Consolidated Financial Statements of

THE LIMESTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Year ended August 31, 2019

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MANAGEMENT REPORT

Year ended August 31, 2019

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of The Limestone District School Board ("Board") are the responsibility of 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 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.

Sebre & Ranty

Director of Education

Superintendent of Business Services and Treasurer

December 11, 2019



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Trustees of The Limestone District School Board

Opinion

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

- the consolidated statement of financial position as at August 31, 2019
- consolidated statements 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 end of August 31, 2019, and its consolidated results of operations, its consolidated changes in net debt and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting as 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 opinion.



Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Presentation

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.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting as described in note 1 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 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.

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 opinion.



The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 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.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants Kingston, Canada December 11, 2019

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

August 31, 20	2019, with	comparative	information	for 2018
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		2019	2018
Financial assets:			
Cash	\$	34,775,485	\$ 33,629,041
Accounts receivable:	·		, ,
Municipalities		4,998,001	5,177,105
Government of Ontario (note 2)		104,061,065	98,798,892
Other		4,509,733	4,702,540
Investments		1,420,917	1,398,354
Total financial assets		149,765,201	143,705,932
Financial liabilities:			
Temporary borrowing (note 3)		6,866,000	10,063,000
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		29,447,348	22,711,883
Net long-term liabilities (note 8)		75,349,755	78,326,457
Deferred revenue (note 5)		17,206,975	16,156,477
Funds held in trust		1,580,399	1,496,493
Employee benefit liability (note 4(d))		9,270,523	10,320,830
Deferred capital contributions (note 6)		230,491,945	197,664,039
Total financial liabilities		370,212,945	336,739,179
Net debt		(220,447,744)	(193,033,247)
Non-financial assets:			
Prepaid expenses		1,534,078	1,683,538
Tangible capital assets (note 13)		238,166,156	205,431,153
Total non-financial assets		239,700,234	207,114,691
Contingent liabilities and commitments (notes 10 and 11)			
Accumulated surplus	\$	19,252,490	\$ 14,081,444

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

On Behalf of the Board:

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Director of Education

Chair of the Board

Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus

Year ended August 31, 2019, with comparative information for 2018

	Budget 2019		2018			
		(note 14)				
Revenues:						
Municipal grants	\$	60,919,426	\$	61,667,125	\$	61,031,973
Provincial grants:						
Grants for student needs		201,921,585		194,567,480		193,385,012
Other		3,875,375		3,150,809		5,904,469
Federal grants and fees		75,647		69,889		101,167
Investment income		335,000		880,519		706,279
Other		5,620,416		6,271,787		6,329,011
School fundraising		6,100,000		5,762,292		6,009,898
		278,847,449		272,369,901		273,467,809
Expenses (note 15):						
Instruction		199,413,331		194,937,431		192,294,687
Administration		7,323,729		7,599,229		7,169,389
Transportation		16,467,779		16,240,334		15,471,947
Pupil accommodation		47,702,668		40,262,271		44,234,540
Other		2,183,246		2,408,146		4,051,509
School funded activities		6,100,000		5,751,444		6,035,817
		279,190,753		267,198,855		269,257,889
Annual surplus (deficit)		(343,304)		5,171,046		4,209,920
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year		14,081,444		14,081,444		9,871,524
Accumulated surplus, end of year (note 17)	\$	13,738,140	\$	19,252,490	\$	14,081,444
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Debt

Year ended August 31, 2019, with comparative information for 2018

	2019	2018
Annual surplus	\$ 5,171,046 \$	4,209,920
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(45,101,876)	(36,450,881)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	12,366,873	15,436,014
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	(14,302)	(3,981)
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	322,999	1,629,753
Gain on sale allocated to deferred revenue	(308,697)	(1,625,772)
	(27,563,957)	(16,804,947)
Acquisition of prepaid expenses	149,460	(478,028)
Increase in net debt	(27,414,497)	(17,282,975)
Net debt, beginning of year	(193,033,247)	(175,750,272)
Net debt, end of year	\$ (220,447,744) \$	(193,033,247)

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

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended August 31, 2019, with comparative information for 2018

