

Consolidated Financial Statements

**Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District
School Board**

Year ended August 31, 2018



November 23, 2018

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees of Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at August 31, 2018 and the consolidated statements of operations, change in net debt and cash flow for the year then ended, and the related notes, which comprise a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility 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 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.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audit is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board as at August 31, 2018 and the results of its operations, change in its net debt and its cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements.

Emphasis of matter

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 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.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at August 31

	2018 \$	2017 \$
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	39,792,039	31,495,580
Long term investments	5,142,696	5,059,220
Accounts receivable	12,077,489	13,259,608
Accounts receivable – Government of Ontario <i>[note 3]</i>	129,393,789	144,876,393
Assets held for sale <i>[note 4]</i>	530,093	26,580
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS	186,936,106	194,717,381
LIABILITIES		
Temporary borrowing <i>[note 9]</i>	11,940,783	12,975,706
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	18,985,825	17,445,258
Deferred revenue <i>[note 5]</i>	18,450,345	17,058,546
Deferred capital contributions <i>[note 6]</i>	328,662,526	320,354,491
Retirement and other employee future benefits <i>[note 7]</i>	7,653,655	8,580,165
Net long-term debt <i>[note 8]</i>	127,986,690	137,135,475
TOTAL LIABILITIES	513,679,824	513,549,641
NET DEBT	(326,743,718)	(318,832,260)
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Prepaid expenses	190,512	357,844
Tangible capital assets <i>[note 14]</i>	399,843,640	387,223,172
TOTAL NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS	400,034,152	387,581,016
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS <i>[note 15]</i>	73,290,434	68,748,756

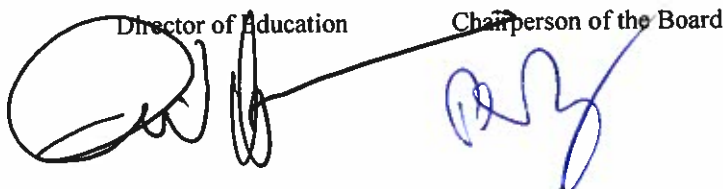
Contractual Obligations and Contingencies *[note 18]*

Contractual Rights *[note 19]*

See accompanying notes

On behalf of the Board:

Director of Education Chairperson of the Board



Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year ended August 31

	<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>
	<u>Budget</u> <i>(unaudited)</i>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
	\$	\$	\$
REVENUES			
Provincial grants-grants for student needs[<i>note 12</i>]	327,036,952	327,073,013	314,139,452
Provincial grants – other	4,369,611	8,869,350	5,074,482
School generated funds	9,950,000	10,621,927	9,816,288
Federal grants and fees	1,546,689	1,578,294	1,518,081
Investment income	287,000	302,052	183,467
Other fees and revenues	2,840,274	4,851,072	5,242,942
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	16,351,431	15,533,007	14,669,975
TOTAL REVENUES	362,381,957	368,828,715	350,644,687
EXPENSES [<i>note 13</i>]			
Instruction	278,771,858	278,472,886	263,251,797
Administration	9,866,070	9,703,971	8,748,602
Transportation	7,328,633	7,480,995	7,220,973
Pupil accommodation	55,252,841	54,720,362	54,459,794
School generated funds	9,678,200	10,459,631	10,220,271
Other	1,051,243	3,449,192	1,051,243
TOTAL EXPENSES	361,948,845	364,287,037	344,952,680
ANNUAL SURPLUS	433,112	4,541,678	5,692,007
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	62,674,561	68,748,756	63,056,749
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR	63,107,673	73,290,434	68,748,756

