

**Trillium Lakelands
District School Board
Consolidated Financial Statements
For the year ended August 31, 2021**

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MANAGEMENT REPORT

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board are the responsibility of the Board's management and have been prepared in compliance with the Financial Administration Act, supplemented by Ontario Ministry of Education memorandum 2004:B2 and Ontario Regulation 395/11 of the Financial Administration Act as described in Note 1(a) to the consolidated financial statements.

The preparation of consolidated financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates based on management's judgment, particularly when transactions affecting the current accounting period cannot be finalized with certainty until future periods.

Board management maintains a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are properly authorized and recorded in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements, and reliable financial information is available on a timely basis for preparation of the consolidated financial statements. These systems are monitored and evaluated by management.

The Audit Committee of the Board meets with the external auditors to review the consolidated financial statements and discuss any significant financial reporting or internal control matters prior to the Board's approval of the consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by BDO Canada LLP, independent external auditors appointed by the Board. The accompanying Independent Auditors' Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the Board's consolidated financial statements.



Director of Education



Treasurer

Dated November 23, 2021



Independent Auditor's Report

**To the Board of Trustees of the
Trillium Lakelands District School Board**

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Trillium Lakelands District School Board and its controlled entities (the Board), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at August 31, 2021, and the consolidated statements of operations, consolidated changes in net debt and consolidated cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Board as at and for the year ended August 31, 2021 are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1(a) to the consolidated financial statements

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Board in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1(a) to the consolidated financial statements which describes the basis of accounting used in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements and the significant differences between such basis of accounting and Canadian public sector accounting standards. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1(a) to the consolidated financial statements, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Board's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the School Board or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Board's financial reporting process.



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Board's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Board's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the School Board to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Board to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants
Peterborough, Ontario
November 23, 2021

Trillium Lakelands District School Board

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

August 31	2021	2020
	(in thousands of dollars)	
Financial Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 4)	\$ 16,272	\$ 16,346
Accounts receivable		
Government of Ontario (Note 2)	27,002	23,534
Municipalities (Note 16)	10,962	29,600
Other (Note 2)	6,152	7,727
	<u>60,388</u>	<u>77,207</u>
Financial Liabilities		
Accounts payable		
Government of Ontario (Note 16)	2,786	21,284
Trade payables and accrued liabilities	17,291	14,818
Net long-term debt (Note 7)	19,224	20,236
Deferred revenue (Note 5)	6,608	6,673
Employee future benefits liability (Note 6)	6,486	8,513
Deferred capital contributions (Note 3)	160,656	154,958
	<u>213,051</u>	<u>226,482</u>
Net Debt	<u>(152,663)</u>	<u>(149,275)</u>
Impact of COVID-19 (Note 16)		
Non-Financial Assets		
Prepaid expenses	505	497
Inventory	637	-
Tangible capital assets (Note 12)	168,276	162,768
	<u>169,418</u>	<u>163,265</u>
Accumulated Surplus (Note 13)	\$ 16,755	\$ 13,990

Signed on behalf of the Board



Director of Education



Chair of the Board

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statement of Operations

For the year ended August 31	Budget 2021	Actual 2021	Actual 2020
	(in thousands of dollars)		
Revenues			
Provincial legislative grants	\$ 205,435	\$ 204,583	\$ 194,449
Provincial grants - other	1,016	10,693	2,391
Federal grants and fees	211	423	808
Other revenues - school boards	2,050	1,851	2,116
Investment income	-	42	38
Other fees and revenues	1,238	1,338	1,229
School generated funds	5,248	1,036	3,246
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	9,503	9,332	8,350
	224,701	229,298	212,627
Expenses (Note 11)			
Instruction	162,958	167,560	154,994
Administration	6,466	6,807	6,861
Transportation	17,986	17,241	17,542
Pupil accommodation	29,165	32,168	29,156
School generated funds	5,160	1,367	3,040
Other	1,540	1,390	1,576
	223,275	226,533	213,169
Annual surplus (deficit)	1,426	2,765	(542)
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	14,972	13,990	14,532
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$ 16,398	\$ 16,755	\$ 13,990