		2019	2018
Operating transactions:			
Annual surplus	\$	5,171,046 \$	4,209,920
Non-cash items including:	Ŧ	-,,	.,,
Amortization, write downs and gain/loss on disposal		12,352,571	15,432,033
Amortization of deferred capital contributions		(12,273,970)	(15,343,151)
Deferred gain on disposal of tangible capital assets Change in non-cash assets and liabilities:		(308,697)	(1,625,772)
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable (non-capital) Increase in accounts payable		(11,800,028)	2,310,998
and accrued liabilities		6,735,465	7,695,943
Increase in deferred revenue		244,935	36,269
Increase (decrease) in funds held in trust		83,906	(19,623)
Decrease in employee benefit liability		(1,050,307)	(358,436)
Increase (decrease) in prepaid expenses		149,460	(478,028)
		(5,866,665)	7,650,233
Cash provided by (applied to) operating transactions		(695,619)	11,860,153
Capital transactions:			
Cash used to acquire tangible capital assets		(45,101,876)	(36,450,881)
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets		322,999	1,629,753
Cash applied to capital transactions		(44,778,877)	(34,821,128)
Investing transactions:			
Decrease (increase) in investments		(22,563)	29,211
Financing transactions:			
Increase (decrease) in temporary borrowing		(3,197,000)	9,243,000
Debt repayment		(2,976,702)	(6,697,500)
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable -			
Government of Ontario (approved capital)		6,909,766	(5,629,545)
Increase in deferred capital contributions		45,101,876	35,099,025
Increase in deferred capital revenue		805,563	4,271,244
Cash provided by financing transactions		46,643,503	36,286,224
Increase in cash		1,146,444	13,354,460
Cash, beginning of year		33,629,041	20,274,581
Cash, end of year	\$	34,775,485 \$	33,629,041

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

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Year ended August 31, 2019

1. Significant accounting policies:

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

(a) 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 Limestone District School Board ("the Board") and which are controlled by the Board.

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

(b) 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 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.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended August 31, 2019

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(b) Basis of accounting (continued):

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 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.

(c) Investments:

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

Investments are recorded at lower of cost plus or minus amortization of bond discounts or premiums or market. Interest on the investments is accrued as earned. Gains or losses on the sale of investments are recognized in the year of sale. Amortization of bond discounts or premiums are accrued over the term of the investment.

(d) Non-financial assets:

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

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended August 31, 2019

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(e) Tangible capital assets:

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

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

Rate	Estimated Useful Lives
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Land improvements with finite lives	15 years
Buildings	40 years
Portable structures	20 years
First-time equipping of schools	10 years
Furniture	10 years
Equipment	5 to 15 years
Computer hardware	5 years
Computer software	5 years
Vehicles	5 to 10 years

Assets under construction 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 cease to be amortized and the carrying value is written down to its residual value.

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

(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.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended August 31, 2019

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 when the asset has been acquired. 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 transfer 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:

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

As part of ratified labour collective agreements for unionized employees that bargain centrally and ratified central discussions with the principals and vice-principals associations, the following Employee Life and Health Trusts (ELHTs) were established in 2016-2017: ETFO and OSSTF. The following (ELHTs) were established in 2017-2018: CUPE-EWBT and ONE-T for non-unionized employees including principals and vice-principals. The ELHTs provide health, dental and life insurance benefits to teachers (excluding daily occasional teachers), education workers (excluding casual and temporary staff) and other school board staff. These benefits are provided through a joint governance structure between the bargaining/employee groups, school board trustees associations and the Government of Ontario. Boards no longer administer health, life and dental plans for their employees and instead are required to fund the ELHTs on a monthly basis based on a negotiated amount per full-time equivalency (FTE). Funding for the ELHTs is based on the existing benefits funding embedded within the Grants for Student Needs (GSN), including additional ministry funding in the form of a Crown contribution and Stabilization Adjustment.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended August 31, 2019

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(h) Retirement and other employee future benefits (continued):

Depending on prior arrangements and employee groups, the Board continues to provide health, dental and life insurance benefits for retired individuals that were previously represented by the following unions/federations: ETFO, OSSTF and CUPE.

