Consolidated Financial Statements of

Waterloo Catholic District School Board

Year ended August 31, 2018

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Waterloo Catholic District School Board (the "Board") are the responsibility of the Board's Management and have been prepared in compliance with legislation, and in accordance with the financial reporting provisions described in note 1(a) to the consolidated financial statements.

A summary of the significant accounting policies are 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 and the Board's internal auditor.

The Audit Committee of the Board meets with Management and 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 Auditors' Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the Board's consolidated financial statements.

Loretta Notten
Director of Education

Shesh Maharaj Chief Financial Officer



November 26, 2018

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees of Waterloo Catholic District School Board

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Waterloo Catholic District School Board, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at August 31, 2018 and the consolidated statements of operations, changes in net debt and cash flows 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 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 is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements of Waterloo Catholic District School Board as at August 31, 2018 and for the year then ended are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the basis of accounting described in note 1 to the consolidated financial statements.

Emphasis of matter or other matter

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to note 1 to the consolidated financial statements which describes the basis of accounting used in preparation of these consolidated financial statements and the significant differences between such basis of accounting and Canadian public sector accounting standards. As a result, the consolidated financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose.

Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

August 31, 2018 with comparative figures for 2017

	2018	2017
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,068,659	\$ 16,027,186
Accounts receivable (note 2)	17,994,147	14,759,704
Assets held for sale (note 3)	2,300,372	1,627,911
Accounts receivable - Government of Ontario approved capital (note 4)	80,712,074	85,632,747
Total financial assets	123,075,252	118,047,548
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	21,404,965	17,163,525
Deferred revenue (note 5)	28,466,407	24,529,047
Deferred capital contributions (note 6)	252,489,708	234,774,35
Retirement and other employee future benefits payable (note 7)	5,103,119	5,002,05
Net debenture debt and capital leases (note 8)	65,039,234	71,200,70
Total liabilities	372,503,433	352,669,688
Net debt	(249,428,181)	(234,622,140
Non-financial assets		
Prepaid expenses	835,596	643,126
Tangible capital assets (note 10)	279,741,083	263,126,444
Total non-financial assets	280,576,679	263,769,570
Contractual obligations and contingencies (notes 13 and 15)		
Accumulated surplus (note 16)	\$ 31,148,498	\$ 29,147,430

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:

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Loretta Notten, Director of Education

Wendy Price, Chair of the Board

Consolidated Statement of Operations

August 31, 2018 with comparative figures for 2017

	2018	2018	2017
	Budget	Actual	Actual
	(Note 18)		
	Unaudited		
Revenues			
Provincial grants - grants for student needs	\$ 258,900,872	\$ 263,187,730	\$ 246,484,146
Provincial grants - other	3,264,362	7,538,945	3,103,351
Federal grants and fees	1,458,053	1,584,188	1,507,786
Other fees and revenues	12,856,013	11,031,254	10,661,722
Investment income	200,000	322,581	260,192
School fundraising	5,232,139	5,668,716	5,410,768
Total revenues	281,911,439	289,333,414	267,427,965
Expenses			
Instruction	217,422,282	224,029,319	209,640,996
Administration	7,421,542	8,490,879	6,850,249
Transportation	5,645,180	6,070,917	5,651,735
Pupil accommodation	40,755,925	40,879,607	38,260,025
School funded activities	5,241,574	5,398,297	5,332,151
Other	397,975	2,463,327	397,975
Total expenses (note 12)	276,884,478	287,332,346	266,133,131
Annual surplus	5,026,961	2,001,068	1,294,834
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	29,353,041	29,147,430	27,852,596
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$ 34,380,002	\$ 31,148,498	\$ 29,147,430

