

- Strong voter support for technology
- 55% voter approval required
- Only one election required





## Dale Scott & Company: Resume



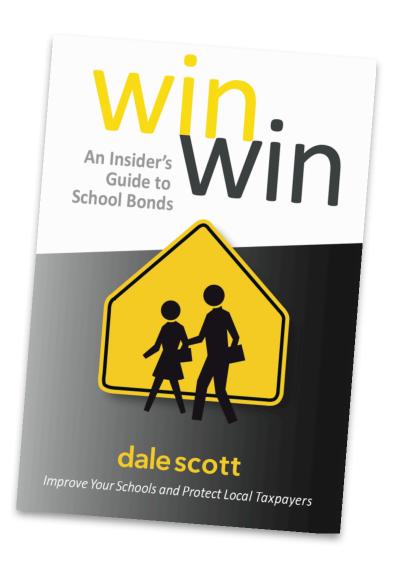
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Widely viewed within the school bond industry as one of the most innovative thinkers, Dale holds two patents from the United States Patent and Trademarks Office for financing mechanisms for school district debt. He is also a frequent speaker on the subject of school district finance and has appeared before numerous taxpayer organizations and statewide school district symposiums.

Mr. Scott started his career as an investment banker on Wall Street and prior to forming DS&C, managed Wells Fargo Bank's Public Finance Department. He is a graduate of Napa Valley High School and Napa Community College, and has a Bachelor's Degree from San Francisco State University and a Master's from Harvard University.



## Dale Scott & Company: Win Win



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