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 costs trends, disability recovery rates, long-term inflation rates and discount rates. The cost of retirement gratuities is actuarially determined using the employee's salary, banked sick days and years of service as at August 31, 2012 and management's best estimate of discount rates. Any actuarial gains and losses arising from changes to the discount rate are amortized over the expected average remaining service life of the employee group.

For self-insured retirement and other employee future benefits that vest or accumulate over the periods of service provided by employees, such as life insurance 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 and long-term disability, 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 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.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended August 31, 2019

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(i) Government transfers:

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

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

(j) Accumulated surplus – available for compliance, internally appropriated:

Certain amounts, as approved by the Board of Trustees, are set aside as internally appropriated funds for future operating and capital purposes. Transfers to and/or from internally appropriated funds are an adjustment to the respective fund when approved.

(k) Investment income:

Investment income is reported as revenue in the period earned.

Investment income earned on restricted funds forms part of the respective deferred revenue balances.

(I) 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 Municipal Grants.

(m) Budget figures:

Budget figures have been provided for comparison purposes and have been derived from the budget approved by the Board of Trustees. The budget approved by the Board of 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. Given differences between the funding model and the basis of accounting used by the Board in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements, the budget figures presented have been adjusted to conform with this basis of accounting as it is used to prepare the consolidated financial statements.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended August 31, 2019

1. Significant accounting principles (continued):

(n) Use of estimates:

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with the basis of accounting described in note 1(b) 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 benefit liabilities.

2. Accounts receivable - Government of Ontario:

The Province of Ontario (the "Province") replaced variable capital funding with a one-time debt support grant in 2010. 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 accounts receivable.

The Board has an account receivable from the Province of \$91,889,126 as at August 31, 2019 (2018 - \$98,798,892) 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 the Board 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, 2019 is \$12,171,939.

3. Temporary borrowing:

The Board's financing agreement with its bank provides for an operating credit facilities as follows:

The Board has a revolving term loan of up to \$28,381,954 to finance capital expenses under the Ministry's "School Condition Improvement" Program, with \$2,277,000 utilized as at August 31, 2019 (2018 - \$2,423,000) under the facility by way of a demand revolving loan or by a bankers' acceptance having terms not less than 30 days and not more than 365 days and a stamping fee of 0.75% per annum.

The Board has a revolving term loan of up to \$8,884,227 for the construction of the new Kingston Intermediate and Secondary School to finance capital expenses under the Ministry's "Capital Priorities" Grant with \$4,589,000 utilized as at August 31, 2019 (2018 - \$7,640,000) under the facility by way of a demand revolving loan or by a bankers' acceptance having terms not less than 30 days and not more than 365 days and a stamping fee of 0.75% per annum.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended August 31, 2019

4. Employee benefits liability:

(a) Retirement gratuities and benefits, post-retirement benefits and workers' compensation:

The Board provides retirement gratuities and benefits and post-retirement benefits to various employees. An independent actuarial study of the retirement gratuities and benefits and post-retirement benefits has been undertaken. The most recent valuation of the employee future benefits was completed as at August 31, 2019.

(i) Retirement gratuities and benefits:

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 gratuities payable to eligible employees at retirement is based on their salary, accumulated sick days, and years of service as at August 31, 2012.

The Board has a liability related to these retirement gratuities and benefits. At August 31, 2019, the Board's accrued benefit liability relating to retirement gratuities and benefits is \$6,557,758 (2018 - \$7,578,434). Accumulated surplus has been internally appropriated for these liabilities, which amounted to \$5,780,322 for retirement gratuities and benefits respectively as at August 31, 2019 (2018 - \$1,230,068).

(ii) Post-retirement benefits:

The Board offers its permanent employees extended health and dental benefits and pays the costs of the benefits provided. The Board also offers life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment to its permanent employees and pays a share of the costs of the benefit provided which will vary depending on the collective agreement of the employee.