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

August 31, 2018 with comparative figures for 2017

		2018		2017
Operating activities				
Annual surplus	\$	2,001,068	\$	1,294,834
Sources and (uses):				
tems not involving cash:				
Amortization of tangible capital assets		15,347,154		13,680,985
Grants recognized for deferred capital contributions		(15,347,154)		(13,680,985
Gain on sale of tangible capital assets		(368,485)		(3,115,957
ncrease (decrease) in retirement and other employee future benefits payable		101,064		(362,801
Transfer from deferred revenue to deferred capital contributions		169,205		642,142
Changes in non-cash assets and liabilities:		(98,216)		(2,836,616
Decrease (Increase) in accounts receivable		1,686,230		(8,984,069
ncrease in accounts payable and accrued liabilities		4,241,440		2,497,129
ncrease in deferred revenue		264,247		786,415
ncrease in assets held for sale		(672,461)		(34,467)
Increase in prepaid expenses		(192,470)		(20,446)
		5,326,986		(5,755,438)
Cash provided by operating activities		7,229,838		(7,297,220)
Capital activities				
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets		3,298,632		3,760,861
Cash used to acquire tangible capital assets		(34,891,940)		(24,281,689)
Cash applied to capital activities		(31,593,308)		(20,520,828)
Financing activities				
Capital grants received		32,893,299		23,117,318
Decrease in deferred revenue - capital		3,673,113		5,300,271
Debt repaid and sinking fund contributions		(6,161,469)		(7,606,536)
Cash provided by financing activities		30,404,943		20,811,053
Change in cash and cash equivalents		6,041,473		(7,006,995)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		16,027,186		23,034,181
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	22,068,659	\$	16,027,186
The components of cash and cash equivalents are as follows:		2018		2017
Cash	\$	22,038,767	\$	15,996,263
Cash equivalents	Ψ	29,892	Ψ	30,923
	\$	22,068,659	\$	16,027,186
		2018		2017
Cash paid for interest	\$	3,681,737	\$	4,080,908
Cash received for interest		322,581		260,192

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Debt

August 31, 2018 with comparative figures for 2017

	2018	2018	2017
	Budget Unaudited	Actual	Actual
	Onaudited		
Annual surplus	\$ 5,026,961	\$ 2,001,068	\$ 1,294,834
Tangible capital asset activity			
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(44,153,860)	(34,891,940)	(24,281,689)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	15,107,356	15,347,154	13,680,985
Gain on sale of tangible capital assets	-	(368,485)	(3,115,957)
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	<u> </u>	3,298,632	3,760,861
Total tangible capital asset activity	(29,046,504)	(16,614,639)	(9,955,800)
Other non-financial asset activity			
Acquisition of prepaid expenses	(835,596)	(835,596)	(643,126)
Use of prepaid expenses	835,596	643,126	622,680
Total other non-financial asset activity	-	(192,470)	(20,446)
Increase in net debt	(24,019,543)	(14,806,041)	(8,681,412)
Net debt, beginning of year	(234,622,140)	(234,622,140)	(225,940,728)
Net debt, end of year	\$ (258,641,683)	\$ (249,428,181)	\$ (234,622,140)

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Year ended August 31, 2018

As disciples of Christ, the mission of the Waterloo Catholic District School Board (Board) is to educate and to nurture hope in all learners to achieve their full potential to transform God's world.

1. Significant accounting policies:

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

(a) Basis of accounting:

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

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

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

The accounting policy requirements under Regulation 395/11 are different from the requirements of Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards (PSAB). Canadian public sector accounting standards require that:

- government transfers, which contain a stipulation that creates a liability, are deferred and recognized as revenue by the recipient when approved by the transferor and the eligibility criteria have been met in accordance with Canadian 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 Canadian
 Public Sector Accounting Standard PS3100; and
- property taxation revenue be reported as revenue when received or receivable in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standard PS3510.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, continued

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(a) Basis of accounting (continued):

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

(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 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.

Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region (STSWR) is a transportation consortium operated through a partnership agreement between the Board and the Waterloo Region District School Board whereby certain costs are shared. As a result, a proportionate amount of STSWR's assets and liabilities have been consolidated with the Board's financial statements.

(c) Cash and cash equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and bank balances.

(d) 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 expenditures are incurred or services performed.