See accompanying notes

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year ended August 31

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
OPERATING TRANSACTIONS		
Annual surplus	4,541,678	5,692,007
Sources and (uses):		
Non-cash items including		
Amortization, write downs, and gain/loss on disposal	16,325,151	15,332,830
Deferred capital contributions amortization (note 5)	(15,533,007)	(14,669,975)
Increase in long term investments	(83,476)	(5,059,220)
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	1,182,119	(3,689,809)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,540,567	4,917,626
Increase in deferred revenue	1,219,769	594,220
Decrease in retirement and employee future benefits payable	(926,510)	(1,160,225)
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	167,332	(24,679)
Cash provided by operating transactions	8,433,623	1,932,775
CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS		
Cash used to acquire tangible capital assets	(29,475,712)	(20,491,129)
Proceeds on sale of assets held for sale	26,580	0
Cash applied to capital transactions	(29,449,132)	(20,491,129)
FINANCING TRANSACTIONS		
Net additions to deferred capital contributions	23,841,043	20,438,155
Decrease in temporary borrowing	(1,034,923)	(1,034,923)
Decrease in debt repaid, net of sinking fund redemption	(9,148,786)	(4,573,131)
Increase in deferred revenue – capital	172,030	656,303
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable – Government of Ontario	15,482,604	(3,000,481)
Cash provided by financing transactions	29,311,968	12,485,923
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	8,296,459	(6,072,431)
Opening cash and cash equivalents	31,495,580	37,568,011
CLOSING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	39,792,039	31,495,580

See accompanying notes

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET DEBT

Year ended August 31

	<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
	<i>(unaudited)</i>		
	\$	\$	\$
ANNUAL SURPLUS	433,112	4,541,678	5,692,007
TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSET ACTIVITY			
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(29,680,027)	(29,475,712)	(20,491,129)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	17,014,288	16,325,151	15,332,830
Transfer to assets held for sale		530,093	26,580
TOTAL TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSET ACTIVITY	(12,665,739)	(12,620,468)	(5,131,719)
OTHER NON-FINANCIAL ASSET ACTIVITY			
Use of prepaid expenses (net)	-	167,332	(24,679)
TOTAL OTHER NON-FINANCIAL ASSET ACTIVITY -	-	167,332	(24,679)
CHANGE IN NET DEBT	(12,232,627)	(7,911,458)	535,609
Net debt at beginning of year	(318,832,260)	(318,832,260)	(319,367,869)
NET DEBT AT END OF YEAR	(331,064,887)	(326,743,718)	(318,832,260)

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board are the responsibility of the Board management and 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, 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 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 their approval of the consolidated financial statements.

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



Director of Education



Associate Director of Corporate
Services

November 23, 2018

Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2018

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements of Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board [the "Board"] are prepared by management in accordance with the basis of accounting described below.

[a] Basis of accounting

These 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 Consolidated Statements 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 requires 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 Statements 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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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.

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

Consolidated entities:

- Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board
- School Generated Funds

Proportionately consolidated entities:

- Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services

Interdepartmental and inter-organizational transactions and balances between these organizations are eliminated.

[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. Short-term investments are highly liquid, subject to insignificant risk of changes in value and have an original maturity term of 90 days or less.

[e] Investments

Temporary investments consist of marketable securities which are liquid short-term investments with maturities between three months and one year at the date of acquisition, and are carried on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position at the lower of cost or market value.

Long-term investments consist of investments that have maturities of more than one year. Long-term investments are recorded at cost, and assessed regularly for permanent impairment.

[f] 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.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

[g] 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

[h] Retirement and other employee future benefits

As part of ratified-labour collective agreements for unionized employees that bargain centrally and ratified central discussion with the principals and vice-principal associations, Employee Life and Health Trusts (ELHTs) were established for all employee groups in 2016-18. Benefits for employee groups that have transitioned to the ELHT are similar to a defined contributions plan and the Board is no longer responsible for the continuation of group benefits for employees on LTD. Since all employee groups have transitioned to the ELHT as at August 31, 2018, the liability for continuation of group benefits for employees on LTD has been eliminated. ELHTs for the following employee groups were established in 2017-18: CUPE, LIUNA, PASS and non-unionized employees including principals and vice-principals. The ELHT's 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 up to a school board's participate date in the ELHT. These benefits are being provided through a joint governance structure between the bargaining/employee groups, school board trustees associations and the Government of Ontario. Upon transition of the employee groups' health, dental and life benefits plans to the ELHT, school boards are required to remit a negotiated amount per full-time equivalency (FTE) on a monthly basis. Funding for the ELHTs is based on the existing benefits funding embedded within the Grants for Student Needs (GSN), additional ministry funding in the form of a Crown contribution as well as Stabilization Adjustment.