Early retirees are allowed to continue their coverage under the Board sponsored extended health, dental care and insurance plans until age 65. Most employees are required to reimburse the Board for the full cost of the benefits. The post-retirement benefit costs and liabilities are included in the Board's consolidated financial statements.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended August 31, 2019

4. Employee benefits liability (continued):

- (a) Retirement gratuities and benefits, post-retirement benefits and workers' compensation (continued):
 - (ii) Post-retirement benefits (continued):

At August 31, 2019, the Board's accrued benefit liability relating to post-retirement benefits is \$244,192 (2018 - \$14,426). Accumulated surplus has been internally appropriated for this liability, which amounted to \$31,149 as at August 31, 2019 (2018 - \$14,426).

Retirement gratuities and benefits and other post-retirement benefit expenses:

				2019	2018
			Other	Total	Total
			post-	retirement	retirement
	Retirement	1	retirement	and post-	and post-
	gratuities		benefit	retirement	retirement
	and benefits		expenses	benefits	benefits
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Accrued benefit liability, September 1	\$ 7,578,434	\$	14,426	\$ 7,592,860	\$ 8,284,442
Change due to plan amendment	φ 7,070,404	Ψ	244,192	244,192	Ψ 0,204,442
Amortization of actuarial loss	76,032			76,032	102,192
Interest on accrued benefit	,				,
obligation	213,562		206	213,768	216,276
Benefit payments	(1,310,270)		(14,632)	(1,324,902)	(1,010,050)
Accrued benefit liability,					
August 31	6,557,758		244,192	6,801,950	7,592,860
Net employee future	¢ 000 504	ሱ	044 000	¢ 522.002	¢ 040.460
benefit expenses	\$ 289,594	\$	244,398	\$ 533,992	\$ 318,468
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Accrued employee future					
benefit obligations, August 31	\$ 7,446,212	\$	244,192	\$ 7,690,404	\$ 8,033,773
Unamortized actuarial loss	(888,454)		244,192	(888,454)	(440,913)
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Accrued benefit liability,					
August 31	\$ 6,557,758	\$	244,192	\$ 6,801,950	\$ 7,592,860
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Year ended August 31, 2019

4. Employee benefit liability (continued):

- (a) Retirement gratuities and benefits, post-retirement benefits and workers' compensation (continued):
 - (iii) Workplace Safety and Insurance Board ("WSIB"):

This Board is a Schedule 2 employer with 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 up to the amount of its insurance deductibility. 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 the Board to provide a salary top-up to a maximum of 4½ years for employees receiving payments from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, where the previously negotiated collective agreements included such provision. The Board recognizes WSIB payments on a claim basis rather than on a premium basis and reports such claims as expenses in the year in which the payments are made.

The Board carries catastrophic risk insurance and accumulated surplus has been internally appropriated for these liabilities which amounted to \$2,332,392 as at August 31, 2019 (2018 - \$2,597,544).

The amount of the obligation for WSIB that was actuarially determined as at August 31, 2019 is \$2,332,392 (2018 - \$2,597,544).

Information with respect to the Board's Workplace Safety and Insurance Board future payments is as follows:

	2019	2018
Accrued benefit obligation, beginning of year Expense recognized for the period Benefits paid for the period	\$ 2,597,544 278,379 (543,531)	\$ 2,274,876 810,238 (487,570)
Accrued benefit obligation, end of year	\$ 2,332,392	\$ 2,597,544

(iv) Sick leave benefits:

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 the year. The benefit costs expensed in the consolidated financial statements are \$126,393 (2018 - \$142,006).

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Year ended August 31, 2019

4. Employee benefit liability (continued):

- (a) Retirement gratuities and benefits, post-retirement benefits and workers' compensation (continued):
 - (iv) Sick leave benefits (continued):

Sick leave top-up benefits (continued):

The accrued benefit obligation for the sick leave top-up is based on an actuarial valuation for accounting purposes as of August 31, 2019. This actuarial valuation is based on assumptions about future events.

At August 31, 2019, the Board's accrued benefit liability relating to sick leave top-up benefits is \$136,181 (2018 - \$130,426).

