

Consolidated Financial Statements of

**JAMES BAY LOWLANDS
SECONDARY SCHOOL BOARD**

And Independent Auditors' Report thereon

Year ended August 31, 2020

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the James Bay Lowlands Secondary School Board (the "Board") are the responsibility of the Board's management. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in compliance with Public Sector Accounting Standards as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada.

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

The Board's 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 Board's Trustees meet 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 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 qualified opinion on the Board's consolidated financial statements.

Finance/HR Administrator and Treasurer

March 24, 2021



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of the James Bay Lowlands Secondary School Board

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of James Bay Lowlands Secondary School Board (the "Board"), which comprise:

- the consolidated statement of financial position as at August 31, 2020
- the consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of changes in net financial assets 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, except for the adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of school generated funds revenue referred to in the following paragraph, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Board as at August 31, 2020, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in note 1 to the financial statements.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many school boards, individual schools derive revenue from school fundraising activities held throughout the year. Adequate documentation and controls were not in place throughout the year to allow us to obtain satisfactory audit verification as to the completeness of these revenues. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the individual school.

Therefore, we were not able to determine whether adjustments might be necessary to:

- the financial assets reported in the consolidated statement of financial position as at August 31, 2020 and August 31, 2019



- the school generated funds revenues and annual surplus reported in the consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus for the years ended August 31, 2020 and August 31, 2019
- the accumulated surplus, at the beginning and end of the year, reported in the consolidated statement of financial position and statements of operations and accumulated surplus for the years ended August 31, 2020 and August 31, 2019
- the annual surplus reported in the consolidated statement of cash flows for the years ended August 31, 2020 and August 31, 2019

Our opinion on the financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2020 was qualified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation in scope.

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 Board in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.



Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

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

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 Board's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Board's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our 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 Board to cease to continue as a going concern.
- 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.



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- Obtain sufficient audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Board to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Sudbury, Canada
March 24, 2021

JAMES BAY LOWLANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL BOARD

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

August 31, 2020, with comparative information for 2019

	2020	2019
Financial assets		
Cash	\$ 3,070,403	\$ 1,602,126
Accounts receivable (note 2)	610,937	620,871
Total financial assets	3,681,340	2,222,997
Financial liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 3)	836,898	553,026
Deferred revenue (note 4)	301,594	401,181
Employee future benefits (note 5)	143,333	118,038
Total financial liabilities	1,281,825	1,072,245
Net financial assets	2,399,515	1,150,752
Non-financial assets		
Prepaid expenses	55,197	25,005
Tangible capital assets (note 6)	4,682,485	4,945,420
Total non-financial assets	4,737,682	4,970,425
Effects of COVID-19 (note 13)		
Accumulated surplus (note 7)	\$ 7,137,197	\$ 6,121,177

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

_____ Supervisory Officer

_____ Chair of the Board

JAMES BAY LOWLANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL BOARD

Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus

Year ended August 31, 2020, with comparative information for 2019

	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2019 Actual
Revenue:			
Government of Ontario grants:			
- Grants for Student Needs	\$ 5,712,990	\$ 5,774,131	\$ 5,828,972
- Other	623,090	659,393	506,781
- Funding adjustment	-	(2,565)	447,892
Municipal	-	2,438	2,692
Other fees and revenue	115,000	294,731	192,058
School generated funds	-	44,486	47,185
Gain on sale of capital assets	-	-	6,500
Total revenue	6,451,080	6,772,614	7,032,080
Expenses (note 8):			
Instruction	3,623,652	3,432,756	3,399,861
Administration	488,312	449,616	519,033
Transportation	850,000	547,447	848,763
School operations and maintenance	1,303,661	1,105,699	1,183,476
Teacherages	155,844	175,793	206,452
School generated funds	-	45,283	46,851
Total expenses	6,421,469	5,756,594	6,204,436
Annual surplus	29,611	1,016,020	827,644
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	6,121,177	6,121,177	5,293,533
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$ 6,150,788	\$ 7,137,197	\$ 6,121,177

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Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets

Year ended August 31, 2020, with comparative information for 2019

	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2019 Actual
Annual surplus	\$ 29,611	\$ 1,016,020	\$ 827,644
Tangible capital assets:			
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	-	(48,807)	(102,781)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	284,980	311,742	308,285
<u>Total change due to tangible capital assets</u>	<u>284,980</u>	<u>262,935</u>	<u>205,504</u>
Prepaid expenses:			
Acquisition of prepaid expenses	-	(55,197)	(25,005)
Use of prepaid expenses	-	25,005	34,484
<u>Total change due to prepaid expenses</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(30,192)</u>	<u>9,479</u>
Increase in net financial assets	314,591	1,248,763	1,042,627
Net financial assets, beginning of year	1,150,752	1,150,752	108,125
<u>Net financial assets, end of year</u>	<u>\$ 1,465,343</u>	<u>\$ 2,399,515</u>	<u>\$ 1,150,752</u>

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended August 31, 2020, with comparative information for 2019

	2020	2019
Cash flows provided by (used in):		
Operating activities:		
Annual surplus	\$ 1,016,020	\$ 827,644
Item not involving cash:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	311,742	308,285
	1,327,762	1,135,929
Change in non-cash assets and liabilities:		
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	9,934	(288,786)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	283,872	(9,640)
Decrease in deferred revenue	(99,587)	(54,749)
Increase (decrease) in employee future benefits	25,295	(38,634)
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	(30,192)	9,479
Net change in cash from operating activities	1,517,084	753,599
Capital activities:		
Cash used to acquire tangible capital assets	(48,807)	(102,781)
Net change in cash	1,468,277	650,818
Cash, beginning of year	1,602,126	951,308
Cash, end of year	\$ 3,070,403	\$ 1,602,126

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JAMES BAY LOWLANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL BOARD

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Year ended August 31, 2020

The James Bay Lowlands Secondary School Board is a public school board providing school services in Moosonee Ontario and operates one secondary school.

1. Significant accounting policies:

The consolidated financial statements (the “financial statements”) of the James Bay Secondary School Board (the “Board”) are prepared by management in accordance with Public Sector Accounting Standards as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada.

(a) Basis of accounting:

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Administration Act (the “Act”) supplemented by Ontario Ministry of Education memorandum 2004:B2.

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

In 2011, the government passed Ontario Regulation 395/11 of the Act, requiring contributions received or receivable for the acquisition or development of depreciable tangible capital assets be recorded as deferred capital contributions. Subsequent to Ontario Regulation 395/11, the Board has received instructions from the Ontario Ministry of Education to not recognize deferred capital contributions.

As a result, the Board has adopted Public Sector Accounting Standards as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada.

(b) Reporting entity:

The 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 are owned and controlled by the Board, including:

- i) School generated funds which include the assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and fund balances of various organizations that exist at the school level and which are deemed to be controlled by the Board, have been reflected in the financial statements.

(c) Accounts receivable and payable:

Accounts receivable and payable are accounted for on the accrual basis, which recognizes transactions as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipts of goods or services and the creation of a legal liability to pay.

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(d) Deferred revenue:

The Board receives amounts pursuant to legislation, regulation or agreement and may only be used for certain programs or in the delivery of specific services and transactions. Deferred revenue consists of amounts received by the Board that are restricted for specific purposes by the funder and amounts that are required to be set aside by the Board for specific purposes, legislation, regulation or agreement.

These amounts are recognized as revenue in the fiscal year the related expenditures are incurred or services performed.

(e) Retirement and other employee future benefits:

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

As part of the ratified labour collective agreements for unionized employees that bargain centrally and ratified central discussions with the principals and vice-principals associations, Employee Life and Health Trusts ("ELHTs") were established between 2016 and 2018 for all employee groups. Additionally, retirees belonging to the Principal/Vice Principal and Non-union employee groups have transitioned to the ELHT in 2017-18. These benefits are being provided through a joint governance structure between the bargaining/employee groups, school board trustees associations and the Government of Ontario. 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") and additional ministry funding in the form of a Crown contribution and Stabilization Adjustment. After retirees transition, the Board continues to be responsible for its share of cost of benefits based on the cost sharing arrangement prior to the transition to the ELHT.