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. 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 and 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 retirement gratuities and life

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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 workers' 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; and

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

[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 cost records were not available, other methods were used to estimate the costs 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, 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
Portable structures	20
Other buildings	20
First-time equipping of schools	10
Furniture	10
Equipment	5-15
Computer hardware	5
Computer software	5
Vehicles	5-10
Leasehold improvements	Over the lease term

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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.

Land permanently removed from service and held for resale is recorded at the lower of cost and 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 Statements of Financial Position.

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

[j] 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, 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.

[k] 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.

[l] Long-term debt

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

[m] 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.

[n] Use of estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1[a] 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. Significant estimates include assumptions used in estimating the collectability of

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

accounts receivable to determine the allowance for doubtful accounts, in estimating provisions for accrued liabilities and in performing actuarial valuations of employee future benefits liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

[o] 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.

[p] Adoption of New Accounting Standards

The entity has adopted the following new Canadian Public-Sector Accounting Standards, which became effective for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2017. Adoption of these standards has resulted in no retrospective adjustments.

PS 2200, Related Party Disclosures

This section defines a related party and identifies disclosures for related parties and related party transactions, including key management personnel, Board members, and close family members. This new section defines a related party and establishes disclosure required for related party transactions. Disclosure of information about related party transactions and the relationship underlying them is required when they have occurred at a value different from that which would have been arrived at if they parties were unrelated, and they have, a material financial effect on the financial statements.

PS 3420, Inter-entity Transactions

This section establishes standards on how to account for and report transactions between public sector entities that comprise a government's reporting entity from both a provider and recipient perspective.

PS 3210, Assets

This section provides guidance for applying the definition for assets set out in PS 1000, financial statement concepts, and establishes general disclosure standards for assets.

PS 3320, Contingent Assets

This section defines and establishes disclosure standards for contingent assets when the occurrence of a confirming future event is likely. Contingent assets are not recorded in the consolidated financial statements.

PS 3380, Contractual Rights

This section defines and establishes disclosure standards for contractual rights when rights to economic resources will result in both an asset and revenue in the future.

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2. INVESTMENTS

Long-term investments are comprised of GIC \$5,142,696 that are recorded at cost. These investments are assessed regularly for impairment and are written down if a permanent impairment exists.

3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE – GOVERNMENT 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 \$129,393,789 at August 31, 2018 [2017 - \$144,876,393] as with respect to this capital grant.

4. ASSETS HELD FOR SALE

As of August 31, 2018, \$530,093 (2017- \$26,580) related to buildings were recorded as assets held for sale. This is being deferred for future capital asset purchases according to Ontario Regulation 193/10.

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, 2018 is comprised of the following:

	Balance at August 31, 2017	Externally restricted revenue and investment income	Revenue recognized during the year	Transfers to Deferred Capital Contributions	Balance at August 31, 2018
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Education development charges	-	2,217,342	2,217,342	-	-
Proceeds of disposition-building	9,149,600	745,988	-	-	9,895,588
Special Education	2,037,909	39,226,294	39,100,524	-	2,163,679
Assets Held for Sale	26,119	503,974	-	-	530,093
Green Schools Pilot	11,080				11,080
Other-Ministry of Education	4,158,368	26,224,384	22,421,711	2,884,180	5,076,861

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School Renewal	1,657,970	4,476,172	2,150,673	3,227,925	755,544
School Generated Funds	17,500	95,574	-	95,574	17,500
Total deferred revenue	17,058,546	73,489,728	65,890,250	6,207,679	18,450,345

6. 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.