(b) The Board has the following liabilities relating to employee benefits described in (a):

The accrued benefit obligations for employee future benefit plans as at August 31, 2019 are based on the most recent actuarial valuations completed for accounting purposes as at August 31, 2019. 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:

0.00%
2.00% per annum
0% per annum
3.50% per annum in 2019, decreasing by
0.25% per annum to an ultimate rate of 3.0%
7.50% per annum in 2019, decreasing by
0.25% per annum to an ultimate rate of 4.0%
, 1.5% per annum

Discount rate	2.90% per annum
Salary escalation	0% per annum
Dental benefits escalation	3.75% per annum in 2018, decreasing by
	0.25% per annum to an ultimate rate of 3.0%
Health benefits escalation	7.75% per annum in 2018, decreasing by
	0.25% per annum to an ultimate rate of 4.0%
Inflation rate	1.5% per annum

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Year ended August 31, 2019

4. Employee benefit liability (continued):

(c) Liability for vacation credits:

Compensated vacation expense is accrued for employees as entitlement to these payments is earned in accordance with the Board's benefit plans for vacation time. Vacation credits earned as at August 31, 2019 amount to \$1,616,276 (2018 - \$1,593,501) and are reported as part of the accounts payable and accrued liabilities on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

(d) Employee benefit liability:

	2019	2018
Employee benefit liabilities are comprised of:		
Retirement gratuities	\$ 6,557,758	\$ 7,578,434
Post-retirement benefits	244,192	14,426
Sick leave top-up benefit	136,181	130,426
Workplace safety and insurance	2,332,392	2,597,544
	9,270,523	10,320,830
Vacation credits	1,616,276	1,593,501
	\$ 10,886,799	\$ 11,914,331

5. 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 by legislation, regulation or agreement.

Deferred revenue has been set aside for specific purposes by legislation, regulation or agreement as at August 31, 2019 and is comprised of:

	Balance as at August 31, 2018	Externally restricted revenue and investment income	Revenue recognized in the period	Transferred to deferred capital contributions	Balance as at August 31, 2019
Special education Capital funds Other	\$ 1,806,401 4,352,969 9,997,107	\$ 29,770,978 545,471 22,559,656	\$ 29,770,978 _ 16,213,743	\$	\$ 1,806,401 4,564,684 10,835,890
Total deferred revenue	\$ 16,156,477	\$ 52,876,105	\$ 45,984,721	\$ 5,840,886	\$ 17,206,975

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Year ended August 31, 2019

5. Deferred revenue (continued):

(a) Special education:

The Province has provided a specific operating grant to be used for the provision of instruction and support to special education students. Any amount not spent by year end must be deferred for use for this specific purpose in future years.

(b) Capital funds:

Capital funds include proceeds of disposition deferred revenue which pertains to the gains on disposal of instructional and administrative buildings and property.

(c) Other:

Other deferred revenue includes many specific program amounts, both capital and operating, from Provincial ministries, primarily the Ministry of Education.

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 on the Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus over the life of the asset acquired.

	2019	2018
Balance, beginning of year Additions to deferred capital contributions Revenue recognized in the period	\$ 197,664,039 45,101,876 (12,273,970)	\$ 177,908,165 35,099,025 (15,343,151)
Balance, end of year	\$230,491,945	\$ 197,664,039

7. Debt charges on capital borrowing:

The expenditure for capital loan interest and interest on unfinanced capital expenses and capital leases reported on the Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus includes:

	2019	2018
Interest payments on long-term debt Accrued interest charges on long-term debt	\$ 3,058,235 (35,292)	\$ 3,632,281 (33,859)
Total interest expenses	\$ 3,022,943	\$ 3,598,422

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Year ended August 31, 2019

8. Net long-term liabilities:

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

	2019	2018
Ontario Financing Authority, maturing November 2031	\$ 3,802,679	\$ 4,024,146
Ontario Financing Authority, maturing March 2033	8,410,310	8,828,650
Ontario Financing Authority, maturing March 2034	8,879,683	9,273,997
Ontario Financing Authority, maturing April 2035	2,780,724	2,890,577
Ontario Financing Authority, maturing March 2036	2,914,242	3,024,476
Ontario Financing Authority, maturing March 2037	5,181,011	5,386,253
Ontario Financing Authority, maturing June 2038	24,141,835	25,001,398
Ontario Financing Authority, maturing March 2039	165,017	170,390
Ontario Financing Authority, maturing March 2040	19,074,254	19,726,570
	\$ 75,349,755	\$ 78,326,457

The Board entered into a loan agreement effective November 3, 2006 with the Ontario Financing Authority in the amount of \$5,967,000 (\$3,802,679 is outstanding as at August 31, 2019) to finance capital improvement projects under the Ministry's "Good Places to Learn" initiative. The loan has a fixed interest rate of 4.56% and will be repaid over twenty-five years in equal semi-annual instalments combining principal and interest of \$201,236. The loan will be fully repaid by November 2031.

