

Consolidated Financial Statements of

**THE LIMESTONE DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD**

Year ended August 31, 2017

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MANAGEMENT REPORT

Year ended August 31, 2017

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

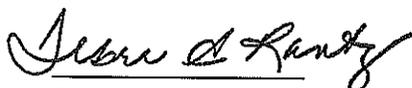
The accompanying consolidated financial statements of The Limestone District School Board ("Board") are the responsibility of Board management and have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Administration Act, supplemented by Ontario Ministry of Education memorandum 2004:B2 and Ontario Regulation 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.

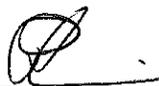
Board management maintains a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are properly authorized and recorded in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements, and reliable financial information is available on a timely basis 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.



Director of Education



Superintendent of Business Services
and Treasurer

November 8, 2017



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Trustees of The Limestone District School Board

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of The Limestone District School Board, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at August 31, 2017, the consolidated statements of operations and accumulated surplus, change in net debt and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising 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.

Auditors' 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 our 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, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation 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 The Limestone District School Board as at August 31, 2017, 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

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

KPMG LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

November 8, 2017

Kingston, Canada

THE LIMESTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

August 31, 2017, with comparative information for 2016

	2017	2016
Financial assets:		
Cash	\$ 20,274,581	\$ 22,414,019
Accounts receivable:		
Municipalities	5,170,048	5,409,194
Government of Ontario (note 2)	93,169,347	97,275,019
Other	7,020,595	5,239,626
Investments	1,427,565	1,363,702
Total financial assets	127,062,136	131,701,560
Financial liabilities:		
Temporary borrowing (note 3)	820,000	3,145,000
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	15,015,940	18,560,320
Net long-term liabilities (note 8)	85,023,957	88,043,722
Deferred revenue (note 5)	11,848,964	9,239,880
Funds held in trust (note 12)	1,516,116	1,446,782
Employee benefit liability (note 4(d))	10,679,266	11,692,534
Deferred capital contributions (note 6)	177,908,165	178,212,857
Total financial liabilities	302,812,408	310,341,095
Net debt	(175,750,272)	(178,639,535)
Non-financial assets:		
Prepaid expenses	1,205,510	672,284
Tangible capital assets (note 14)	184,416,286	184,415,836
Total non-financial assets	185,621,796	185,088,120
Contingent liabilities and commitments (notes 10 and 11)		
Accumulated surplus	\$ 9,871,524	\$ 6,448,585

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

On Behalf of the Board:

Director of Education

Chair of the Board

THE LIMESTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus

Year ended August 31, 2017, with comparative information for 2016

	Budget	2017	2016
Revenues:			
Municipal grants	\$ 64,071,280	\$ 62,569,326	\$ 63,258,776
Provincial grants:			
Grants for student needs	182,171,683	182,879,465	181,510,651
Other	3,356,839	3,804,207	4,604,991
Federal grants and fees	142,275	140,825	129,509
Investment income	250,000	307,205	254,430
Other	5,265,091	6,729,063	5,761,685
School fundraising	6,000,000	6,304,208	5,582,842
	<u>261,257,168</u>	<u>262,734,299</u>	<u>261,102,884</u>
Expenses (note 16):			
Instruction	185,450,723	185,815,109	185,694,448
Administration	7,051,000	6,883,508	6,356,749
Transportation	15,821,084	14,824,644	14,641,243
Pupil accommodation	44,002,851	43,563,577	43,344,007
Other	1,892,762	2,090,075	2,136,596
School funded activities	6,000,000	6,134,447	5,516,176
	<u>260,218,420</u>	<u>259,311,360</u>	<u>257,689,219</u>
Annual surplus	1,038,748	3,422,939	3,413,665
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	6,448,585	6,448,585	3,034,920
Accumulated surplus, end of year (note 18)	<u>\$ 7,487,333</u>	<u>\$ 9,871,524</u>	<u>\$ 6,448,585</u>

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

THE LIMESTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Debt

Year ended August 31, 2017, with comparative information for 2016

	2017	2016
Annual surplus	\$ 3,422,939	\$ 3,413,665
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(13,455,078)	(21,642,216)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	13,378,193	12,172,098
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	36,329	1,730,300
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	308,445	384,471
Gain on sale allocated to deferred revenue	(268,339)	(381,471)
	3,422,489	(4,323,153)
Acquisition of prepaid expenses	(533,226)	(141,819)
Decrease (increase) in net debt	2,889,263	(4,464,972)
Net debt, beginning of year	(178,639,535)	(174,174,563)
Net debt, end of year	\$ (175,750,272)	\$ (178,639,535)

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

THE LIMESTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended August 31, 2017, with comparative information for 2016