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Balance, beginning of the year	320,354,491	314,586,311
Additions to deferred capital contributions	24,913,984	20,438,155
Revenue recognized in the period	(15,533,007)	(14,669,975)
In year capital adjustment	(542,849)	-
Transfers to deferred revenue	(530,093)	-
Balance, end of the year	328,662,526	320,354,491

7. RETIREMENT AND OTHER EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS

Retirement and other employee future benefit liabilities are as follows:

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	2018		2017	
	Retirement benefits \$	Other employee future benefits \$	Total employee future benefits \$	Total employee future benefits \$
Accrued employee future benefit obligation at August 31	4,647,143	3,305,840	7,952,983	9,059,867
Unamortized actuarial gain (loss) at August 31	(299,328)	-	(299,328)	(479,702)
Employee future benefits liability	4,347,815	3,305,840	7,653,655	8,580,165

**7. RETIREMENT AND OTHER EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS
(continued)**

Retirement and other employee future benefit expenses are as follows:

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	2018			2017
	Retirement benefits \$	Other employee future benefits \$	Total employee future benefits \$	Total employee future benefits \$
Current year benefit cost	-	(117,439)	(117,439)	(186,081)
Interest on accrued benefit obligation	122,307	88,783	211,090	196,751
Benefit Payments	(302,612)	(840,219)	(1,142,831)	(1,263,496)
Recognition of unamortized actuarial (gain) losses on plan amendments /curtailments	60,183	62,487	122,670	92,601
Employee future benefits change ¹	(120,122)	(806,388)	(926,510)	(1,160,225)

Actuarial Assumptions

The accrued benefit obligations for employee future benefit plans as at August 31, 2018 are based on the most recent actuarial valuations completed for accounting purposes as at August 31, 2018 and based on updated average daily salary and banked sick days as at August 31, 2018. These valuations take into account the plan changes outlined above and the economic assumptions used in these valuations are the Board's best estimates of expected rates of:

	2018 %	2017 %
Inflation	1.5	1.5
Wage and salary escalation until 3% is reached)	0.0 3.75	0.0 4.00
Health insurance cost escalation (decreasing 0.25% per annum until 4% is reached)	7.75	8.00
Discount on accrued benefit obligations	2.90	2.55

Retirement benefits

[i] Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (OMERS)

Teachers and related employee groups are eligible to be members of the Ontario Teachers' 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

7. RETIREMENT AND OTHER EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS (continued)

¹ Excluding pension contributions to OMERS, a multi-employer pension plan, described above.

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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 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, 2018, the Board contributed \$5,247,496 [2016 - \$5,014,207] 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.

[iv] Retirement life insurance and health care benefits

The Board continues to provide life insurance and dental and health care benefits to certain employee groups after retirement until the members reach 65 years of age.

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.

Effective September 1, 2013, employees retiring on or after this date, will no longer qualify for board subsidized premiums or contributions.

Other employee future benefits

[i] Workplace Safety and Insurance Board ["WSIB"] obligations

The Board is a Schedule 2 employer under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act [the "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. Plan changes made in 2012 requires school boards 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 previously negotiated collective agreement included such provision.

A reserve for WSIB has been established by the Board with a balance of \$556,794 [2017- \$556,794] as at August 31, 2018. The Board has also contracted with an insurer for coverage of claims paid in excess of \$500,000 per employee accident.

7. RETIREMENT AND OTHER EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS

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[ii] Long-term disability life insurance and health care benefits

The Board provides life insurance and dental and health care benefits to employees on long-term disability leave. The Board is responsible for the payment of life insurance premiums and the costs of health care benefits under this plan. The Board provides these benefits through an unfunded defined benefit plan. The costs of salary compensation paid to employees on long-term disability leaves are fully insured and not included in this plan.

[iii] Sick Leave Top-Up Benefits

A maximum of 11 unused sick leave 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 \$257,182 (2017 - \$181,587).

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, 2018 (the date at which the probabilities of usage were determined) and is based on the average daily salary and banked sick days of employees as at August 31, 2018.

