

Consolidated Financial Statements of

**NEAR NORTH DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD**

And Independent Auditors' Report thereon
Year ended August 31, 2021

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

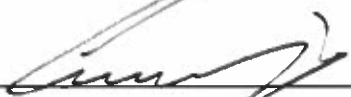
The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Near North District School Board are the responsibility of Board management and have been prepared in compliance with the Financial Administration Act, supplemented by Ontario Ministry of Education memorandum 2004:B2 and Ontario Regulation 395/11 of the Financial Administration Act as described in note 1 to the consolidated financial statements.

The preparation of consolidated financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates based on management's judgement, 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 KPMG 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



Superintendent of Business

December 7, 2021



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of the Near North District School Board

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Near North District School Board (the Entity), which comprise:

- the consolidated statement of financial position as at August 31, 2021
- the consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of changes in net debt for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies

(Hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Entity as at August 31, 2021, and its consolidated results of operations and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in note 1 to the 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 "Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our auditors' report.

We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the 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 qualified opinion.



Emphasis of Matter - Financial Reporting Framework

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting used in the preparation of these financial statements and the significant differences between such basis of accounting and Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Other Matter - Comparative Information

The financial statements of the Near North District School Board for the year ended August 31, 2020 were audited by another auditor who issued their opinion on December 15, 2020.

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

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Entity'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 Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our qualified 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 the 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.



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We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the 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 qualified 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 a qualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity'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 Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' 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 auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity's to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- 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.
- Obtain sufficient audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group Entity to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Sudbury, Canada

December 7, 2021

NEAR NORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at August 31, 2021, with comparative information for 2020

	2021	2020
Financial assets		
Cash	\$ 21,788,000	\$ 24,332,706
Investments	632,970	624,383
Accounts receivable (note 2)	8,913,076	13,040,811
Accounts receivable - Province of Ontario (note 3)	65,234,444	62,058,236
Assets held for sale	18,079	-
Total financial assets	96,586,569	100,056,136
Financial liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 4)	10,415,087	18,289,533
Net long-term liabilities (note 9)	49,648,688	52,383,916
Deferred revenue (note 6)	12,508,274	8,890,603
Deferred capital contributions (note 7)	127,181,827	131,957,870
Employee future benefits (note 8)	7,843,379	8,425,233
Total financial liabilities	207,597,255	219,947,155
Net debt	(111,010,686)	(119,891,019)
Non-financial assets		
Prepaid expenses	234,438	262,681
Tangible capital assets (note 11)	133,451,148	137,576,810
Total non-financial assets	133,685,586	137,839,491
Contingent liabilities (note 14)		
Accumulated surplus (note 12)	\$ 22,674,900	\$ 17,948,472

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Approved on behalf of the Board:



Director of Education



Chair of the Board

NEAR NORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus

Year ended August 31, 2021, with comparative information for 2020

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2020 Actual
Revenue:			
Provincial legislative grants	\$ 140,992,416	\$ 140,013,432	\$ 135,631,507
Provincial grants - other	1,442,671	6,401,044	2,383,991
Federal grants and fees	2,280,603	2,519,968	2,490,042
Other revenue - school boards	290,000	572,048	467,921
Other fees and revenue	320,595	1,711,054	2,034,266
Investment income	-	179,155	203,662
School generated funds	2,774,334	648,360	1,447,211
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	13,028,016	12,892,689	11,764,100
Total revenue	161,128,635	164,937,750	156,422,700
Expenses (note 10):			
Instruction	110,999,586	112,065,317	103,359,336
Administration	4,545,085	4,266,876	4,259,679
Transportation	12,388,369	12,701,273	12,121,176
Pupil accommodation	28,401,711	28,280,077	27,538,788
School funded activities	2,722,522	622,135	1,407,725
Other	960,311	2,275,644	1,418,250
Total expenses	160,017,584	160,211,322	150,104,954
Annual surplus	1,111,051	4,726,428	6,317,746
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	17,948,472	17,948,472	11,630,726
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$ 19,059,523	\$ 22,674,900	\$ 17,948,472