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

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

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

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

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

- (i) 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 life insurance and health care benefits for those on disability leave, the cost is recognized immediately in the period the events occur. Any actuarial gains and losses that are related to these benefits are recognized immediately in the period they arise.
- (ii) The costs of multi-employer defined pension plan benefits, such as the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System ("OMERS") pensions, are the employer's contributions due to the plan in the period;
- (iii) The costs of insured benefits are the employer's portion of insurance premiums owed for coverage of employees during the period.

(f) Non-financial assets:

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

(i) Tangible capital assets:

Tangible capital assets are recorded at historical cost less accumulated amortization. Historical costs include amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. The Board capitalizes interest paid on debt used to finance the construction of tangible capital assets.

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

Asset	Useful Life - Years
School buildings and building improvements	40 years
Other buildings	20 years
Leasehold improvements	10 years
Furniture and equipment	5 – 10 years
Computers, hardware and software	5 years
Vehicles	5 years

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

Construction in progress assets are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

(ii) Prepaid expenses:

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

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(g) Government transfers:

Government transfers, which include legislative grants, are recognized 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.

(h) Municipal taxation:

Under Public Sector Accounting Standards, the entity that determines and sets the tax levy records the revenue in the financial statements, which in the case of the Board, is the Province of Ontario. As a result, property tax revenue received from the municipality is recorded as municipal taxation revenue when it is eligible for receipt.

(i) Leases:

Leases that 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. The Board has one lease with the Township of Moosonee that is accounted for as an operating lease.

(j) Budget figures:

Budget figures have been provided for comparison purposes and have been derived from the budget approved by the Board.

The budget approved by the Board is developed in accordance with the provincially mandated funding model for school boards and is used to manage program spending within the guidelines of the funding model.

The Board approves its budget annually. The approved operating budget for 2019-2020 is reflected on the statement of operations. The budget was approved on January 20, 2020.

(k) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards 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 financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from these current estimates. Significant estimates include assumptions used in performing actuarial valuations of employee future benefit liabilities.

These estimates are reviewed annually, and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in earnings in the year in which they become known.

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2. Accounts receivable:

	2020	2019
Government of Canada	\$ 339,729	\$ 195,950
Government of Ontario	124,668	419,748
Other	146,540	5,173
	\$ 610,937	\$ 620,871

3. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities:

	2020	2019
Province of Ontario	\$ 461,289	\$ 42,849
Trade accounts payable and accruals	191,995	363,075
Payroll and benefits	183,614	147,102
	\$ 836,898	\$ 553,026

4. Deferred revenue:

	Balance at August 31, 2019	Contributions received	Revenue recognized in the period	Balance at August 31, 2020
Ministry of Education:				
Students at risk (student success)	\$ 120,630	\$ 196,926	\$ (274,889)	\$ 42,667
Special education (SEPPA)	16,616	471,867	(480,126)	8,357
Pupil accommodation	151,720	37,329	(54,728)	134,321
Other grants for specific purposes	104,565	483,927	(484,193)	104,299
Other	7,650	9,100	(4,800)	11,950
Total deferred revenue	\$ 401,181	\$1,199,149	\$(1,298,736)	\$ 301,594

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5. Employee future benefits:

The Board provides defined retirement and other future benefits to specified employee groups. These benefits include pension, retirement gratuity, worker's compensated absences, worker's compensation and long-term disability benefits.

(a) Retirement benefits:

(i) Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan:

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

(ii) Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System:

All non-teaching employees of the Board are eligible to be members of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS), a multi-employer pension plan. The plan provides defined pension benefits to employees based on their length of service and rates of pay. The Board contributions equal the employee contributions to the plan. During the year ended August 31, 2020, the Board contributed \$78,789 (2019 - \$77,927). As this is a multi-employer pension plan, these contributions are the Board's pension benefit expenses. No pension liability for this type of plan is included in the Board's financial statements.