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow

For the year ended August 31	2021	2020
	(in thousands of dollars)	
Operations		
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ 2,765	\$ (542)
Sources and (uses)		
Changes in non-cash items:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	9,522	8,541
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	(9,332)	(8,350)
Gain on sale of tangible capital assets	(68)	(13)
	2,887	(364)
Change in non-cash working capital balances		
Accounts receivable	16,745	(13,155)
Inventory	(637)	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(16,025)	18,076
Deferred revenues - operating	325	472
Employee future benefits liability	(2,027)	1,174
Prepaid expenses	(8)	5,104
	1,260	11,307
Net increase (decrease) in cash from operations	1,260	11,307
Capital Transactions		
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	121	13
Cash used to acquire tangible capital assets	(15,083)	(11,846)
	(14,962)	(11,833)
Financing		
Additions to deferred capital contributions	15,030	11,846
Debt repayments	(1,012)	(968)
Decrease in deferred revenues - capital	(390)	643
	13,628	11,521
Increase (decrease) in cash and equivalents during the year	(74)	10,995
Cash and equivalents, beginning of year	16,346	5,351
Cash and equivalents, end of year	\$ 16,272	\$ 16,346

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Debt

For the year ended August 31	Budget 2021	Actual 2021	Actual 2020
	(in thousands of dollars)		
Annual Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (1,256)	\$ 2,765	\$ (542)
Tangible Capital Asset Activity			
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(7,887)	(15,083)	(11,846)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	9,552	9,522	8,541
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	-	121	13
Less: Gain on sale of tangible capital assets	-	(68)	(13)
	1,665	(5,508)	(3,305)
Other Non-Financial Asset Activity			
Consumption of supplies inventories		(637)	-
Change in prepaid expenses	-	(8)	5,104
		(645)	5,104
Change in net debt	409	(3,388)	1,257
Net debt, beginning of year	(149,275)	(149,275)	(150,532)
Net debt, end of year	\$ (148,866)	\$ (152,663)	\$ (149,275)

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1. Significant Accounting Policies

The consolidated financial statements are prepared by management in accordance with the basis of accounting described below.

(a) Basis of Accounting

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Administration Act supplemented by Ontario Ministry of Education memorandum 2004:B2 and Ontario Regulation 395/11 of the Financial Administration Act.

The Financial Administration Act requires that the consolidated financial statements be prepared in accordance with the accounting principles determined by the relevant Ministry of the Province of Ontario. A directive was provided by the Ontario Ministry of Education within memorandum 2004:B2 requiring school boards to adopt Canadian public sector accounting standards commencing with their year ended August 31, 2004 and that changes may be required to the application of these standards as a result of regulation.

In 2011, the government passed Ontario Regulation 395/11 of the Financial Administration Act. The Regulation requires that contributions received or receivable for the acquisition or development of depreciable tangible capital assets and contributions of depreciable tangible capital assets for use in providing services, be recorded as deferred capital contributions and be recognized as revenue in the statement of operations over the periods during which the asset is used to provide service at the same rate that amortization is recognized in respect of the related asset. The regulation further requires that if the net book value of the depreciable tangible capital asset is reduced for any reason other than depreciation, a proportionate reduction of the deferred capital contribution along with a proportionate increase in the revenue be recognized. For Ontario school boards, these contributions include government transfers, externally restricted contributions and, historically, property tax revenue.

The accounting policy requirements under Regulation 395/11 are significantly different from the requirements of Canadian public sector accounting standards which require that:

- government transfers, which do not contain a stipulation that creates a liability, be recognized as revenue by the recipient when approved by the transferor and the eligibility criteria have been met in accordance with public sector accounting standard PS3410;
- externally restricted contributions be recognized as revenue in the period in which the resources are used for the purpose or purposes specified in accordance with public sector accounting standard PS3100; and
- property taxation revenue be reported as revenue when received or receivable in accordance with public sector accounting standard PS3510.

As a result, revenue recognized in the statement of operations and certain related deferred revenues and deferred capital contributions would be recorded differently under Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards.

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(b) Reporting Entity

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and fund balances of the reporting entity. The reporting entity is comprised of all organizations accountable for the administration of their financial affairs and resources to the Board and which are controlled by the Board.