The Board entered into a second loan agreement effective March 3, 2008 with the Ontario Financing Authority in the amount of \$12,065,240 (\$8,410,310 is outstanding as at August 31, 2019) to finance capital improvement projects under the Ministry's "Good Places to Learn" and "Primary Class Size" initiatives. The loan has a fixed interest rate of 4.90% and will be repaid over twenty-five years in equal semi-annual instalments combining principal and interest of \$422,941. The loan will be fully repaid by March 2033.

The Board entered into a third loan agreement effective March 3, 2009 with the Ontario Financing Authority in the amount of \$12,061,042 (\$8,879,683 is outstanding as at August 31, 2019) to finance capital improvement projects under the Ministry's "Good Places to Learn" initiative. The loan has a fixed interest rate of 5.062% and will be repaid over twenty-five years in equal semi-annual instalments combining principal and interest of \$429,418. The loan will be fully repaid by March 2034.

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8. Net long-term liabilities (continued):

The Board entered into a fourth loan agreement effective April 2010 with the Ontario Financing Authority in the amount of \$3,592,034 (\$2,780,724 is outstanding as at August 31, 2019) to finance capital improvement projects under the Ministry's "Good Places to Learn" initiative. The loan has a fixed interest rate of 5.232% and will be repaid over twenty-five years in equal semi-annual instalments combining principal and interest of \$129,835. The loan will be fully repaid by April 2035.

The Board entered into a fifth loan agreement effective March 2011 with the Ontario Financing Authority in the amount of \$3,664,849 (\$2,914,242 is outstanding as at August 31, 2019) to finance capital improvement projects under the Ministry's "Good Places to Learn" initiative. The loan has a fixed interest rate of 4.833% and will be repaid over twenty-five years in equal semi-annual instalments combining principal and interest of \$127,545. The loan will be fully repaid by March 2036.

The Board entered into a sixth loan agreement effective March 2012 with the Ontario Financing Authority in the amount of \$6,476,464 (\$5,181,011 is outstanding as at August 31, 2019) to finance capital improvement projects under the Ministry's "Good Places to Learn" initiative. The loan has a fixed interest rate of and will be repaid over twenty-five years in equal semi-annual instalments combining principal and interest of \$197,698. The loan will be fully repaid by March 2037.

The Board entered into a seventh loan agreement effective June 2013 with the Ontario Financing Authority in the amount of \$28,505,666 (\$24,141,835 is outstanding as at August 31, 2019) to finance capital improvement projects under the Ministry's "New Pupil Places and Good Places to Learn" initiatives. The loan has a fixed interest rate of 3.663% and will be repaid over twenty-five years in equal semi-annual instalments combining principal and interest of \$883,782. The loan will be fully repaid by June 2038.

The Board entered into an eighth loan agreement effective March 2014 with the Ontario Financing Authority in the amount of \$189,874 (\$165,017 is outstanding as at August 31, 2019) to finance capital improvement projects under the Ministry's "New Pupil Places" initiatives. The loan has a fixed interest rate of 4.003% and will be repaid over twenty-five years in equal semi-annual instalments combining principal and interest of \$6,070. The loan will be fully repaid by March 2039.

The Board entered into a ninth loan agreement effective March 2015 with the Ontario Financing Authority in the amount of \$21,571,170 (\$19,074,254 is outstanding as at August 31, 2019) to finance capital improvement projects under the Ministry's "New Pupil Places" initiatives. The loan has a fixed interest rate of 2.993% and will be repaid over twenty-five years in equal semi-annual instalments combining principal and interest of \$618,943. The loan will be fully repaid by March 2040.