(e) 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 contributions (DCC) 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 purposes
- Other restricted contributions received or receivable for capital purposes
- Property taxation revenues which were historically used to fund capital assets

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, continued

Year ended August 31, 2018

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(f) Retirement and other employee future benefits payable:

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

As part of negotiated collective agreements for unionized employees that bargain centrally the OECTA Employee Life and Health Trust (ELHTs) was established in 2016-2017. The following ELHTs were established in 2017-2018: CUPE and ONE-T for non-unionized employees including principals and vice-principals. The ELHTs provide health, life and dental benefits to teachers (excluding daily occasional teachers), education workers (excluding casual and temporary staff), other school board staff and retired individuals up to the school board's participation date into the ELHT. These benefits are being provided through a joint governance structure between the bargaining/employee groups, school board trustee 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),

The Board continues to provide health, dental and life insurance benefits for retired OECTA and CUPE individuals as well as Unifor since they have not yet transferred into an ELHT and continue to have a liability for payment of benefits under these plans.

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

(i) The costs of self-insured retirement and other employee future benefit plans are actuarially determined using management's best estimate of salary escalation, accumulated sick days at retirement, insurance and health care cost trends, disability recovery rates, long-term inflation rates, and discount rates. In prior years, the cost of retirement gratuities that vested or accumulated over the periods of service provided by the employee were actuarially determined using management's best estimate of salary escalation, accumulated sick days (if applicable) at retirement and discount rates. As a result of the plan change, 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. The changes resulted in a plan curtailment and any unamortized actuarial gains and losses are recognized as at August 31, 2012. 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.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, continued

Year ended August 31, 2018

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

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 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. Any actuarial gains and losses related to past service of employees are amortized over the expected average remaining 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 the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS), a multiemployer defined pension plan benefit, 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.

(g) 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				
First–time equipping	10				
Furniture	10				
Equipment	5-15				
Computer hardware and software	5				
Vehicles	5-10				
Leasehold improvements, leased buildings	Over the lease term				

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, continued

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

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

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

(h) 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.

Government transfers for capital that meet the definition of a liability are referred to as DCC. Amounts are recognized into revenue as the liability is depreciated over the useful life of the tangible capital asset. DCC and tangible capital assets will differ by land, which is not depreciated, and items which are not directly supported by the Ministry, such as computer purchases. These unsupported tangible capital assets are funded through operating dollars.

(i) Investment income:

Investment income is reported as revenue in the period earned. When required by the funding government, investment income earned on externally restricted funds such as pupil accommodation, education development charges (EDC) and special education forms part of the respective deferred revenue balances.

(j) Net debenture debt and capital leases:

Net debenture debt and capital leases are recorded net of related sinking fund balances.

(k) Budget figures:

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

(I) Use of estimates:

The preparation of consolidated financial statements (note 1(a)) in conformity with the basis of accounting 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 items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, continued

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

carrying amount of tangible capital assets, valuation allowances for receivables, estimating provisions for accrued liabilities and obligations related to employee future benefits.

Actual results could differ from these estimates. These estimates are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in the period in which they become known.

(m) Property tax revenue:

Under Canadian PSAB guidelines, the entity that determines and sets the tax levy records the revenue in the financial statements. In the case of the Board, this is the Province of Ontario. As a result, property tax revenue received from the municipalities is recorded as Provincial Grants.

(n) 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.

(i) 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 the parties were unrelated, and they have, or could have, a material financial effect on the financial statements.

(ii) 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.

(iii) 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.

(iv) 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.

(v) 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.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, continued

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2. Accounts receivable:

Accounts receivable consists of the following:

	2018	2017
Province of Ontario Other	\$ 2,811,479 15,182,668	\$ 1,822,047 12,937,657
	\$ 17,994,147	\$ 14,759,704

3. Assets held for sale:

As of August 31, 2018, \$2,300,372 (2017 - \$1,627,911) related to land, land improvements and buildings were recorded as assets held for sale.