School generated funds, which include the assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and fund balances of various organizations that exist at the school level and which are controlled by the Board are reflected in the consolidated financial statements.

(c) Trust Funds

Trust funds and their related operations administered by the Board are not included in the consolidated financial statements as they are not controlled by the Board.

(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments.

(e) Deferred Revenue

Certain amounts are received pursuant to legislation, regulation or agreement and may only be used in the conduct of certain programs or in the delivery of specific services and transactions. These amounts are recognized as revenue in the fiscal year the related expenses are incurred or services performed.

(f) Deferred Capital Contributions

Contributions received or receivable for the purpose of acquiring or developing a depreciable tangible capital asset for use in providing services, or any contributions in the form of depreciable tangible assets received or receivable for use in providing services, shall be recognized as deferred capital contribution as defined in Ontario Regulation 395/11 of the Financial Administration Act. These amounts are recognized as revenue at the same rate as the related tangible capital asset is amortized. The following items fall under this category:

- Government transfers received or receivable for capital purpose
- Other restricted contributions received or receivable for capital purpose
- Property taxation revenues which were historically used to fund capital assets

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(g) Retirement and other employee future benefits

The Board provides defined retirement and other future benefits to specified employee groups. These benefits include pension, life insurance, and health care benefits, dental benefits, retirement gratuity, worker's compensation and long-term disability benefits.

As part of ratified labour collective agreements for unionized employees that bargain centrally and ratified central discussions with the Principals and Vice-Principals Associations, the following Employee Life and Health Trusts (ELHTs) were established in 2016-2017: Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) and Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF). The following ELHTs were established in 2017-2018: Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Education Workers' Benefits Trust (EWBT) and Ontario Non-union Education Trust (ONE-T) for non-unionized employees including principals and vice-principals. The ELHTs provide health, dental and life insurance benefits to teachers (excluding daily occasional teachers), education workers, and other school board staff. Currently AEFO and ONE-T ELHTs also provide benefits to individuals who retired prior to the school board's participation date in the ELHT. These benefits are provided through a joint governance structure between the bargaining/employee groups, school board trustees' associations and the Government of Ontario. Boards no longer administer health, life and dental plans for their employees and instead are required to fund the ELHTs on a monthly basis based on a negotiated amount per full-time equivalency (FTE). Funding for the ELHTs is based on the existing benefits funding embedded within the Grants for Student Needs (GSN), including additional ministry funding in the form of a Crown contribution and Stabilization Adjustment.

Depending on prior arrangements and employee group, the Board continues to provide health, dental and life insurance benefits for eligible retired individuals for all groups and continues to have a liability for payment of benefits for those who are on long-term disability and for some retirees who are retired under these plans.

The Board has adopted the following policies with respect to accounting for these employee benefits:

- (i) The costs of self insured retirement and other employee future benefit plans are actuarially determined using management's best estimate of salary escalation, accumulated sick days at retirement, insurance & health care cost trends, disability recovery rates, long-term inflation rates and discount rates. The cost of retirement gratuities are actuarially determined using the employee's salary, banked sick days and years of service as at August 31, 2012 and management's best estimate of discount rates. Any actuarial gains and losses arising from changes to the discount rate are amortized over the expected average remaining service life of the employee group.

For self insured retirement and other employee future benefits that vest or accumulate over the periods of service provided by employees, such as life insurance & health care benefits for retirees, the cost is actuarially determined using the projected benefits method prorated on service. Under this method, the benefit costs are recognized over the expected average service life of the employee group.

For those self insurance benefit obligations that arise from specific events that occur from time to time, such as obligations for workers compensation and, long-term disability and life insurance and health care benefits for those on disability leave, the cost is recognized immediately in the period the events occur. Any actuarial gains and losses that are related to these benefits are recognized immediately in the period they arise.

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(ii) The costs of multi-employer defined pension plan benefits, such as the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System pensions, are the employer's contributions due to the plan in the period.

(iii) The costs of insured benefits are the employer's portion of insurance premiums owed for coverage of employees during the period.

(h) Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at historical cost less accumulated amortization. Historical cost includes amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset, as well as interest related to financing during construction. When historical cost records were not available, other methods were used to estimate the costs and accumulated amortization.