	2017	2016
Operating transactions:		
Annual surplus	\$ 3,422,939	\$ 3,413,665
Non-cash items including:		
Amortization, write downs and gain/loss on disposal	13,414,522	13,902,398
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	(13,292,265)	(12,095,907)
Deferred gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	(268,339)	(381,471)
Change in non-cash assets and liabilities:		
Increase in accounts receivable - municipalities and other	(1,541,823)	(2,762,093)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(3,544,380)	1,235,322
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	(175,026)	802,800
Increase in funds held in trust	69,334	9,280
Decrease in employee benefit liability	(1,013,268)	(2,860,337)
Increase in prepaid expenses	(533,226)	(141,819)
	(6,884,471)	(2,291,827)
Cash provided by (applied to) operating transactions	(3,461,532)	1,121,838
Capital transactions:		
Cash used to acquire tangible capital assets	(13,455,078)	(21,642,216)
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	308,445	384,471
Cash applied to capital transactions	(13,146,633)	(21,257,745)
Investing transactions:		
Increase in investments	(63,863)	(33,805)
Financing transactions:		
Increase (decrease) in temporary borrowing	(2,325,000)	1,996,000
Debt repayment	(3,019,765)	(2,898,010)
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable - Government of Ontario	4,105,672	(4,628,279)
Increase in deferred capital contributions	12,987,573	18,771,197
Increase in deferred capital revenue	2,784,110	32,054
Cash provided by financing transactions	14,532,590	13,272,962
Decrease in cash	(2,139,438)	(6,896,750)
Cash, beginning of year	22,414,019	29,310,769
Cash, end of year	\$ 20,274,581	\$ 22,414,019

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

THE LIMESTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Year ended August 31, 2017

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.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended August 31, 2017

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(b) Basis of accounting (continued):

The regulation further requires that if the net book value of the depreciable tangible capital asset is reduced for any reason other than amortization, a proportionate reduction of the deferred capital contribution along with a proportionate increase in the revenue be recognized. For Ontario school boards, these contributions include government transfers, externally restricted contributions and, historically, property tax revenue.

The accounting policy requirements under 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.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended August 31, 2017

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
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.

THE LIMESTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended August 31, 2017

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 and 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 2016-17: ETFO, OSSTF and OSSTF-EW. The ELHTs provide health, life and dental benefits to teachers (excluding daily occasional teachers, education workers (excluding casual and temporary staff), other schools board staff and retired individuals up to a 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 trustees associations and the Government of Ontario. Starting April 1, 2017, the Board is no longer responsible to provide certain benefits to ETFO, OSSTF and OSSTF-EW. Beginning in the 2016-17 school year, school boards whose employee groups transitioned their health, dental and life benefits to the ELHT 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.

The Board continues to provide health, dental and life insurance benefits for retired individuals and the following employee groups, CUPE and non-unionized employees including principals and vice-principals, and continues to have a liability for payment of benefits for those who are on long-term disability and for some who are retired under these plans.

THE LIMESTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended August 31, 2017

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

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

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 are actuarially determined using the employee's salary, banked sick days and years of service as at August 31, 2012 and management's best estimate of discount rates. Any actuarial gains and losses arising from changes to the discount rate are amortized over the expected average remaining service life of the employee group.

For self-insured retirement and other employee future benefits that vest or accumulate over the periods of service provided by employees, such as life insurance and health care benefits for retirees, the cost is actuarially determined using the projected benefits method prorated on service. Under this method, the benefit costs are recognized over the expected average service life of the employee group.

For those self-insured benefit obligations that arise from specific events that occur from time to time, such as obligations for worker's compensation, long-term disability and life insurance and health care benefits for those on disability leave, the cost is recognized immediately in the period the events occur. Any actuarial gains and losses that are related to these benefits are recognized immediately in the period they arise.

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

(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.

THE LIMESTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended August 31, 2017

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(i) Government transfers (continued):

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 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.

(l) 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.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended August 31, 2017

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 \$93,169,347 as at August 31, 2017 (2016 - \$97,275,019) with respect to capital grants.

3. Temporary borrowing:

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

In 2016, the Board had a revolving term loan for the construction of Molly Brant Elementary School of up to \$8,968,000 to finance capital expenses under the Ministry's "Capital Priorities" Grant, with \$Nil utilized as at August 31, 2017 (2016 - \$2,182,000) 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 \$30,830,417 to finance capital expenses under the Ministry's "School Condition Improvement" Program, with \$571,000 utilized as at August 31, 2017 (2016 - \$963,000) 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.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended August 31, 2017

3. Temporary borrowing (continued):

In 2017, the Board has a revolving term loan of up to \$37,227,371 for the construction of the new Kingston Intermediate and Secondary School to finance capital expenses under the Ministry's "Capital Priorities" Grant with \$249,000 utilized as at August 31, 2017 (2016 - \$Nil) 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.