	Balance at August 31, 2017		Additions		Proceeds		Gain on sale transferred to deferred revenue		Balance at August 31, 2018	
Land Land	\$	21,827	\$ 1,849,900	\$	1,413,459	\$	89,906	\$	548,174	
Improvements Building	\$	1,606,084	106,551 1,646,157		- 1,885,173		- 278,579		106,551 1,645,647	
	\$	1,627,911	\$ 3,602,608	\$	3,298,632	\$	368,485	\$	2,300,372	

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4. Accounts receivable - Government of Ontario approved capital:

The Province of Ontario replaced variable capital funding with a one-time debt support grant on August 31, 2010. The Board received a one-time grant that recognized 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. The Board may also receive yearly capital grants to support capital programs which would be reflected in this accounts receivable balance.

The Board has a receivable balance from the Province of Ontario of \$80,712,074 as at August 31, 2018 (2017 - \$85,632,747) with respect to capital grants.

5. Deferred revenue:

Revenues received which 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:

	Balance at		Externally			Balance at
	August 31,	res	tricted revenue	Revenue	Transferred	August 31,
-	2017		and interest	recognized	to DCC	2018
Proceeds of						
disposition	\$ 12,181,219	\$	2,004,901	\$ -	\$ 169,205	\$ 14,016,915
School renewal	850,226		3,533,143	251,074	3,131,401	1,000,894
Child care retrofit	71,077		-	-	-	71,077
Special education						
accommodation	59,133		-	59,133	-	-
Special education						
equipment	116,313		809,070	925,383	-	-
Asset held for sale	1,606,084		146,117	-	-	1,752,201
Labour framework	1,167,702		-	38,954	-	1,128,748
Third Party	7,895,137		7,458,722	5,091,047	563,257	9,699,555
Other grants	582,156		4,776,760	4,561,899	-	797,017
	\$ 24,529,047	\$	18,728,713	\$ 10,927,490	\$ 3,863,863	\$ 28,466,407

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, continued

Year ended August 31, 2018

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
Deferred capital contributions, beginning of year Add:	\$234,774,358	\$ 224,695,883
Capital contributions received Transfers from deferred revenue	31,332,209 3,863,863	19,106,787 5,266,810
Less:		
Revenue recognized in the year	(15,728,523)	(13,680,985)
Disposal and reclassification of tangible capital assets	(1,752,199)	(614,137)
Deferred capital contributions, end of year	\$ 252,489,708	\$ 234,774,358

7. Retirement and other employee future benefits:

Retirement and other employee future benefits as of August 31, 2018 were as follows:

(a) Employee future benefits liabilities:

			2018	2017
		Other	Total	Total
Retirement and other		employee	employee	employee
employee future	Retirement	future	future	future
benefit liabilities	benefits	benefits	benefits	benefits
Accrued employee future benefit obligations at August 31	\$ 1,643,244	\$ 3,530,490	\$ 5,173,734	\$ 5,125,775
Unamortized actuarial loss/(gain)	(89,466)	18,851	(70,615)	(123,720)
Employee future benefits liabilities	\$ 1,553,778	\$ 3,549,341	\$ 5,103,119	\$ 5,002,055

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, continued

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7. Retirement and other employee future benefits (continued):

(b) Employee future benefits expenses:

			2018	2017
		Other	Total	Total
Retirement and other		employee	employee	employee
employee future	Retirement	future	future	future
benefit liabilities	benefits	benefits	benefits	benefits
Current year benefit cost	\$ -	\$ 1,269,808	\$ 1,269,808	\$ 1,105,323
Recognized actuarial loss	19,776	41,077	60,853	22,386
Interest on accrued benefit obligation	44,310	82,781	127,091	105,480
Employee future benefit expenses	\$ 64,086	\$ 1,393,666	\$ 1,457,752	\$ 1,233,189

Actuarial losses are due to the change in the discount rate used for the retirement gratuity benefits are being amortized over Expected Average Remaining Service Life (EARSL) of 6.72 years. During the year, benefit payments of \$1,331,369 (2017 - \$1,474,093) were made.