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

NEAR NORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Debt

Year ended August 31, 2021, with comparative information for 2020

	2021	2021	2020
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Annual surplus	\$ 1,111,051	\$ 4,726,428	\$ 6,317,746
Tangible capital assets:			
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(20,527,165)	(8,932,572)	(7,547,305)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	13,100,554	12,525,311	11,836,639
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	514,843	-
Proceeds to assets held for sale	-	-	112,361
Transfer to assets held for sale	-	18,079	-
	(7,426,611)	4,125,661	4,401,695
Prepaid expenses:			
Acquisition of prepaid expenses	-	(234,437)	(262,681)
Use of prepaid expenses	-	262,681	305,046
		28,244	42,365
Increase (decrease) in net debt	(6,315,560)	8,880,333	10,761,806
Net debt, beginning of year	(119,891,019)	(119,891,019)	(130,652,825)
Net debt, end of year	\$ (126,206,579)	\$ (111,010,686)	\$ (119,891,019)

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended August 31, 2021, with comparative information for 2020

	2021	2020
Operating transactions:		
Annual surplus	\$ 4,726,428	\$ 6,317,746
Items not involving cash:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	12,525,311	11,836,639
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	(12,892,689)	(11,764,100)
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	35,714
Actuarial employee future benefit expense	680,288	1,094,732
	<u>5,039,338</u>	<u>7,520,731</u>
Change in non-cash assets and liabilities:		
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	4,127,735	(3,561,984)
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable - Province of Ontario	(3,176,208)	5,160,909
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(7,874,446)	10,225,500
Increase in deferred revenue	3,617,671	332,811
Decrease in prepaid expenses	28,244	42,365
	<u>1,762,334</u>	<u>19,720,332</u>
Cash provided by operating transactions		
	1,762,334	19,720,332
Capital transactions:		
Cash used to acquire tangible capital assets	(8,932,572)	(7,547,305)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	112,361
Proceeds on disposal of assets held for sale	-	192,640
	<u>(8,932,572)</u>	<u>(7,242,304)</u>
Cash applied to capital transactions		
	(8,932,572)	(7,242,304)
Financing transactions:		
Repayment of long-term debt	(2,735,228)	(2,624,853)
Payments of employee future benefits	(1,262,142)	(1,686,806)
Additions to deferred capital contributions	8,631,489	7,547,305
	<u>4,634,119</u>	<u>3,235,646</u>
Cash provided by financing transactions		
	4,634,119	3,235,646
Investing transactions:		
Net increase in long term investments	(8,587)	-
	<u>(8,587)</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash		
	(2,544,706)	15,713,674
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		
	24,332,706	8,619,032
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year		
	<u>\$ 21,788,000</u>	<u>\$ 24,332,706</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

NEAR NORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Year ended August 31, 2021

The Near North District School Board is an English Public school which administers the operations of the English public elementary and secondary schools in the Districts of Nipissing and Parry Sound.

1. Significant accounting policies:

The consolidated financial statements of the Near North District School Board (the "Board") have been prepared by management in accordance with the basis of accounting described below. The consolidated financial statements contain the following significant accounting policies:

(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 Government 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 consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus 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 amortization, 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 Ontario 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 consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus and certain related deferred revenues and deferred capital contributions would be recorded differently under Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards.

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(b) Reporting entity:

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses 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, including:

- i) School generated funds: the assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses that exist at the school level and which are deemed to be controlled by the Board, have been reflected in the consolidated financial statements.
- ii) Near North District School Board Charity Works: the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses are controlled by the Board and have been reflected in the consolidated financial statements.
- iii) Nipissing-Parry Sound Student Transportation Services/Services de Transport Scolaire Nipissing-Parry Sound (NPSSTS) is accounted for using the consolidation method of accounting and reporting, whereby the Board's pro-rated share of net assets, revenues and expenses are combined in the statements.

Interdepartmental and inter-organizational transactions are eliminated in these 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 consist of cash-on-hand, demand deposits and short-term investments. Short-term investments are highly liquid, subject to insignificant risk of changes in value and have a short maturity term of less than 90 days.

(e) Deferred revenue:

The Board receives amounts pursuant to legislation, regulation or agreement that may only be used for certain programs or in the delivery of specific services and transactions. These amounts are recognized as revenue in the fiscal year the related expenditures 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 of depreciable tangible capital assets received or receivable for use in providing services, are recorded as deferred capital contributions when the asset is acquired as required under Ontario Regulation 395/11 of the Financial Administration Act. Amounts are recognized into revenue at the same rate as the related tangible capital asset is amortized.

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(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, retirement gratuity, workers' 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, Employee Life and Health Trusts (ELHTs) were established in 2016-17 for the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) and for the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF). ELHTs for the following employee groups were established in 2017-18: CUPE and non-unionized employees including principals and vice-principals. The ELHTs provide health, life and dental benefits to teachers (excluding daily occasional teachers), education workers (excluding casual and temporary staff), other school board staff and retired individuals after a school board's participation date into 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.