Tangible capital assets, except land, are amortized on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Asset	Estimated Useful Life in Years
Land improvements with finite lives	15
Buildings and building improvements	40
Furniture	10
Equipment	5-15
Computer hardware	3
Computer software	5
Vehicles	5-10

Assets under construction and assets that relate to pre-acquisition and pre-construction costs are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

The useful life for computer hardware was revised from five years to three years based on new information related to the actual life of the assets. As such, additional amortization has occurred for these assets as needed to bring the net book value in line with this new policy. The impact of this change in estimates is \$337,455.

Land permanently removed from service and held for resale is recorded at the lower of cost and estimated net realizable value. Cost includes amounts for improvements to prepare the land for sale or servicing. Buildings permanently removed from service and held for resale cease to be amortized and are recorded at the lower of carrying value and estimated net realizable value. Tangible capital assets which meet the criteria for financial assets are reclassified as "assets held for sale" on the consolidated statement of financial position.

Works of art and cultural and historic assets are not recorded as assets in these consolidated financial statements.

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(i) Government Transfers

Government transfers, which include legislative grants, are recognized in the consolidated financial statements in the period in which events giving rise to the transfer occur, providing the transfers are authorized, any eligibility criteria have been met and reasonable estimates of the amount can be made. If government transfers contain stipulations which give rise to a liability, they are deferred and recognized in revenue when the stipulations are met.

Government transfers for capital are deferred as required by Regulation 395/11, recorded as deferred capital contributions (DCC) and recognized as revenue in the consolidated statement of operations at the same rate and over the same periods as the asset is amortized.

(j) Investment Income

Investment income is reported as revenue in the period earned.

When required by the funding government or related Act, investment income earned on externally restricted funds such as pupil accommodation, education development charges and special education forms part of the respective deferred revenue balances.

(k) Long-term Debt

Long-term debt is recorded net of related sinking fund asset balances.

(l) Budget Figures

Budget figures have been provided for comparison purposes and have been derived from the budget approved by the Trustees. The budget approved by the Trustees is developed in accordance with the provincially mandated funding model for school boards and is used to manage program spending within the guidelines of the funding model.

(m) Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with the basis of accounting described in (a) above requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Accounts subject to significant estimates include the determination of the liability for post-retirement benefits and the estimated useful life of tangible capital assets. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

(n) Property Tax Revenue

Under Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards, the entity that determines and sets the tax levy records the revenue in the financial statements, which in the case of the Board, is the Province of Ontario. As a result, property tax revenue received from the municipalities is recorded as part of Provincial Legislative Grants.

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2. Accounts Receivable

The Province of Ontario replaced variable capital funding with a one-time debt support grant in 2009-10. Trillium Lakelands District School Board received a one-time grant that recognizes capital debt as of August 31, 2010 that is supported by the existing capital programs. The Board receives this grant in cash over the remaining term of the existing capital debt instruments. The Board may also receive yearly capital grants to support capital programs which would be reflected in this account receivable.

The Board has an account receivable from the Province of Ontario of \$27,002,299 as at August 31, 2021 (2020 - \$23,533,666) with respect to capital grants.

Other accounts receivable as at August 31, 2021 is comprised of:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Province of Ontario	\$ 4,782	\$ 6,033
Other	1,370	1,694
	<u>\$ 6,152</u>	<u>\$ 7,727</u>

The Ministry of Education introduced a cash management strategy effective September 1, 2018. As part of the strategy, the ministry delays part of the grant payment to school boards where the adjusted accumulated surplus and deferred revenue balances are in excess of certain criteria set out by the Ministry. The balance of delayed grant payments included in the receivable balance from the Province of Ontario at August 31, 2021 is \$3,340,064 (2020 - \$2,861,393).

3. Deferred Capital Contributions

Deferred capital contributions include grants and contributions received that are used for the acquisition of tangible capital assets in accordance with regulation 395/11 that have been expended by year end. The contributions are amortized into revenue over the life of the asset acquired.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Opening balance	\$ 154,958	\$ 151,462
Additions to deferred capital contributions	15,083	11,846
Revenue recognized in the year	(9,332)	(8,350)
Disposals and transfers	(53)	-
	<u>\$ 160,656</u>	<u>\$ 154,958</u>

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4. Credit Facilities

The Board has authorized credit facilities of \$20,000,000 which bears interest at prime less 0.75%. During the year the Board utilized the credit facility as part of its cash management strategy. On August 31, 2021 this credit facility was not drawn on.