Retirement life insurance and health care benefits have been grand-parented for existing retirees and employees who retired on or before August 31, 2013. Effective September 1, 2013, any new retiree accessing retirement life Insurance and health care benefits pays the full premiums for such benefits and will be included in a separate experience pool that is self-funded.

Pension plans:

(i) Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan:

Teachers and certain other employees are eligible to be members of the Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan (OTPP). Employer contributions for these employees are provided directly to OTPP by the 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.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, continued

Year ended August 31, 2018

7. Retirement and other employee future benefits (continued):

(ii) Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System:

Most support staff of the Board are eligible to be members of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS), a multi-employer pension plan. The plan provides defined pension benefits to employees based on their length of service and rates of pay. The Board contributions equal employee contributions to the plan. During the year ended August 31, 2018, the Board contributed \$3,895,686 (2017 - \$3,805,224) 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 plan is included in the Board's consolidated financial statements.

Retirement benefits:

(i) Retirement gratuities:

The retirement gratuity plan entitles employees to a cash payment upon retiring into an OMERS or OTPP pension with 10 or more years of service. The gratuity is the lesser of (i) \$4,000 and (ii) \$40/day up to a maximum of 50% of unused sick leave days as at August 31, 2012.

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.

Other employee future benefits:

(i) Workplace Safety and Insurance Board obligation:

The Board is a Schedule 2 employer under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act and, as such, assumes responsibility for the payment of all claims to its injured workers under the Act. The Board does not fund these obligations in advance of payments made under the Act. The benefit costs and liabilities related to this plan are included in the Board's consolidated financial statements.

(ii) Long-term disability benefits:

The Board provides long-term disability benefits including partial salary compensation and payment of life insurance premiums and health care benefits during the period an employee is unable to work or until their normal retirement date to employees who are not members of an ELHT. The Board provides these benefits through an unfunded defined benefit plan. The benefit costs and liabilities related to this plan are included in the Board's consolidated financial statements.

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7. Retirement and other employee future benefits (continued):

(iii) Sick leave top-up benefits:

As a result of new changes made in 2013 to the short-term sick leave and disability plan, 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 \$113,161 (2017 - \$98,115).

The accrued benefit obligation for the sick leave top-up is based on an actuarial valuation for accounting purposes as of August 31, 2018. This actuarial valuation is based on assumptions about future events.

(iv) Life insurance benefits

The Board provides a separate life insurance benefits plan for certain retirees. The premiums are based on the Board experience and retirees' premiums may be subsidized by the Board. The benefit costs and liabilities related to the subsidization of these retirees under this group plan are included in the Board's consolidated financial statements.

(v) Health care and dental benefits

The Board sponsors a separate plan for certain retirees to provide group health care and dental benefits. The premiums are based on the Board experience and retirees' premiums may be subsidized by the Board. The benefit costs and liabilities related to the plan are included in the Board's consolidated financial statements.

Actuarial assumptions:

The accrued benefit obligations for retirement and other employee future benefit plans as at August 31, 2018 are based on actuarial valuations for accounting purposes as at August 31, 2018. The next actuarial valuation will be available for the year ended August 31, 2019. These actuarial valuations were based on assumptions about future events. The economic assumptions used in these valuations are management's best estimates of expected rates of:

	2018	2017
		_
Inflation	1.50%	1.50%
Wage escalation	0.00%	0.00%
Dental insurance premium escalation	3.75%	4.00%
(thereafter down linearly by 0.25% per annum until 3.0% is reached)		
Health insurance premium escalation	7.75%	8.00%
(thereafter down linearly by 0.25% per annum until 4.0% is reached)		
Discount on accrued benefit obligations	2.90%	2.55%

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8. Net debenture debt and capital leases:

Net debenture and capital lease debt are reported on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position is comprised of the following:

	2018	2017
CIBC Mellon, interest rate of 7.2%, matures June 9, 2025 CIBC Mellon, interest rate of 6.55%, matures October 19, 2026	\$ 1,802,403 20,167,154	\$ 1,994,508 21,892,711
Region of Waterloo, interest rate of 5.487%, matures November 5, 2023	9,539,684	10,989,184
Ontario Financing Authority, interest rate of 4.560%, matures November 15, 2031	3,700,351	3,895,020
Ontario Financing Authority, interest rate of 4.850%, matures March 3, 2033	1,228,061	1,283,502
Ontario Financing Authority, interest rate of 5.062%, matures March 13, 2034	1,439,329	1,497,543
Ontario Financing Authority, interest rate of 4.762%, matures November 15, 2029	5,364,706	5,708,152
Ontario Financing Authority, interest rate of 5.232%, matures April 13, 2035	1,307,458	1,354,645
Ontario Financing Authority, interest rate of 3.942%, matures September 19, 2025	1,760,040	1,962,871
Ontario Financing Authority, interest rate of 4.833%, matures March 11, 2036	3,189,433	3,300,258
Ontario Financing Authority, interest rate of 2.425%, matures November 15, 2021	3,750,290	4,764,960
Ontario Financing Authority, interest rate of 3.564%, matures March 9, 2037	2,802,698	2,905,787
Ontario Financing Authority, interest rate of 3.799%, matures March 19, 2038	8,045,477	8,313,207
Capital lease obligation (a)	942,150	1,338,355
Balance as at August 31	\$ 65,039,234	\$ 71,200,703

⁽a) The Board leases a school under a 25-year lease bearing interest of 10.761%. The lease reverts to the owner at the end of the lease. The term ends on July 31, 2020.

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8. Net debenture debt and capital leases (continued):

Principal and interest payments relating to net debenture debt and capital leases of \$65,039,234 are due as follows:

	Principal	(Capital lease payments	Interest	Total
2018/19 2019/20 2020/21 2021/22 2022/23 Thereafter	\$ 6,060,832 6,372,915 6,702,487 6,488,528 6,273,660 32,198,662	\$	458,596 483,554 - - -	\$ 3,360,010 2,975,076 2,602,247 2,254,153 1,906,967 7,120,287	\$ 9,879,438 9,831,545 9,304,734 8,742,681 8,180,627 39,318,949
	\$ 64,097,084	\$	942,150	\$ 20,218,740	\$ 85,257,974

Interest on long-term debt amounted to \$3,717,970 (2017 - \$4,128,488).

9. Debt charges, capital loans and lease interest:

The principal and interest payments for net debentures, capital leases, operating leases, and sinking fund contributions are as follows:

	2018	2017
Principal payments on net debenture debt including contributions to sinking funds Principal payments on capital leases Payments on operating leases Interest payments on net debenture debt Interest payments on capital leases	\$ 5,765,264 396,205 310,208 3,539,470 178,500	\$ 5,485,293 2,121,243 80,062 3,819,439 309,049
	\$ 10,189,647	\$ 11,815,086

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10. Tangible capital assets:

	Balance at			Balance at
	August 31,	Additions and	Disposals and	August 31,
Cost	2017	transfers	transfers	2018
Land	\$ 26,667,362	\$ 858,579	\$ 1,849,901	\$ 25,676,040
Land improvements	2,925,755	607,226	223,445	3,309,536
Buildings	308,059,793	26,119,279	3,694,984	330,484,088
Portable structures	9,365,188	265,248	2,293,060	7,337,376
First-time equipping	1,732,646	421,526	_,,	2,154,172
Equipment – 5 years	690,078	7,390	_	697,468
Equipment – 10 years	6,213,968	156,789	_	6,370,757
Equipment – 15 years	32,606	147,990	_	180,596
Furniture	415,940	107,696	_	523,636
Computer hardware	4,834,759	1,424,172	_	6,258,931
Computer software	177,486	205,030	-	382,516
Vehicles	349,660	, -	-	349,660
Leasehold improvements	10,986,388	1,350,133	-	12,336,521
Construction in progress	7,046,654	7,803,760	3,529,561	11,320,853
Leased buildings	28,436,520		<u>-</u>	28,436,520
Leased computers	473,680	-	-	473,680
Leased vehicles	24,869	-	-	24,869
	\$ 408,433,352	\$ 39,474,818	\$ 11,590,951	\$ 436,317,219