The Board has adopted the following accounting 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, insurance and health care costs 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 services 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 and 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-insured benefit obligations that arise from specific events that occur from time to time, such as obligations for worker's compensation, 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.

- (ii) The costs of multi-employer defined pension plan benefits, such as the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System ("OMERS") 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.

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(h) Non-financial assets:

Non-financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities and are held for use in the provision of services. They have useful lives extending beyond the current year and are not intended for sale in the ordinary course of operations.

i) 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 records were not available, other methods were used to estimate the cost and accumulated amortization.

Leases which transfer substantially all of the benefits and risks incidental to ownership of property are accounted for as leased tangible capital assets. All other leases are accounted for as operating leases and the related payments are charged to expenses as incurred.

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

Land improvements with finite lives	10 years
Buildings	20 - 40 years
First time equipping	10 years
Furniture and equipment	5 - 15 years
Vehicles	5 - 10 years
Computer hardware	3 years
Computer software	5 years

Amortization is taken at 50% of the above rates in the year of acquisition.

Assets under construction and assets that related 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 estimate is \$411,654.

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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1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(h) Non-financial assets (continued):

ii) Prepaid expenses:

Prepaid expenses represent amounts paid in advance for a good or service not yet received. The expense is recognized once the goods have been received or the services have been performed.

(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 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 proceeds of disposition, special education, transition, distance schools and school renewal forms part of the respective deferred revenue balances.

(k) 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. The budget figures are unaudited.

The Board approves its budget annually. The approved operating budget for 2020-2021 is reflected on the Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus, the budget was approved on August 11, 2020.

(l) Use of estimates:

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with the basis of accounting described in note 1 requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount 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. Actual results could differ from these current estimates. Significant estimates include assumptions used in performing actuarial valuations of employee future benefit liabilities.

These estimates are reviewed annually and, as adjustments become necessary, they are recorded in the period in which they become known.

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(m) Property tax revenue:

Under 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.

2. Accounts receivable:

	2021	2020
Government of Canada	\$ 512,146	\$ 583,769
Municipalities	6,241,501	10,639,663
Other	2,159,429	1,817,379
	<u>\$ 8,913,076</u>	<u>\$ 13,040,811</u>

3. Accounts receivable – Province of Ontario:

The Province of Ontario replaced variable capital funding with a one-time debt support grant in 2009-10. The 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 \$52,511,954 (2020 - \$54,845,208) as at August 31, 2021 with respect to capital grants.

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 Government of Ontario at August 31, 2021 is \$11,869,839 (2020 - \$7,037,225).

4. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities:

	2021	2020
Trade payables and accrued liabilities	\$ 8,913,180	\$ 16,216,555
Payroll related	1,501,907	2,072,978
	<u>\$ 10,415,087</u>	<u>\$ 18,289,533</u>

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5. Temporary borrowing:

i) Facility One

The Board has an authorized revolving demand facility to a maximum of \$20,000,000 to finance current expenditures and bridge pending receipt of tax assessments and Ministry revenues. This line of credit bears interest at the bank's prime lending rate less 0.75%, is unsecured and is due on demand. As at August 31, 2021, the amount drawn on this facility was \$Nil (2020 - \$Nil).

ii) Facility Two

The Board has an authorized revolving demand facility to a maximum of \$20,000,000 to bridge financing for various school construction and/or renovation projects pending receipt of Ministry funding. This credit facility bears interest at the bank's prime lending rate less 0.75% and is unsecured. As at August 31, 2021, the amount drawn on this facility was \$Nil (2020 - \$Nil).

iii) Facility Three

The Board has an authorized revolving lease line of credit to a maximum of \$1,000,000. Leases are governed by this agreement and separate agreements between the Board and the lender. As at August 31, 2021, the amount drawn on this facility was \$Nil (2020 - \$Nil).

The aggregate of facilities two and three shall not exceed \$20,000,000 at any time.

The Board has provided letters of guarantee to the Corporation of the Township of Parry Sound in the aggregate amount of \$312,938 (2020 - \$312,938).

6. Deferred revenue:

Deferred revenue consists of amounts received by the Board that are restricted for specific purposes by the funder and amounts that are required to be set aside by the Board for specific purposes, legislation, regulation or agreement.