(iii) Retirement gratuities:

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

(b) Other Employee Future Benefits:

(i) Workplace Safety and Insurance Board Obligations:

The Board is a Schedule 1 employer under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act and, as such, the Board insures all claims by its injured workers under the Act. The Board's insurance premiums for the year ended August 31, 2020 were \$10,898 (2019 - \$19,531) and are included in the Board's current year benefit costs. No liabilities for claims by its injured workers under the Act are included in the Board's consolidated financial statements. Plan changes made in 2012 now requires school boards to provide salary top-up to a maximum of 4 ½ years for employees receiving payments from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, where previously negotiated collective agreement included such provision.

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5. Employee future benefits (continued):

(b) Other Employee Future Benefits (continued):

(ii) Long-term disability, dental and health care benefits:

ELHTs were established for all employee groups. There are no employee groups remaining for which the Board is responsible for providing health, dental and life insurance benefits. As a result, no liability for this benefit exists as at August 31, 2020.

(iii) Short term leave and disability:

Under the short-term leave and disability plan, 11 unused sick leave days may be carried forward into the following year only, to be used to top-up benefits received under the short-term leave and disability plan in that year. A provision has been established representing the expected usage of sick days that have been carried forward for benefit top-up in the following year.

The accrued benefit obligations for employee future benefit plans as at August 31, 2020 are based on actuarial valuations for accounting purposes as at August 31, 2020. 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:

	2020	2019
Inflation	1.5%	1.5%
Wage and salary escalation	N/A	N/A
Discount on accrued benefit obligations	2.00%	2.00%

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

	2020	2019
Accrued benefit liability, beginning of year	\$ 118,038	\$ 156,672
Expenses recognized for the year:		
Current service cost	1,832	2,395
Amortized of actuarial gains and losses	2,620	4,159
Interest cost	20,843	(1,982)
Actuary adjustment	–	24,653
	143,333	185,897
Benefits for the year	–	(67,859)
Accrued benefit liability, end of year	\$ 143,333	\$ 118,038
Accrued future benefit obligation, end of year	\$ 153,554	\$ 149,102
Net unamortized actuarial loss	(10,221)	(31,064)
Accrued benefit liability, end of year	\$ 143,333	\$ 118,038

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6. Tangible capital assets:

Cost	Balance at August 31, 2019	Additions	Disposals	Balance at August 31, 2020
Land	\$ 46,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,500
School buildings	10,560,130	-	-	10,560,130
Other buildings	512,525	-	-	512,525
Leasehold improvements	431,934	-	-	431,934
Furniture and equipment	495,566	-	-	495,566
Computer hardware and software	178,662	48,807	-	227,469
Vehicles	29,893	-	-	29,893
Work in Progress	53,113	-	-	53,113
Total	\$ 12,308,323	\$ 48,807	\$ -	\$ 12,357,130

Accumulated Amortization	Balance at August 31, 2019	Disposals and Transfers	Amortization	Balance at August 31, 2020
School buildings	\$ 5,882,365	\$ -	\$ 264,325	\$ 6,146,690
Other buildings	512,525	-	-	512,525
Leasehold improvements	393,438	-	5,924	399,362
Furniture and equipment	466,489	-	5,815	472,304
Computer hardware and software	78,193	-	35,678	113,871
Vehicles	29,893	-	-	29,893
Total	\$ 7,362,903	\$ -	\$ 311,742	\$ 7,674,645

	Net book value, August 31, 2019	Net book value, August 31, 2020
Land	\$ 46,500	\$ 46,500
School buildings	4,677,765	4,413,440
Leasehold improvements	38,496	32,572
Furniture and equipment	29,077	23,262
Computer hardware and software	100,469	113,598
Construction in progress	53,113	53,113
Total	\$ 4,945,420	\$ 4,682,485

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6. Tangible capital assets (continued):