	Balance at			Balance at
Accumulated	August 31,	Additions and	Disposals and	August 31,
Amortization	2017	transfers	transfers	2018
Land improvements	\$ 1,187,284	\$ 251,203	\$ 116,893	\$ 1,321,594
Buildings	108,599,719	10,731,422	1,927,351	117,403,790
Portable structures	, ,		, ,	
	8,043,352	436,757	2,033,682	6,446,427
First-time equipping	805,485	188,053	-	993,538
Equipment – 5 years	218,313	144,149	-	362,462
Equipment – 10 years	4,047,214	618,242	-	4,665,456
Equipment – 15 years	8,906	7,310	-	16,216
Furniture	67,223	46,979	-	114,202
Computer hardware	2,196,481	1,054,602	-	3,251,083
Computer software	133,551	43,608	-	177,159
Vehicles	182,406	61,327	-	243,733
Leasehold improvements	4,461,723	927,703	-	5,389,426
Leased buildings	14,904,071	788,430	-	15,692,501
Leased computers	426,311	47,369	-	473,680
Leased vehicles	24,869	-	-	24,869
	\$ 145,306,908	\$ 15,347,154	\$ 4,077,926	\$ 156,576,136

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10. Tangible capital assets (continued):

	\$ 263,126,444	\$ 279,741,083	\$ 16,614,639
Leased computers	47,369	-	(47,369)
Leased buildings	13,532,449	12,744,019	(788,430)
Construction in progress	7,046,654	11,320,853	4,274,199
Leasehold improvements	6,524,665	6,947,095	422,430
Vehicles	167,254	105,927	(61,327)
Computer software	43,935	205,357	161,422
Computer hardware	2,638,278	3,007,848	369,570
Furniture	348,717	409,434	60,717
Equipment – 15 years	23,700	164,380	140,680
Equipment – 10 years	2,166,754	1,705,301	(461,453)
Equipment – 5 years	471,765	335,006	(136,759)
First-time equipping	927,161	1,160,634	233,473
Portable structures	1,321,836	890,949	(430,887)
Buildings	199,460,074	213,080,198	13,620,224
Land improvements	1,738,471	1,987,942	249,471
Land	\$ 26,667,362	\$ 25,676,040	\$ (991,322)
Value	2017	2018	Change
Net Book	August 31,	August 31,	
	Balance at	Balance at	

Assets under construction having a value of \$11,320,853 (2017 - \$7,046,654) have not been amortized. Amortization of these assets will commence when the asset is put into service.

The grants recognized for deferred capital contributions for the year ended August 31, 2018 were \$15,347,154 (2017 - \$13,680,985) and the amortization of tangible capital assets was \$15,347,154 (2017 - \$13,680,985).

11. Temporary borrowing:

The Board has lines of credits available to a maximum of \$20 million to address operating requirements and/or to bridge capital expenditures.

Interest on the operating facilities are based on the CIBC's prime lending rate. All loans are unsecured, due on demand and are in the form of bank overdrafts.

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12. Expenses by object:

The following is a summary of certain current and capital expenditures reported on the Consolidated Statement of Operations by object:

	2018	2018	2017
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Current expenditures:			
Salaries and wages	\$ 191,473,407	\$ 196,767,342	\$ 187,257,823
Employee benefits	30,172,154	30,749,072	26,635,873
Staff development	736,753	1,247,277	1,200,240
Supplies and services	15,958,987	17,304,925	16,177,223
Debt charges and interest	3,619,167	3,618,457	3,985,966
Rental expenditures	520,570	495,957	80,062
Fees and contract services	13,518,634	14,441,030	11,227,169
Other	535,875	1,962,835	555,639
School funded activities	5,241,574	5,398,297	5,332,151
Amortization and loss on disposals	15,107,357	15,347,154	13,680,985
	\$ 276,884,478	\$ 287,332,346	\$ 266,133,131