Deferred revenue is comprised of:

	Balance at August 31, 2020	Externally restricted revenue and investment income	Revenue recognized in the period	Transfers (to) deferred capital contributions	Balance at August 31, 2021
Provincial legislative grants	\$ 5,313,892	\$ 29,819,744	\$(26,299,778)	\$ (2,397,724)	\$ 6,436,134
Provincial grants - other	215,242	2,572,540	(62,438)	—	2,725,344
Assets held for sale	—	18,079	—	—	18,079
Proceeds of disposition	3,067,960	—	—	—	3,067,960
Other	293,509	312,679	(345,431)	—	260,757
Total	\$ 8,890,603	\$ 32,723,042	\$(26,707,647)	\$ (2,397,724)	\$12,508,274

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7. 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.

	2021	2020
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 131,957,870	\$ 136,174,665
Additions to deferred capital contributions	8,116,645	7,547,305
Revenue recognized during the year	(12,892,688)	(11,764,101)
Balance, end of year	\$ 127,181,827	\$ 131,957,870

8. 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, retirement gratuity, worker's compensation and long-term disability benefits.

a) Retirement benefits:

(i) Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan:

Teachers and related employee groups are eligible to be members of the Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan. Employer contributions for these employees are provided directly by the Government 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. The Board contributions equal the employee contributions to the plan. During the year ended August 31, 2021, the Board contributed \$1,935,532 (2020 - \$1,850,957) 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 consolidated 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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8. Employee future benefits (continued):

b) Other employee future benefits (continued):

(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 a provision.

(ii) Long-term disability benefits:

The Board provides long-term disability benefits including partial salary compensation and payment of life insurance premiums and health care benefits during the period an employee is unable to work or until their normal retirement date to employees who are not yet members of an ELHT. 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 accrued benefit obligations for employee future benefit plans as at August 31, 2021 are based on the most recent actuarial valuation completed for accounting purposes as at August 31, 2021. These actuarial valuations were based on assumptions about future events. The economic assumptions used in these valuations are the Board's best estimates of expected rates of:

	2021	2020
Inflation	1.5%	1.5%
Discount on accrued benefit obligations	1.8%	1.4%
Discount on accrued benefit obligations - WSIB	1.8%	1.4%

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8. Employee future benefits (continued):

b) Other employee future benefits (continued):

Information with respect to the Board's retirement and other employee future benefit liability is as follows:

Accrued benefit obligation		2021		2020
	Retirement Benefits	Other Employee Future Benefits	Total Employee Future Benefits	Total Employee Future Benefits
Accrued employee future benefit obligations	\$ 6,697,415	\$ 1,890,143	\$ 8,587,558	\$ 9,504,033
Unamortized actuarial losses	(744,179)	-	(744,179)	(1,078,800)
	\$ 5,953,236	\$ 1,890,143	\$ 7,843,379	\$ 8,425,233

Employee future benefit expenses		2021		2020
	Retirement Benefits	Other Employee Future Benefits	Total Employee Future Benefits	Total Employee Future Benefits
Current year benefit cost	\$ -	\$ 295,315	\$ 295,315	\$ 736,823
Interest on accrued benefit obligation	98,823	26,430	125,253	179,082
Benefit payments	(680,115)	(582,027)	(1,262,142)	(1,686,806)
Amortization on actuarial losses	214,439	45,280	259,719	178,827
	\$ (366,853)	\$ (215,002)	\$ (581,855)	\$ (592,074)

Excludes pension contributions to multi-employer pension plans, described in note 8(a).

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9. Net long-term liabilities:

Net long-term liabilities reported on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position consist of the following:

	2021	2020
Ontario Financing Authority Capital loan 1 st issue – payable in semi-annual instalments of \$196,665 including interest at 4.56% per annum, final installment due November 2031	\$ 3,253,131	\$ 3,489,892
Ontario Financing Authority Capital loan 2 nd issue – payable in semi-annual instalments of \$240,278 including interest at 4.90% per annum, final installment due March 2033	4,266,735	4,528,561
Ontario Financing Authority Capital loan 3 rd issue – payable in semi-annual instalments of \$91,117 including interest at 5.062% per annum, final installment due March 2034	1,703,735	1,796,201
Ontario Financing Authority Capital loan 4 th issue – payable in semi-annual instalments of \$327,745 including interest at 3.799% per annum, final installment due March 2038	8,099,010	8,437,250
Debenture (White Woods) – payable in semi-annual instalments of \$116,168 including interest at 5.054% per annum, final installment due November 2028	1,436,110	1,590,006
Debenture (Vincent Massey and Land of Lakes) – payable in semi-annual instalments of \$298,016 including interest at 4.766% per annum, final installment due November 2024	1,902,726	2,390,568
Debenture (Almaguin PTR Stage 2) – payable in semi-annual instalments of \$508,017 including interest at 3.564% per annum, final installment due March 2037	12,201,078	12,767,091
Debenture (Almaguin Capital Priorities) – payable in semi-annual instalments of \$134,806 including interest at 3.564% per annum, final installment due March 2037	3,237,653	3,387,849
Debenture (Almaguin PTR Stage 2) – payable in semi-annual instalments of \$73,438 including interest at 4.003% per annum, final installment due March 2039	1,858,362	1,928,727
Debenture (Almaguin PTR Stage 3) – payable in semi-annual instalments of \$1,853 including interest at 2.993% per annum, final installment due March 2040	53,013	55,085
Debenture (GPL/Capital funding allocation 2010/11) – payable in semi-annual instalments of \$49,579 including interest at 3.242% per annum, final installment due March 2041	1,442,073	1,493,232
Debenture (Capital priorities) – payable in semi-annual instalments of \$349,786 including interest at 3.594% per annum, final installment due March 2042	10,195,062	10,519,454
	\$ 49,648,688	\$ 52,383,916

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9. Net long-term liabilities (continued):

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

	Principal	Interest	Total
2021-2022	\$ 2,850,347	\$ 1,924,589	\$ 4,774,936
2022-2023	2,970,435	1,804,501	4,774,936
2023-2024	3,095,651	1,679,285	4,774,936
2024-2025	2,930,643	1,548,754	4,479,397
2025-2026	2,745,157	1,433,747	4,178,904
Thereafter	35,056,455	8,841,304	43,897,759
	\$ 49,648,688	\$ 17,232,180	\$ 66,880,868

10. Expenses by object:

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

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2020 Actual
Current expenses:			
Salary and wages	\$ 99,332,163	\$ 99,961,687	\$ 93,819,640
Employee benefits	16,838,014	16,446,384	16,250,905
Staff development	563,695	185,300	130,756
Supplies and services	10,985,804	9,576,214	8,528,335
Interest	2,039,707	2,006,483	2,118,230
Rental expenditures	482,350	493,884	457,372
Fees and contract services	15,644,182	16,156,139	15,299,660
Other	1,031,115	2,345,076	1,627,703
Amortization of tangible capital assets	13,100,554	13,040,154	11,836,639
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	-	35,714
	\$ 160,017,584	\$ 160,211,321	\$ 150,104,954

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11. Tangible capital assets:

Cost	Balance at August 31, 2020	Additions	Disposals, Write-offs Transfers and Adjustments	Balance at August 31, 2021
Land	\$ 5,142,004	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,142,004
Land improvements	16,766,097	2,619,659	-	19,385,756
Buildings	214,107,308	3,779,769	2,142,657	215,744,420
Furniture and equipment	604,245	22,950	5,805	621,390
First time equipping	1,217,044	-	-	1,217,044
Vehicles	101,330	-	28,743	72,587
Computer hardware	2,287,444	1,518,180	1,477,633	2,327,991
Construction in progress	361,657	992,014	-	1,353,671
Total	\$ 240,587,129	\$ 8,932,572	\$ 3,654,838	\$ 245,864,863

Cost	Balance at August 31, 2020	Amortization Expense	Disposals, Write-offs Transfers and Adjustments	Balance at August 31, 2021
Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land improvements	7,830,940	1,817,628	-	9,648,568
Buildings	93,004,748	9,447,978	1,609,774	100,842,952
Furniture and equipment	221,199	56,371	5,805	271,765
First time equipping	712,615	120,097	-	832,712
Vehicles	39,604	14,444	28,703	25,345
Computer hardware	1,201,213	1,068,793	1,477,633	792,373
Total	\$ 103,010,319	\$ 12,525,311	\$ 3,121,915	\$ 112,413,715

	Net book value, August 31, 2020	Net book value, August 31, 2021
Land	\$ 5,142,004	\$ 5,142,004
Land improvements	8,935,157	9,737,188
Buildings	121,102,560	114,901,468
Furniture and equipment	383,046	349,625
First time equipping	504,429	384,332
Vehicles	61,726	47,242
Computer hardware	1,086,231	1,535,618
Construction in progress	361,657	1,353,671
Total	\$ 137,576,810	\$ 133,451,148

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12. Accumulated surplus:

Accumulated surplus consists of the following:

	2021	2020
Available for compliance – unappropriated:		
Total operating accumulated surplus	\$ 14,196,781	\$ 11,049,477
Available for compliance – internally appropriated:		
Charity	894,798	901,531
Local priorities fund funding	667,064	235,588
Committed capital projects	1,127,318	476,937
School renewal	–	589,805
	2,689,180	2,203,861
Unavailable for compliance – externally appropriated:		
Revenues recognized for land	5,142,003	5,142,003
School generated funds	1,216,846	1,190,623
Accrued interest	(569,910)	(603,134)
Employee future benefits	–	(1,034,358)
	5,788,939	4,695,134
Total accumulated surplus	\$ 22,674,900	\$ 17,948,472

13. Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange (OSBIE):

The School 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 million per occurrence.

The premiums over a five-year period are based on the reciprocals 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 rata share of claims experience. The current policy expires December 31, 2021.

14. Contingent liabilities:

The Board is involved in certain legal matters and litigation, the outcomes of which are not presently determinable. The loss, if any, from these contingencies will be accounted for in the periods in which the matters are resolved.

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15. Debt charges:

The expenditure for debt charges includes principal and interest payments as follows:

	2021	2020
Principal payments on long-term debt	\$ 2,735,228	\$ 2,624,852
Interest payment on long-term debt	2,039,707	2,118,230
	\$ 4,774,935	\$ 4,743,082

16. Partnership in the Nipissing-Parry Sound Student Transportation Services:

In 2003, the Board entered into an agreement with the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board, Conseil Scolaire Public du Nord-Est de L'Ontario and Conseil Scolaire Catholique France-Nord District School Boards, and formed the Nipissing-Parry Sound Student Transportation Services ("NPSSTS") to provide common administration of student transportation in the district. The agreement was executed in an effort to increase delivery efficiency and cost effectiveness of student transportation to each of the Boards. Under the agreement, decisions related to the financial and operating activities of the NPSSTS are shared. No partner is in a position to exercise unilateral control.

Expenses are shared on the basis of student ridership for transportation costs and a pro-rata sharing of administrative costs.

The following provides condensed financial information:

	2021 Total	2021 NND SB Portion	2020 Total	2020 NND SB Portion
Financial position:				
Financial assets	\$ 673,963	\$ 404,378	\$ 169,219	\$ 101,777
Liabilities	(736,635)	(441,981)	(231,273)	(139,101)
Non-financial assets	62,672	37,603	62,054	37,324
Accumulated surplus	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operations:				
Revenues	\$ 20,973,907	\$ 12,584,344	\$ 20,203,656	\$12,007,214
Expenses	(20,973,907)	(12,584,344)	(20,203,656)	(12,007,214)
Accumulated surplus	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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17. Repayment of "55 School Board Trust" funding:

On June 1, 2003, the Board received \$5,277,832 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 consolidated statement of financial position and the flow-through of \$393,202 (2020 - \$393,202) in respect of the above agreement is recorded in these consolidated financial statements.

18. 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 transfer 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 board's records. The in-kind revenue recorded for these transfers is \$559,674 with expenses based on use of \$559,674 for a net impact of \$NIL.

19. Impacts of COVID-19:

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of coronavirus ("COVID-19") a global pandemic. This resulted in the Province mandating that all Boards close their schools and administrative buildings on March 13, 2020 and moving to online/learn-from-home education format for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year based on recommendations from Public Health Ontario. For the 2020-2021 school year the schools reopened to students, effective September 2020, with enhanced public health protocols, or the option to continue with online education and at-home distance learning. In person learning ceased in March of 2021 in response to the pandemic. For the 2021-2022 school year the schools reopened for in person learning for students. The Board continues to monitor the situation and plan for potential changes during the fiscal 2021 school year and beyond.

As a result of the pandemic, the Board may experience increased risk exposure in several areas. This includes an increased credit risk exposure on accounts receivable where the risk of default on contractual obligations may increase.

The Board is actively monitoring cash flow forecasts and budgets.

As at August 31, 2021, the Board did not have significant adjustments to reflect the possible future impact of COVID-19. Management assessed the impact on the Board and believes there are no significant financial issues as the Board has strong working capital available and access to sufficient liquid resources to sustain operations in the coming year. The outcome and timeframe to a recovery from the current pandemic is highly unpredictable, thus it is not practicable to estimate and disclose its financial effect on future operations at this time.

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20. Comparative information:

The consolidated financial statements have been reclassified, where applicable, to conform to the presentation used in the current year. The changes do not affect prior year excess of revenue over expenses.