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8. Net long-term liabilities (continued):

Payments due on long-term debt over the next five years and subsequent payments to maturity are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
For the year ended August 31			
2020	\$ 3,098,133	\$ 2,936,803	\$ 6,034,936
2021	3,224,716	2,810,220	6,034,936
2022	3,356,676	2,678,260	6,034,936
2023	3,494,249	2,540,687	6,034,936
2024	3,637,684	2,397,252	6,034,936
Future years	58,538,297	15,966,697	74,504,994
	\$ 75,349,755	\$ 29,329,919	\$ 104,679,674

9. Pension plan costs:

(a) Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan:

Teachers and related employee groups are eligible to be members of Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan. Employer contributions for these employees are provided directly by the Province of Ontario ("Province"). 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.

(b) Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System:

All non-teaching employees of the Board are eligible to be members of the Ontario Municipal 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, 2019, the Board contributed \$3,197,719 (2018 - \$3,121,507) to the plan. As this is a multi-employer pension plan, these contributions are the Board's pension benefit expense. No pension liability for this type of plan is included in the Board's consolidated financial statements.

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10. Contingent liabilities:

(a) 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.

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

(b) The Board is involved with pending litigation and claims which arose in the normal course of operations. In the opinion of the administration, any liability that may arise from such contingencies would not have a significant adverse effect on the consolidated financial statements of the Board. Any adjustments, arising from these matters, will be provided for in future years.

11. Commitments:

- (a) The Board has entered into contract commitments for \$44,866,200 related to the new Kingston Intermediate and Secondary School. As of August 31, 2019, \$35,891,377 in expenses have been incurred and are included in land and construction in progress as part of tangible capital assets on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.
- (b) On June 1, 2003, the Board received \$6,139,800 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 the future provincial grants payable of the Board in respect of the NPF debt. Provincial funds in the amount of \$457,419 (2018 \$457,419) flowed through the provincial grants for student needs revenues and other expenses on the Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus to reflect the principal and interest repayments for the year ended August 31, 2019.

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

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12. Trust funds:

- (a) The Board was the trustee for \$3,882,555 (2018 \$3,152,010) held for employees' selffunded leave plans. These amounts are not included in the Board's consolidated financial statements.
- (b) The Limestone Learning Foundation, a registered charity, holds donated funds, the benefits of which are to be used for purchases of specific educational opportunities for students solely in the Limestone District School Board. As at December 31, 2018, the Foundation held assets of \$2,147,061 (2017 - \$2,115,689). These amounts are not included in the Board's consolidated financial statements.

13. Tangible capital assets:

Cost	Balance at August 31, 2018	Additions	Disposals, write-offs and adjustments	Balance at August 31, 2019
Land	\$ 4,551,274	\$	\$	\$ 4,551,274
Land improvements	8,999,012	5,486,195	(32,076)	14,453,131
Buildings	285,381,330	18,485,088	(1,114,068)	302,752,350
Portable structures	4,010,235	_	_	4,010,235
Furniture and equipment	5,730,343	982,257	(192,339)	6,520,261
Computer hardware	2,927,731	266,521	(1,634,572)	1,559,680
Computer software	491,986	_	(205,253)	286,733
Vehicles	1,920,766	195,096	(67,258)	2,048,604
Construction-in-progress	15,214,658	19,686,719		34,901,377
Total	\$ 329,227,335	\$ 45,101,876	\$ (3,245,566)	\$ 371,083,645

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13. Tangible capital assets (continued):

Accumulated amortization	Balance at August 31, 2018	Amortization	Disposals, write-offs and adjustments	Balance at August 31, 2019
Land improvements Buildings Portable structures Furniture and equipment Computer hardware Computer software Vehicles	\$ 3,454,150 111,443,128 2,332,583 2,819,531 2,132,663 232,791 1,381,336	 \$ 2,308,658 8,627,577 191,697 550,655 448,741 77,872 161,673 	\$ (32,076) (1,114,068) - (192,339) (1,634,572) (205,253) (67,258)	\$5,730,732 118,956,637 2,524,280 3,177,847 946,832 105,410 1,475,751
Total	\$ 123,796,182	\$ 12,366,873	\$ (3,245,566)	\$ 132,917,489