8. NET LONG-TERM DEBT

Debenture debt, capital loans and leases reported on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position consists of the following:

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Debentures bearing interest at 7.20%, maturing June 9, 2025	5,149,655	5,698,519
Debentures bearing interest at 6.55%, maturing October 26, 2026	2,066,884	2,243,732
Sinking fund debentures bearing interest at 5.70%, maturing October 11, 2017	-	2,637,130
Debentures bearing interest at 5.90%, maturing October 11, 2027	12,386,267	13,335,108
Debentures bearing interest at 5.80%, maturing November 7, 2028	6,774,445	7,232,023
Debentures bearing interest at 5.483%, maturing November 26, 2029	5,310,370	5,634,468
Debentures bearing interest at 4.789%, maturing August 8, 2030	5,933,898	6,292,640
Debentures bearing interest at 4.56% maturing November 15, 2031	5,370,903	5,653,457
Debentures bearing interest at 4.90% maturing March 3, 2033	2,238,254	2,339,300

8. NET LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

Debentures bearing interest at 5.062%

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maturing March 13, 2034	1,363,719	1,418,874
Debentures bearing interest at 5.232% maturing April 13, 2035	2,167,133	2,245,346
Debentures bearing interest at 3.942% maturing September 19, 2025	4,818,303	5,373,574
Debentures bearing interest at 4.833% maturing March 11, 2036	1,111,860	1,150,494
Debentures bearing interest at 3.97% maturing November 15, 2036	8,980,156	9,303,866
Debentures bearing interest at 2.425% maturing November 15, 2021	378,904	481,419
Debentures bearing interest at 3.97 % maturing November 15, 2036	1,225,328	1,269,497
Debentures bearing interest at 2.738% maturing November 15, 2021	148,048	187,822
Debentures bearing interest at 3.564% maturing March 9, 2035	8,876,234	9,202,722
Debentures bearing interest at 3.799% maturing March 19, 2038	23,255,046	24,028,906
Debentures bearing interest at 4.003% maturing March 11, 2039	863,343	889,510
Debenture bearing interest at 2.990% maturing March 9, 2040	29,567,940	30,517,068
	127,986,690	137,135,475
Less sinking funds accumulated	-	-
Balance as at August 31	127,986,690	137,135,475

On June 9, 2000, the Board participated in the issuance of 7.20% debentures by the Ontario School Boards Financing Corporation [the "OSBFC"] maturing June 9, 2025. The principal amount of \$10,937,000 will be repaid in blended payments of interest and principal of \$474,727 twice a year.

On October 19, 2001, the Board participated in the issuance of 6.55% fully amortizing debentures by the OSBFC, maturing October 19, 2026. The principal amount of \$3,921,946 will be repaid in blended payments of interest and principal of \$160,482 twice a year.

Also on October 11, 2002, the Board participated in the issuance of 5.90% fully amortizing debentures by the OSBFC, maturing October 11, 2027. The principal amount of \$22,362,870 will be repaid in blended payments of interest and principal of \$860,910 twice a year.

Also on November 7, 2003, the Board participated in the issuance of 5.80% fully amortizing debentures by the OSBFC, maturing November 7, 2028. The principal amount of \$11,414,600 will be repaid in blended payments of interest and principal of \$435,247 twice a year.

On November 26, 2004, the Board participated in the issuance of 5.483% fully amortizing debentures by the OSBFC, maturing on November 26, 2029. The principal amount of \$8,500,000 will be repaid in blended payments of interest and principal of \$314,327 twice a year.

8. NET LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

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On August 8, 2005, the Board participated in the issuance of 4.789% fully amortizing debentures by the OSBFC, maturing August 8, 2030. The principal amount of \$9,500,000 will be repaid in blended payments of interest and principal of \$327,926 twice a year.

On November 15, 2006, the Board participated in the issuance of 4.56% fully amortizing debentures by the OFA (Ontario Financing Authority), maturing on November 15, 2031. The principal amount of \$7,963,970 will be repaid in blended payments of interest and principal of \$268,583 twice a year.

In March 2008, the Board participated in the issuance of 4.90% fully amortizing debentures by the OFA (Ontario Financing Authority), maturing on March 3, 2033. The principal amount of \$3,058,800 will be repaid in blended payments of interest and principal of \$107,225 twice a year.

In March 2009, the Board participated in the issuance of 5.062% fully amortizing debentures by the OFA (Ontario Financing Authority), maturing on March 13, 2034. The principal amount of \$1,773,547 will be repaid in blended payments of interest and principal of \$63,145 twice a year.

