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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE TO
Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

AAR CORP.

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer) and Filing Person (Offeror))

Common Stock, \$1.00 par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

000361105

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

AAR CORP.

Attn: Corporate Secretary

1100 North Wood Dale Road

Wood Dale, IL 60191

(630) 227-2075

(Name, address and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and communications on behalf of filing person)

Copy to:

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CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

Transaction valuation(1)

\$135,000,000

Amount of filing fee(2)

\$15,687

(1)

The transaction valuation is estimated only for purposes of calculating the filing fee. This amount is based on the offer to purchase for not more than \$135,000,000 in aggregate of up to 4,655,172 shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, at the minimum tender offer price of \$29.00 per

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share.

(2)

The amount of the filing fee, calculated in accordance with Rule 0-11 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, equals \$116.20 per \$1,000,000 of the value of the transaction.

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Amount Previously Paid: N/A
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amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer)

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Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third Party Tender Offer)

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This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO relates to the offer by AAR CORP., a Delaware corporation ("AAR" or the "Company"), to purchase for cash up to \$135 million in value of shares of its common stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the "Shares"), at a price of not less than \$29.00 nor greater than \$32.00 per Share upon the terms and subject to the conditions described in the Offer to Purchase, dated April 27, 2015 (the "Offer to Purchase"), a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit (a)(1)(A), and in the related Letter of Transmittal (the "Letter of Transmittal," and together with the Offer to Purchase, as they may be amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Tender Offer"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit (a)(1)(B). This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO is being filed in accordance with Rule 13e-4(c)(2) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

The information contained in the Offer to Purchase and the Letter of Transmittal is hereby incorporated by reference in response to all the items of this Schedule TO, and as more particularly set forth below.

Item 1. Summary Term Sheet.

The information under the heading "Summary Term Sheet," included in the Offer to Purchase, is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Subject Company Information.

(a) The name of the issuer is AAR CORP. The addresses and telephone number of the issuer's principal executive offices are 1100 North Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale, IL 60191, (630) 227-2000.

(b) The subject securities are Shares of AAR. As of April 22, 2015, there were 39,661,386 Shares outstanding. The information set forth in the Offer to Purchase under the heading "Introduction" is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Information about the trading market and price of the Shares set forth in the Offer to Purchase under the heading "Section 8 Price Range of Shares; Dividends" is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 3. Identity and Background of Filing Person.

(a) The filing person to which this Schedule TO relates is AAR. The address and telephone number of AAR is set forth under Item 2(a) above. The names and business address of the directors and named executive officers of AAR are as set forth in the Offer to Purchase under the heading "Section 11 Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares," and such information is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 4. Terms of the Transaction.

(a) The material terms of the transaction set forth in the Offer to Purchase under the headings "Summary Term Sheet," "Section 1 Number of Shares; Purchase Price; Proration," "Section 2 Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer," "Section 3 Procedures for Tendering Shares," "Section 4 Withdrawal Rights," "Section 5 Purchase of Shares and Payment of Purchase Price," "Section 6 Conditional Tender of Shares," "Section 7 Conditions of the Offer," "Section 9 Source and Amount of Funds," "Section 11 Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares," "Section 14 Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences" and "Section 15 Extension of the Offer; Termination; Amendment" are incorporated herein by reference.

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(b) Information regarding purchases from officers, directors and affiliates of AAR set forth in the Offer to Purchase under the heading "Section 11 Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares" is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5. Past Contacts, Transactions, Negotiations and Agreements.

(e) The information set forth in the Offer to Purchase under the heading "Section 11 Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares" is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 6. Purposes of the Transaction and Plans or Proposals.

(a) Information regarding the purpose of the transaction set forth in the Offer to Purchase under the headings "Summary Term Sheet" and "Section 2 Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer" is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Information regarding the treatment of Shares acquired pursuant to the Tender Offer set forth in the Offer to Purchase under the heading "Section 2 Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer" is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Information about any plans or proposals set forth in the Offer to Purchase under the headings "Section 2 Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer" and "Section 11 Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares" is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

(a) Information regarding the source of funds set forth in the Offer to Purchase under the heading "Section 9 Source and Amount of Funds" is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Information regarding the source of funds set forth in the Offer to Purchase under the heading "Section 9 Source and Amount of Funds" is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) Not applicable.

Item 8. Interest in Securities of the Subject Company.

(a) The information set forth under the heading "Section 11 Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares" in the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) The information set forth under the heading "Section 11 Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares" in the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9. Persons/Assets, Retained, Employed, Compensated or Used.

(a) The information set forth under the headings "Summary Term Sheet" and "Section 16 Fees and Expenses" in the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 10. Financial Statements.

(a)-(b) Not applicable.

Item 11. Additional Information.

(a)(1) The information set forth under the heading "Section 11 Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares" in the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference. The Company will amend this Schedule TO to reflect material changes to information incorporated by reference in the Offer to Purchase to the extent required by Rule 13e-4(d)(2).

(a)(2) The information set forth under the heading "Section 13 Legal Matters; Regulatory Approvals" in the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

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(a)(4) The information set forth under the heading "Section 2 Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer" in the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(a)(5) There are no material pending legal proceedings relating to the Offer. The information set forth under the heading "Section 13 Legal Matters; Regulatory Approvals" in the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) The information set forth in the Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal is incorporated herein by reference.

The Company will amend this Schedule TO to include documents that the Company may file with the SEC after the date of the Offer to Purchase pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), or 14 of the Exchange Act and prior to the expiration of the Tender Offer to the extent required by Rule 13e-4(d)(2) of the Exchange Act.

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Item 12. Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
(a)(1)(A)	Offer to Purchase, dated April 27, 2015.
(a)(1)(B)	Letter of Transmittal.
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(a)(1)(G)	Summary Advertisement, dated April 27, 2015.
(a)(2)	None.
(a)(3)	Not applicable.
(a)(4)	Not applicable.
(a)(5)	Press Release, dated April 27, 2015.
(b)	None.
(d)(1)	Amended and Restated AAR CORP. Stock Benefit Plan effective October 1, 2001 (incorporated by reference to Exhibits to AAR CORP.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended November 30, 2001), as amended June 27, 2003 (incorporated by reference to Exhibits to AAR CORP.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2003), May 5, 2005 (incorporated by reference to Exhibits to AAR CORP.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2005), July 12, 2005 (incorporated by reference to Exhibits to AAR CORP.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended February 28, 2006), June 23, 2006 (incorporated by reference to Exhibits to AAR CORP.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2007), January 23, 2007 (incorporated by reference to Exhibits to AAR CORP.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2007), January 27, 2007 (incorporated by reference to Exhibits to AAR CORP.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended February 29, 2008) and July 11, 2011 (incorporated by reference to Exhibits to AAR CORP.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended August 31, 2011).
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(d)(16)	Form of Amendment to the Severance and Change in Control Agreement (applicable to Mr. Regan) (incorporated by reference to Exhibits to AAR CORP.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended February 28, 2009).
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(d)(20)	Severance and Change in Control Agreement dated July 26, 2013 between AAR CORP. and John C. Fortson (incorporated by reference to Exhibits to AAR CORP.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended August 31, 2013).
(d)(21)	2013 Stock Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibits to AAR CORP.'s Definitive Proxy Statement on Form DEF 14A for the period ending October 9, 2013).
(g)	None.
(h)	None.

Item 13. Information Required by Schedule 13E-3.

Not applicable.

SIGNATURE

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: April 27, 2015

AAR CORP.

By: /s/ ROBERT J. REGAN

Name: Robert J. Regan
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and Secretary

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(h)	None.

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