Cost	Balance at August 31, 2018	Additions	Disposals	Balance at August 31, 2019
Land	\$ 46,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,500
School buildings	10,560,130	-	-	10,560,130
Other buildings	512,525	-	-	512,525
Leasehold improvements	431,934	-	-	431,934
Furniture and equipment	495,566	-	-	495,566
Computer hardware and software	128,994	49,668	-	178,662
Vehicles	82,733	-	(52,840)	29,893
Construction In Progress	-	53,113	-	53,113
Total	\$ 12,258,382	\$ 102,781	\$ (52,840)	\$ 12,308,323

Accumulated Amortization	Balance at August 31, 2018	Disposals and Transfers	Amortization	Balance at August 31, 2019
School buildings	\$ 5,618,040	\$ -	\$ 264,325	\$ 5,882,365
Other buildings	512,525	-	-	512,525
Leasehold improvements	387,513	-	5,925	393,438
Furniture and equipment	459,219	-	7,270	466,489
Computer hardware and software	47,428	-	30,765	78,193
Vehicles	82,733	(52,840)	-	29,893
Total	\$ 7,107,458	\$ (52,840)	\$ 308,285	\$ 7,362,903

	Net book value, August 31, 2018	Net book value, August 31, 2019
Land	\$ 46,500	\$ 46,500
School buildings	4,942,090	4,677,765
Leasehold improvements	44,421	38,496
Furniture and equipment	36,347	29,077
Computer hardware and software	81,566	100,469
Construction In Progress	-	53,113
Total	\$ 5,150,924	\$ 4,945,420

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7. Accumulated surplus:

Accumulated surplus consists of the following:

	2020	2019
Unappropriated operating accumulated surplus	\$ 2,573,126	\$ 1,268,079
Invested in tangible capital assets	4,682,485	4,945,420
Employee future benefits	(143,333)	(118,038)
School generated funds	24,919	25,716
Total accumulated surplus	\$ 7,137,197	\$ 6,121,177

8. Expenses by object:

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

	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2019 Actual
Expenses by object:			
Salary and wages	\$ 2,607,538	\$ 2,835,130	\$ 2,672,820
Employee benefits	796,874	673,328	727,923
Staff development	32,000	38,153	46,739
Supplies and services	766,816	903,877	1,039,972
Rental	205,000	203,621	200,118
Fees and contract services	1,034,499	699,572	1,081,042
Other	693,762	91,171	127,537
Amortization of tangible capital assets	284,980	311,742	308,285
	\$ 6,421,469	\$ 5,756,594	\$ 6,204,436

9. Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange (OSBIE):

The School Board is a member of the Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange (OSBIE), a reciprocal insurance company licensed under the Insurance Act.

OSBIE insures general public liability, property damage and certain other risks. Liability insurance is available to a maximum of \$27 million per occurrence.

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

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10. Line of credit:

The School Board has available to it a \$750,000 revolving line of credit by way of business operating account overdraft with a chartered bank, payable on demand, bearing interest at the prime rate plus 1% per annum. Security is provided in the form of a borrowing resolution. The Board did not utilize this credit facility during the year.

11. Contractual obligations:

The Board leases premises from the Town of Moosonee under a lease agreement that had expired August 31, 2019. Effective 1, 2021, a new lease agreement has been signed with a termination date of December 31st, 2025. Rent is subject to monthly payments as scheduled in the terms of the new lease agreement. In addition, applicable taxes are to be charged to the Board. The current years rent charge is \$176,819 (2019 - \$177,092).

12. Comparative information:

Certain 2019 comparative information has been reclassified, where applicable to conform to the presentation used in the current year. The changes do not affect the prior year accumulated surplus.

13. Effects of COVID-19:

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

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

Subsequent to year-end, the Board received in personal protective equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies from the Ministry of Education for all teachers, other school board staff. The cost recovery model for PPE received from the Ministry has not yet been formally communicated to School Boards.

As at August 31, 2020, the Board did not have significant adjustments to reflect the possible future impact of COVID-19. Management assessed the impact on the Board and believes there are no significant financial issues as the Board has strong working capital available and access to sufficient liquid resources to sustain operations in the coming year. The outcome and timeframe to a recovery from the current pandemic is highly unpredictable, thus it is not practicable to estimate and disclose its financial effect on future operations at this time.