In April 2010, the Board participated in the issuance of 5.232% fully amortizing debentures by the OFA (Ontario Financing Authority), maturing on April 13, 2035. The principal amount of \$2,693,005 will be repaid in blended payments of interest and principal of \$97,340 twice a year.

On September 20, 2010, the Board participated in the issuance of 3.942% fully amortizing debentures by the OFA (Ontario Financing Authority), maturing on September 19, 2025. The principal payment amount of \$8,499,511 will be repaid in blended payments of interest and principal of \$380,839 twice a year.

On March 11, 2011, the Board participated in the issuance of 4.833% fully amortizing debentures by the OFA (Ontario Financing Authority), maturing on March 11, 2036. The principal payment amount of \$1,347,274 will be repaid in blended payments of interest and principal of \$46,888 twice a year.

On November 25, 2011, the Board participated in the issuance of 3.97% fully amortizing debentures by the OFA (Ontario Financing Authority), maturing on November 15, 2036. The principal amount of \$10,744,573 will be repaid in blended payments of interest and principal of \$344,945 twice a year.

On October 14, 2011, the Board participated in the issuance of 2.425% fully amortizing debentures by the OFA (Ontario Financing Authority), maturing on November 15, 2021. The principal amount of \$1,003,139 will be repaid in blended payments of interest and principal of \$56,786 twice a year.

On November 25, 2011, the Board participated in the issuance of 3.97% fully amortizing debentures by the OFA (Ontario Financing Authority), maturing on November 15, 2036. The principal amount of \$1,466,079 will be repaid in blended payments of interest and principal of \$47,067 twice a year.

On November 25, 2011, the Board participated in the issuance of 2.738% fully amortizing

8. NET LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

debentures by the OFA (Ontario Financing Authority), maturing on November 15, 2021. The

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principal amount of \$371,252 will be repaid in blended payments of interest and principal of \$22,323 twice a year.

On March 9, 2012, the Board participated in the issuance of 3.564% fully amortizing debentures by the OFA (Ontario Financing Authority), maturing on March 9, 2035. The principal amount of \$10,672,839 will be repaid in blended payments of interest and principal of \$325,794 twice a year.

On March 20, 2013, the Board participated in the issuance of 3.799% fully amortizing debentures by the OFA (Ontario Financing Authority), maturing on March 19, 2038. The principal amount of \$26,848,889 will be repaid in blended payments of interest and principal of \$839,719 twice a year.

On March 12, 2014, the Board participated in the issuance of 4.003% fully amortizing debentures by the OFA (Ontario Financing Authority), maturing on March 11, 2039. The principal amount of \$962,066 will be repaid in blended payments of interest and principal of \$30,757 twice a year.

On March 11, 2015, the Board participated in the issuance of 2.990% fully amortizing debentures by the OFA (Ontario Financing Authority), maturing on March 9, 2040. The principal amount of \$32,332,789 will be repaid in blended payments of interest and principal of \$927,727 twice a year.

Principal and interest payments relating to net debenture debt, capital loans and leases of \$175,390,540 outstanding at August 31, 2018 are due as follows:

	Principal and sinking fund contributions \$	Interest \$	Total \$
2018/2019	6,821,244	5,444,274	12,265,518
2019/2020	7,146,729	5,118,790	12,265,519
2020/2021	7,488,983	4,776,535	12,265,518
2021/2022	7,769,822	4,432,347	12,202,169
2022/2023	8,066,336	4,057,199	12,123,535
Thereafter	90,693,576	23,574,710	114,268,286
Net long-term debt	127,986,690	47,403,855	175,390,545

9. TEMPORARY BORROWING

The Board has a banker's acceptance facility available to the maximum of \$15,507,845 for the purpose of bridge financing site purchases.

