

The Secret's Out – Municipal Bonds Are Having a Moment

- Municipal bonds remain one of the most attractive tax and riskadjusted plays in fixed income and yields just became more attractive.
 We have not seen yields at this level since the beginning of September.
- As a result, municipal bonds are **gaining strong investor attention** as nearly \$7 billion has flowed into municipal mutual funds since August 21, bringing net 2025 inflows to almost \$17 billion.
- Primary market municipal issuance is on track to set another record in 2025, with October sales expected to exceed \$50 billion, but investors could face tightening supply and increased competition for quality bonds in November and December.
- S&P Case-Shiller data shows home values rising, reinforcing property tax-revenue strength and supporting municipal credit stability.
- K-12 school district sector rating downgrades are rising, aligning with our January outlook which expected mounting structural challenges.
- The federal shutdown poses little risk to municipal credit, though delays in economic data could add to an already uncertain market.

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