5. Deferred Revenue

Revenues received and that have been set aside for specific purposes by legislation, regulation or agreement are included in deferred revenue and reported on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

Deferred revenue set aside for specific purposes by legislation, regulation or agreement as at August 31, 2021 is comprised of:

	Balance as at August 31 2020	Externally Restricted Revenue and Investment Income	Revenue Recognized in the Period	Transferred to DCC	Balance as at August 31 2021
Capital					
School renewal	\$ 4,373	\$ 3,444	\$ 607	\$ 3,845	\$ 3,365
Child care retrofitting	503	-	-	-	503
Temporary accomodation	-	38	-	-	38
Proceeds of disposition - school	1,057	120	-	-	1,177
Proceeds of disposition - other	14	-	-	-	14
Experiential learning	-	679	-	219	460
	<u>5,947</u>	<u>4,281</u>	<u>607</u>	<u>4,064</u>	<u>5,557</u>
Operating					
Legislative Grants - Operating	647	27,690	27,463	-	874
EPO/PPF Grants	-	8,885	8,769	-	116
Other	79	311	329	-	61
	<u>726</u>	<u>36,886</u>	<u>36,561</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,051</u>
	<u>\$ 6,673</u>	<u>\$ 41,167</u>	<u>\$ 37,168</u>	<u>\$ 4,064</u>	<u>\$ 6,608</u>

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6. Retirement and Other Employee Future Benefit Liabilities

Liabilities

	2021			2020	
	Retirement Benefits	Sick Leave Benefits	Other Employee Future Benefits	Total Employee Future Benefits	Total Employee Future Benefits
Accrued benefit obligation	\$ 8,605	\$ 132	\$ 660	\$ 9,397	\$ 11,319
Unamortized actuarial gains (losses)	(1,233)	-	-	(1,233)	(1,797)
Employee future benefits liability	<u>\$ 7,372</u>	<u>\$ 132</u>	<u>\$ 660</u>	<u>\$ 8,164</u>	<u>\$ 9,522</u>

The Board has determined that the liability related to the identified retirees amounts to \$1,677,930 (2020 - \$1,008,680). This portion of the total employee future benefit liability is included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Change in Employee Future Benefit Liability

	2021			2020	
	Retirement Benefits	Sick Leave Benefits	Other Employee Future Benefits	Total Employee Future Benefits	Total Employee Future Benefits
Current year benefit cost	\$ -	\$ 132	\$ -	\$ 132	\$ 139
Interest on accrued benefit obligation	134	-	114	248	220
Benefit payments ¹	(1,815)	(129)	(96)	(2,040)	(1,167)
Change due to data correction	-	-	-	-	100
Amortization of actuarial (gains)/losses	370	-	(67)	303	443
Net change	<u>\$ (1,311)</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>	<u>\$ (49)</u>	<u>\$ (1,357)</u>	<u>\$ (265)</u>

¹ Excluding pension contributions to the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System, a multi-employer pension plan described below.

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6. Retirement and Other Employee Future Benefits - continued

Actuarial Assumptions

The accrued benefit obligations for employee future benefit plans as at August 31, 2021 are based on actuarial assumptions of future events determined for accounting purposes as at August 31, 2020 and based on updated average daily salary and banked sick days as at August 31, 2021. These valuations take into account the plan changes and the economic assumptions used in these valuation as the Board's best estimates of expected rates of:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Inflation	1.50 %	1.50 %
Wage and salary escalation	- %	- %
Insurance and health care cost escalation	7.00 %	7.25 %
Dental cost escalation	4.50 %	4.50 %
Discount rate	1.80 %	1.40 %

Retirement Benefits

(i) Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan

Teachers and related employee groups are eligible to be members of Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan. Employer contributions for these employees are provided directly by the Province of Ontario. The pension costs and obligations related to this plan are a direct responsibility of the Province. Accordingly, no costs or liabilities related to this plan are included in the Board's consolidated financial statements.