As at August 31, 2018, the amount drawn under the bankers' acceptance facility was \$11,940,783 (2017 - \$12,975,706) at a rate of 2.70% (2017 - 2.07%)

10. DEBT CHARGES AND CAPITAL LOANS AND LEASES INTEREST

The expense for debt charges, capital loans and leases interest includes principal, sinking fund contributions and interest payments are as follows:

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	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Principal payments on long-term liabilities including contribution to sinking funds	9,148,786	6,253,213
Interest payments on long-term liabilities and temporary borrowings	5,681,045	6,117,804
	<u>14,829,831</u>	<u>12,371,017</u>

Included in debt repayment and sinking fund contributions on the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow in total of \$9,148,786 (2017 - \$4,573,131) are principal payments on long-term debt of \$9,148,786 (2017 - \$6,253,213) sinking fund redemptions of \$nil (2017- \$1,628,758) and sinking fund interest revenue of \$0 (2017 - \$51,325).

11. SHORT-TERM CREDIT FACILITY

The Board has an authorized demand operating line of credit totaling \$25,000,000, of which \$5,000,000 is authorized solely for letters of credit. At August 31, 2018, \$467,759 [2017 - \$467,759] of this line was utilized by letters of credit. The lines of credit bear interest at a fixed rate of 1.0%.

12. PROVINCIAL GRANTS – GRANTS FOR STUDENT NEEDS

As a result of the adoption of PS 3510, property tax revenue will be included in provincial grants. The breakdown between provincial grants for student needs and local tax revenue is as follows:

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Provincial Grants – Grants for Student Needs	271,731,873	259,161,189
Local Taxation	55,341,140	54,978,263
	<u>327,073,013</u>	<u>314,139,452</u>

13. EXPENSES BY OBJECT

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

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	2018		2017
	Budget	Actual	Actual
	<i>(unaudited)</i>		
	\$	\$	\$
EXPENSES			
Salary and wages	249,597,719	250,514,917	239,325,952
Employee benefits	40,030,094	38,986,154	34,638,937
Staff development	1,158,952	1,040,059	898,208
Supplies and services	41,827,931	41,105,474	40,856,701
Interest	5,681,405	5,681,405	6,117,804
Rental expenses	302,800	476,871	434,400
Fees and contract services	4,863,913	5,890,341	5,408,679
Other	1,471,743	4,266,665	1,939,169
Amortization of tangible capital assets	17,014,288	16,325,151	15,332,830
	361,948,845	364,287,037	344,952,680

14. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

Cost

	Balance at August 31, 2017	Additions and Transfers	Disposals	Transfer to Assets Held for Sale	Balance at August 31, 2018
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land	54,001,497	4,561,728	-	-	58,563,225
Land improvements	11,803,122	3,358,014	-	-	15,161,136
Buildings	444,650,793	25,562,985	-	(1,477,917)	468,735,861
Portable structures	11,914,015	-	-	-	11,914,015
Construction in progress	7,492,041	(6,709,671)	-	-	782,370
First time equipping	9,634,144	831,461	-	-	10,465,605
Furniture and equipment	2,317,422	153,667	-	-	2,471,089
Computer hardware	4,702,861	1,287,652	(1,482,674)	-	4,507,839
Computer software	277,846	166,906	-	-	444,752
Capital leases	307,355	-	-	-	307,355
Leasehold improvements	7,326,310	262,970	-	-	7,589,280
	554,427,406	29,475,712	(1,482,674)	(1,477,917)	580,942,527

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14. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)

Accumulated amortization

	Balance at August 31, 2017 \$	Amortization \$	Disposals Write Offs and Adjustments \$	Transfer to Assets Held for Sale \$	Balance at August 31, 2018 \$
Land	-	-	-	-	-
Land improvements	2,989,071	888,065	-	-	3,877,136
Buildings	140,592,825	13,095,582	-	(947,824)	152,740,583
Portable structures	8,793,486	446,226	-	-	9,239,712
Construction in progress	-	-	-	-	-
First time equipping	7,746,366	390,429	-	-	8,136,795
Furniture and equipment	1,437,814	189,682	-	-	1,627,496
Computer hardware	2,596,796	1,044,629	(1,482,674)	-	2,158,751
Computer software	32,260	72,259	-	-	104,519
Capital leases	155,957	15,365	-	-	171,322
Leasehold improvements	2,859,659	182,914	-	-	3,042,573
	167,204,234	16,325,151	(1,482,674)	(947,824)	181,098,887