13. Contractual obligations:

At August 31, 2018, the Board is committed to the following contracts for construction:

	\$	6,646,904
Other contractual obligations		562,356
Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School		109,073
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School		122,149
St. Mark Catholic Elementary School		126,714
St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School		138,861
St. Margaret Catholic Elementary School		148,884
Sir Edgar Bauer Catholic Elementary School		194,678
St. Timothy Catholic Elementary School		218,503
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Elementary School		259,803
St. Mary's High School		371,990
Canadian Martyrs Catholic Elementary School		388,786
St. Bernadette Catholic Elementary School		440,655
St. Brigid Catholic Elementary School		499,934
St. David Catholic Secondary School	Ψ	1,273,606
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School	\$	1,790,912

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14. 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 \$20 million per occurrence.

The premiums over a five-year period are based on 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 rolling five year term is based on July 2013 to June 2018 claims history.

15. Contingencies:

The Board has an excess of loss (catastrophe) Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) insurance policy of \$10,000,000 per accident, per employee, aggregate for disease, with a \$1,000,000 deductible per employee, per accident. The Board brings this deductible down to \$300,000 by participating in the School Boards' Cooperative Inc.'s Assistance Program. The Board has not provisioned for any possible WSIB claims that are highly likely to occur based on an actuarially determined assessment and that are in excess of the Board's deductible on its excess of loss insurance policy.

Management is in discussion with 2 employee groups with respect to pay adjustments related to pay equity. The range of dates to be used in the calculation of the adjustment and the new rates of pay have not been determined. Accordingly, there is no accrual in the financial statements related to this issue. It is expected that all adjustments will be agreed upon and paid out during the 2018-2019 school year.

16. Accumulated surplus:

At August 31, accumulated surplus consists of the following:

	2018	2017
Surplus:		
Invested in land	\$ 27,138,562	\$ 26,819,986
Employee future benefits payable	(3,393,987)	(3,940,895)
Interest payable	(1,084,732)	(1,189,385)
Amounts restricted for future use:	,	,
School generated funds	1,724,871	1,454,452
Committed capital	648,299	856,039
Other internally restricted reserves	6,115,485	5,147,233
	\$ 31,148,498	\$ 29,147,430

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17. Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region Inc.:

Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region (STSWR) commenced operating activities in June 2008. As at August 31, 2018, the Board has proportionally consolidated 34.1% (2017 – 33.0%) of STSWR's assets and liabilities. The proportionate percentage incorporated into the consolidated financial statements is based on the ridership of each board. Inter-organizational transactions and balances have been eliminated. The consolidated financial statements include the Board's share of the following:

	2018	2017
Financial position: Financial assets Financial liabilities Non-financial assets	\$ 444,575 (473,207) 28,632	\$ 160,084 (164,469) 4,385
Accumulated surplus	\$ -	\$
Operations: Revenues Expenses	\$ 22,252,106 22,252,106	\$ 20,669,151 20,669,151
Annual surplus	\$ -	\$ -

The Board has guaranteed the line of credit of Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region Inc. up to a maximum of \$2,700,000.

18. Budget reconciliation

The budget approved by the Board on June 19, 2017 was not prepared on a Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards basis consistent with that used to report actual results. The budget was prepared on a modified accrual basis while Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards require a full accrual basis. As a result, the budget figures presented in the statements of operations and change in net debt represent the budget approved by the Board with adjustments as follows:

	2018 Unaudited
Budgeted annual surplus	\$ -
Add: Revenue recognized for land Other amounts not available for compliance	4,435,221 591,740
Budgeted surplus per statement of operations	\$ 5,026,961

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19. Prior year figures

During the year, the Board reclassified some prior period figures to agree with current period presentation. The change has no impact to the overall financial position of the Board.