(ii) Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System

All non-teaching employees of the Board are eligible to be members of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS), a multi-employer pension plan. The plan provides defined pension benefits to employees based on their length of service and rates of pay. Each year an independent actuary determines the funding status of the plan by comparing the actuarial value of invested assets to the estimated present value of all pension benefits that members have earned to date. The most recent actuarial valuation of the plan was conducted at December 31, 2020. The results of this valuation disclosed an actuarial deficit of \$3.397 billion as at that date. During the year ended August 31, 2021, the Board contributed \$2,658,324 (2020 - \$2,764,979) to the plan. As this is a multi-employer pension plan, these contributions are the Board's pension benefit expenses. No pension liability for this type of plan is included in the Board's financial statements.

(iii) Retirement Gratuities

The Board provides retirement gratuities to certain groups of employees hired prior to specified dates. The Board provides these benefits through an unfunded defined benefit plan. The benefit costs and liabilities related to this plan are included in the Board's consolidated financial statements. The amount of the gratuities payable to eligible employees at retirement is based on their salary, accumulated sick days, and years of service at August 31, 2012.

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6. Retirement and Other Employee Future Benefits - continued

(iv) Retirement Life Insurance and Health Care Benefits

The Board provides life insurance, dental and health care benefits to eligible employee groups after retirement until the members reach 65 years of age. The premiums are based on the Board experience and retirees' premiums may be subsidized by the Board. The benefit costs and liabilities related to the plan are provided through an unfunded defined benefit plan and are included in the Board's consolidated financial statements.

Other Employee Future Benefits

(i) Workplace Safety and Insurance Board Obligations

The Board is a Schedule 2 employer under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act and, as such, assumes responsibility for the payment of all claims to its injured workers under the Act. The Board does not fund these obligations in advance of payments made under the Act. The benefit costs and liabilities related to this plan are included in the Board's consolidated financial statements. School boards are required to provide salary top-up to a maximum of 4 ½ years for employees receiving payments from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, where the collective agreement negotiated prior to 2012 included such provision. The actuarially determined future benefit obligation for WSIB claims is \$4,338,095 (2020 - \$3,620,982). This liability is included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The Board holds funds on account with National Bank in the amount of \$3,023,653 (2020 - \$3,008,967) with the purpose of meeting this obligation when necessary.

(ii) Long-Term Disability Life Insurance and Health Care Benefits

The Board provided life insurance, dental and health care benefits to employees on long-term disability leave to employees who were not yet members of an ELHT. The Board was responsible for the payment of life insurance premiums and the costs of health care benefits under this plan. The Board provided these benefits through an unfunded defined benefit plan. The costs of salary compensation paid to employees on long-term disability leave were fully insured and not included in this plan. The Board is not anticipated to provide these benefits in the future as all employees have become members of an ELHT.

(iii) Sick Leave Top-Up Benefits

A maximum of eleven unused sick days from the current year may be carried forward into the following year only, to be used to top-up salary for illnesses paid through the short-term leave and disability plan in that year. The benefit costs expensed in the financial statements are \$132,018 (2020 - \$129,429).

For accounting purposes, the valuation of the accrued benefit obligation for the sick leave top-up is based on actuarial assumptions about future events determined as at August 31, 2021 and is based on the average daily salary and banked sick days of employees as at August 31, 2021.