Net book value

	Balance at August 31, 2018 \$	Balance at August 31, 2017 \$
Land	58,563,225	54,001,497
Land improvements	11,284,000	8,814,051
Buildings	315,995,278	304,057,968
Portable structures	2,674,303	3,120,529
Construction in progress	782,370	7,492,041
First time equipping	2,328,810	1,887,778
Furniture and equipment	843,593	879,608
Computer hardware	2,349,088	2,106,065
Computer software	340,233	245,586
Capital leases	136,033	151,398
Leasehold improvements	4,546,707	4,466,651
	399,843,640	387,223,172

[i] Assets under construction

Assets under construction having a value of \$782,370 (2017 - \$7,492,041) have not been amortized. Amortization of these assets will commence when the asset is put into service.

[ii] Write-down of tangible capital assets

There has been no write-down of tangible capital assets during the current or prior year.

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15. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

Accumulated surplus consists of the following:

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Unappropriated	7,638,029	6,776,345
Amounts internally restricted for future use of the Board:		
Retirement gratuities	1,056,882	1,056,882
WSIB	556,794	556,794
Snow cleaning	752,067	752,067
Operating commitments	2,561,360	2,561,360
Employee future benefits plan changes	300,000	300,000
Unsupported debenture 2005-A1	951,020	951,020
Other operating needs	3,701,000	2,601,000
Sinking fund interest	158,213	169,125
Committed capital projects	9,049,076	9,052,255
Permanent improvements	1,412,206	1,855,055
Amounts to be recovered		
Employee future benefits liability	(2,235,116)	(3,064,998)
Interest accrual	(1,609,423)	(1,757,038)
Other		
School generated funds	2,528,999	2,366,703
Revenues recognized for land	46,469,327	44,572,186
	<u>73,290,434</u>	<u>68,748,756</u>

16. TRUST FUND

The Board has an interest in a trust, the income of which is to be used for scholarships. At August 31, 2018, funds held in trust by the Board were \$225,061 [2017 - \$227,228]. This amount is not reflected in the consolidated financial statements.

17. 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 \$24,000,000 per occurrence.

The ultimate 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 five-year term expires December 31, 2021.

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18. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Commitments

[i] Operating lease commitments

The Board leases office and automotive equipment under long-term operating leases with various terms and expiration dates. The Board also has leases in place for classroom space and portable classrooms.

The future minimum annual payments required under the leases, excluding any renewals, over the next five years are as follows:

	\$
2018/2019	425,691
2019/2020	419,786
2020/2021	419,786
2021/2022	365,552
2022/2023	339,981
Thereafter	-

[ii] Contractual obligations

The Board enters into contracts for the construction of education facilities. As at August 31, 2018, contractual obligations relating to contracts in progress are approximately \$557,538 [2017 - \$11,199,983].

Contingencies

The Board is involved from time to time in litigation, which arises in the normal course of operations. In respect of any outstanding claims, the Board believes that insurance coverage is adequate and that it has valid defences.

19. CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS

Estimated amounts from contracts which will be received or receivable in 2018/2019 is \$814,630.

20. PARTNERSHIP IN HAMILTON-WENTWORTH STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, A TRANSPORTATION CONSORTIUM

On May 31, 2009, the Board entered into an agreement with the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board in order to provide common administration of student transportation in the Region. This agreement was executed in an effort to increase delivery efficiency and cost effectiveness of student transportation for each of the Boards. Under the agreement, decisions related to the

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financial and operating activities of the Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services are shared and no partner is in a position to exercise unilateral control.

This entity is proportionately consolidated in the Board's consolidated financial statements to reflect the Board's portion of costs incurred. Interdepartmental and inter-organizational transactions and balances between these organizations are eliminated.

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board does not control any assets of Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services. The Board has recorded its shares of revenue and expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

21. REPAYMENT OF "55 SCHOOL BOARD TRUST" FUNDING

On June 1, 2003, the Board received \$1,051,243 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.