	Net book value August 31, 2018	Net book value August 31, 2019	
Land	\$ 4,551,274	\$ 4,551,274	
Land improvements	5,544,862	8,722,399	
Buildings	173,938,202	183,795,713	
Portable structures	1,677,652	1,485,955	
Furniture and equipment	2,910,812	3,342,414	
Computer hardware	795,068	612,848	
Computer software	259,195	181,323	
Vehicles	539,430	572,853	
Construction-in-progress	15,214,658	34,901,377	
Total	\$ 205,431,153	\$238,166,156	

14. Budget data:

The budget data presented in these consolidated financial statements is based upon the revised 2018-2019 original budget that was approved by the Board on June 20, 2018.

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15. Expenses by object:

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

	2019	2019	2018
	Budget	Actual	Actual
	(note 14)		
Expenses:	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
Salary and wages	\$ 180,091,320	\$ 177,774,557	\$ 175,451,531
Employee benefits	29,343,199	27,881,497	26,973,887
Staff development	933,448	757,838	767,809
Supplies and services	17,652,961	17,204,540	17,868,329
Interest on long-term debt	3,022,942	3,022,943	3,598,422
Rental expenses	154,000	145,648	158,833
Fees and contract services	21,643,565	20,969,535	20,367,451
Other	998,459	1,323,980	2,599,796
	\$253,839,894	\$ 249,080,538	\$247,786,058
Amortization	\$ 19,250,859	\$ 12,366,873	\$ 15,436,014
School activities	\$ 6,100,000	\$ 5,751,444	\$ 6,035,817
Total expenses	\$279,190,753	\$267,198,855	\$ 269,257,889

16. Related entities:

Tri-Board Student Transportation Services:

The Board has a one-third economic interest in Tri-Board Student Transportation Services ("Tri-Board"). Tri-Board's principal activity is to provide student transportation for three school boards including the Limestone District School Board. Related party transactions with Tri-Board Student Transportation Services during the year, not separately disclosed in the consolidated financial statements, include the following:

- (i) The Board purchased student transportation services totalling \$14,923,000 (2018 \$14,623,717) and administration costs of \$621,642 (2018 \$597,422).
- (ii) The Board received management fees of \$30,000 (2018 \$30,000).

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16. Related entities (continued):

Tri-Board's assets, liabilities, revenue, expenses and surplus (deficit) for the year ended August 31, 2019 are as follows:

	2019	2018
Financial assets Financial liabilities	\$ 1,699,194	\$ 1,359,892
Financial habilities	(1,879,972)	(1,663,425)
Net debt	(180,778)	(303,533)
Non-financial assets	238,010	283,322
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	\$ 57,232	\$ (20,211)
	2019	2018
Revenue	\$ 40,691,195	\$ 39,717,335
Expenses	40,613,752	39,690,074
Annual surplus	\$ 77,443	\$ 27,261

17. Accumulated surplus:

Accumulated surplus consists of the following:

	2019	2018
Available for compliance:		
Unappropriated	\$ 2,646,236	\$ 2,642,086
Internally appropriated:		
Pupil Accommodation, School Renewal	3,107,245	3,107,245
Committed Capital Projects	3,122,939	3,215,840
School Budget Balances	2,373,074	2,717,954
Technology Infrastructure	255,383	255,383
Retirement Benefits	5,811,471	1,374,920
Workers Safety Insurance Board	2,332,392	2,597,544
	19,648,740	15,910,972
Unavailable for compliance:		
Employee Future Benefits	(7,471,738)	(8,858,874)
Accrued Interest	(871,401)) (906,694)
School Generated Funds	3,395,613	3,384,764
Revenue Recognized for Land	4,551,276	4,551,276
	(396,250)) (1,829,528)
Accumulated surplus	\$ 19,252,490	\$ 14,081,444

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18. Adoption of new accounting standards:

Effective September 1, 2018, the Board adopted Canadian public sector accounting standard PS 3430 Restructuring Transactions.

The adoption of this standard did not result in an accounting policy change for the Board and did not result in any changes to the consolidated financial statements as at September 1, 2018.