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7. Net Long-Term Debt

Net long-term debt reported on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position is comprised of the following:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Ontario Financing Authority (OFA) loan payable - Bylaw #2006-1, for Stage 1 of the Good Places to Learn Initiative, 4.560% per annum, repayable \$172,259 semi-annually principal and interest, due November 2031	\$ 2,849	\$ 3,057
Ontario Financing Authority (OFA) loan payable - Bylaw #2008-1 for Stage 1 and 2 of the Good Places to Learn Initiative; Primary Class Size and Prohibitive to Repair Programs, 4.90% per annum, repayable in semi-annual blended payments of \$223,432, maturing March 2033	3,968	4,211
Ontario Financing Authority (OFA) loan payable - Bylaw #2009-1 for Stage 2 of the Good Places to Learn Initiative and Primary Class Size, 5.062% per annum, repayable in semi-annual blended payments of \$86,865, maturing March 2034	1,624	1,712
Ontario Financing Authority (OFA) loan payable - Bylaw #2010-1 for Stage 2 and 3 of the Good Places to Learn Initiative, 5.232% per annum, repayable in semi-annual blended payments of \$112,878, maturing April 2035	2,211	2,317
Ontario Financing Authority (OFA) loan payable - By-law #2011-1 for Stage 3 and Stage 4 of the Good Places to Learn initiative, 4.833% per annum, repayable in semi-annual blended payments of \$88,615, maturing March 2036	1,860	1,945
Ontario Financing Authority (OFA) loan payable - By-law #2012-1 for Stage 4 of the Good Places to Learn initiative, 3.564% per annum, repayable in semi-annual blended payments of \$23,168, maturing March 2037	557	582
Ontario Financing Authority (OFA) loan payable - Bylaw #2013-1 for New Pupil Places, 3.799% per annum, repayable in semi-annual blended payments of \$249,083, maturing March 2038	6,155	6,412
	<u>\$ 19,224</u>	<u>\$ 20,236</u>

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7. Net Long-Term Debt - continued

Payments relating to net long-term debt outstanding as at August 31, 2021 are due as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 1,059	\$ 854	\$ 1,913
2023	1,108	805	1,913
2024	1,159	754	1,913
2025	1,212	701	1,913
2026	1,268	645	1,913
Thereafter	13,418	3,019	16,437
	<u>\$ 19,224</u>	<u>\$ 6,778</u>	<u>\$ 26,002</u>

8. Debt Charges and Capital Loan Interest

	2021	2020
Principal payments on long-term liabilities	\$ 1,012	\$ 968
Interest payments on long-term liabilities	901	944
	<u>\$ 1,913</u>	<u>\$ 1,912</u>

9. Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange (OSBIE)

The Board is a member of the Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange (OSBIE), a reciprocal insurance company licensed under the Insurance Act. OSBIE insures general public liability, property damage and certain other risks. Liability insurance is available to a maximum of \$27,000,000 per occurrence.

The ultimate premiums over a five year period are based on the reciprocal's and the Board's actual claims experience. Periodically, the Board may receive a refund or be asked to pay an additional premium based on its pro rate share of claims experience. The current five year term expires December 31, 2021.

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10. Trust Funds

Trust funds administered by the Board amounting to \$253,058 (2020 - \$241,471) have not been included in the consolidated statement of financial position nor have their operations been included in the consolidated statement of operations.

11. Expenditures by Object

The following is a summary of the expenses reported on the Consolidated Statement of Operations by object:

	Budget 2021	Actual 2021	Actual 2020
Current expenses			
Salary and wages	\$ 147,060	\$ 148,450	\$ 139,835
Employee benefits	24,885	26,169	25,586
Staff development	462	369	341
Supplies and services	19,729	18,647	16,625
Interest	946	887	932
Rental expenses	12	7	28
Fees and contract services	19,862	21,541	20,528
Other	767	941	753
Amortization of tangible capital assets	9,552	9,522	8,541
	<u>\$ 223,275</u>	<u>\$ 226,533</u>	<u>\$ 213,169</u>

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12. Tangible Capital Assets

	Cost				Accumulated Amortization				Net Book Value	Net Book Value
	Opening	Additions	Disposals	Closing	Opening	Additions	Disposals	Closing	2021	2020
Land	\$ 2,838	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,838	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,838	\$ 2,838
Land improvements	3,026	525	(4)	3,547	1,011	202	-	1,213	2,334	2,015
Buildings	274,787	14,153	(137)	288,803	120,463	8,069	(88)	128,444	160,359	154,324
Computer hardware	2,192	131	(246)	2,077	533	773	(246)	1,060	1,017	1,659
Computer software	1,331	150	(141)	1,340	277	267	(141)	403	937	1,054
Equipment - 10 year	485	124	(35)	574	135	53	(35)	153	421	350
Equipment - 15 year	98	-	-	98	64	5	-	69	29	34
Furniture	48	-	-	48	32	5	-	37	11	16
First-time equipping - 10 year	996	-	-	996	654	99	-	753	243	342
Vehicles	607	-	-	607	471	49	-	520	87	136
	\$ 286,408	\$ 15,083	\$ (563)	\$ 300,928	\$ 123,640	\$ 9,522	\$ (510)	\$ 132,652	\$ 168,276	\$ 162,768

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13. Accumulated Surplus

Accumulated surplus consists of the following:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Available for Compliance - Unappropriated		
Operating accumulated surplus	\$ 3,203	\$ 2,211
Available for Compliance - Internally Appropriated		
Retirement gratuities	500	500
Committed capital projects	4,782	4,972
Capital reserve	3,600	3,600
Benefit surplus reserve	346	346
Total Internally Appropriated	<u>9,228</u>	<u>9,418</u>
Unavailable for Compliance		
Invested in tangible capital assets	2,838	2,838
School generated funds	2,007	2,339
Interest to be accrued	(253)	(267)
Employee future benefits	(268)	(2,549)
Total Unavailable for Compliance	<u>4,324</u>	<u>2,361</u>
Total Accumulated Surplus	<u>\$ 16,755</u>	<u>\$ 13,990</u>

14. Repayment of "55 School Board Trust" Funding

On June 1, 2003, the Board received \$7,875,666 from The 55 School Board Trust for its capital related debt eligible for provincial funding support pursuant to a 30-year agreement it entered into with the trust. The 55 School Board Trust was created to refinance the outstanding not permanently financed (NPF) debt of participating boards who are beneficiaries of the trust. Under the terms of the agreement, The 55 School Board Trust repaid the Board's debt in consideration for the assignment by the Board to the trust of future provincial grants payable to the Board in respect of the NPF debt.

As a result of the above agreement, the liability in respect of the NPF debt is no longer reflected in the Board's financial position.

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15. In-Kind Transfers from the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services

The Board has recorded entries, both revenues and expenses, associated with centrally procured in-kind transfers of personal protective equipment (PPE) and critical supplies and equipment (CSE) received from the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services (MGCS). The amounts recorded were calculated based on the weighted average cost of the supplies as determined by MGCS and quantity information based on the record's. The in-kind revenue recorded for these transfers is \$806,036 with expenses based on use of \$223,043 for a net impact of \$582,993.

16. Impact of COVID-19

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19) a global pandemic. The pandemic has had a significant impact on the global economy and the education system. On March 12, 2020, the Province of Ontario ordered the closure of all publicly funded schools. This closure was later extended to include the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year and education services were moved to a virtual learning platform.

The Ontario Ministry of Education has provided new funding and authorized the redirection of existing funding towards the costs related to implementing safe reopening measures and procuring personal protective equipment. As at August 31, 2021, the Board has incurred costs of \$7,794,171 related to these initiatives.

During the 2020-2021 school year, students in publicly funded schools were either learning in school or online depending on guidance and direction from the Ministry of Education and local public health units. Schools have physically re-opened in September 2021.

Although the disruption from the virus is expected to be temporary, given the dynamic nature of these circumstances, the duration and the related financial impact cannot be reasonably estimated.

Due to the response to COVID-19, the Province of Ontario extended the deadlines for municipalities to pay Education Property Tax (EPT) amounts to the board. This amount for the board was \$NIL (2020 - \$19,989,724) and has been included in accounts receivable on the consolidated statement of financial position. This amount was recovered by the board in 2021.

To mitigate the financial impact of this deferral, the Province adjusted its cash flow through the School Board Operating Grant in July 2020 to pay an additional amount equal to about 25% of the annual education property tax amount as forecasted by the board in the 2019-20 Revised Estimates. This amount for the board was \$NIL (2020 - \$21,185,104). This amount was recovered by the Province in 2021.

In response to COVID-19, the Province of Ontario announced a Business Education Tax (BET) reduction in the 2020-21 Budget. The BET reduction is lowering all high BET rates to a rate of 0.88 percent for both commercial and industrial properties beginning in the 2021 calendar year. To ensure these measures do not have a financial impact on school boards, the Province adjusted payments to the school boards in July and August. This amount for the board was \$1,068,731 (2020 - \$NIL).