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, 2016.

(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, 2017, the Board's accrued benefit liability relating to retirement gratuities and benefits is \$8,246,737 (2016 - \$9,074,263). Accumulated surplus has been internally appropriated for these liabilities, which amounted to \$1,435,079 for retirement gratuities and benefits respectively as at August 31, 2017 (2016 - \$1,640,090).

(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.

THE LIMESTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended August 31, 2017

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, 2017, the Board's accrued benefit liability relating to post-retirement benefits is \$37,705 (2016 - \$30,522).

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

			2017	2016
	Retirement gratuities and benefits	Other post- retirement benefit expenses	Total retirement and post- retirement benefits	Total retirement and post- retirement benefits
Accrued benefit liability, September 1	\$ 9,074,263	\$ 30,522	\$ 9,104,785	\$ 12,004,188
Change due to data corrections	-	-	-	24,548
Change due to settlement	-	23,890	23,890	80,701
Decrease due to voluntary early payout	-	-	-	(200,606)
Amortization of actuarial loss	138,713	26	138,739	68,734
Interest on accrued benefit obligation	196,639	450	197,089	265,577
Benefit payments	(1,162,878)	(17,183)	(1,180,061)	(3,138,357)
Accrued benefit liability, August 31	8,246,737	37,705	8,284,442	9,104,785
Net employee future benefit expenses	\$ 335,352	\$ 24,366	\$ 359,718	\$ 238,954
Accrued employee future benefit obligations, August 31	\$ 8,948,700	\$ 37,705	\$ 8,986,405	\$ 10,204,108
Unamortized actuarial loss	(701,963)	-	(701,963)	(1,099,323)
Accrued benefit liability, August 31	\$ 8,246,737	\$ 37,705	\$ 8,284,442	\$ 9,104,785

THE LIMESTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended August 31, 2017

4. Employee benefit liability (continued):

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

(iv) 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 \$2,248,087 as at August 31, 2017 (2016 - \$2,450,277).

The amount of the obligation for WSIB that was actuarially determined as at August 31, 2017 is \$2,274,876 (2016 - \$2,477,066).

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

	2017	2016
Accrued benefit obligation, beginning of year	\$ 2,477,066	\$ 2,422,454
Expense recognized for the period	134,720	293,127
Benefits paid for the period	(336,910)	(238,515)
Accrued benefit obligation, end of year	\$ 2,274,876	\$ 2,477,066

(iii) 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 \$137,242 (2016 - \$90,275).

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4. Employee benefit liability (continued):

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

(iii) 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, 2017. This actuarial valuation is based on assumptions about future events.

At August 31, 2017, the Board's accrued benefit liability relating to sick leave top-up benefits is \$119,948 (2016 - \$110,683)

(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, 2017 are based on the most recent actuarial valuations completed for accounting purposes as at August 31, 2017. 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:

	2017
Discount rate	2.55% per annum
Salary escalation	0% per annum
Dental benefits escalation	4.00% per annum in 2017, decreasing by 0.25% per annum to an ultimate rate of 3.0%
Health benefits escalation	8.00% per annum in 2017, decreasing by 0.25% per annum to an ultimate rate of 4.0%
Inflation rate	1.5% per annum
	2016
Discount rate	2.05% per annum
Salary escalation	0% per annum
Dental benefits escalation	4.00% per annum in 2016, decreasing by 0.25% per annum to an ultimate rate of 3.0%
Health benefits escalation	8.00% per annum in 2016, decreasing by 0.25% per annum to an ultimate rate of 4.0%
Inflation rate	1.5% per annum

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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, 2017 amount to \$1,606,771 (2016 - \$1,591,472) and are reported as part of the accounts payable and accrued liabilities on the consolidated statement of financial position.

(d) Employee benefit liability:

	2017	2016
Employee benefit liabilities are comprised of:		
Retirement gratuities	\$ 8,246,737	\$ 9,074,263
Post-retirement benefits	37,705	30,522
Sick leave top-up benefit	119,948	110,683
Workplace safety and insurance	2,274,876	2,477,066
	10,679,266	11,692,534
Vacation credits	1,606,771	1,591,472
	\$ 12,286,037	\$ 13,284,006

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, 2017 and is comprised of:

	Balance as at August 31, 2016	Externally restricted revenue and investment income	Revenue recognized in the period	Transferred to deferred capital contributions	Balance as at August 31, 2017
Special education	\$ 1,968,399	\$ 29,158,032	\$ 29,158,032	\$ -	\$ 1,968,399
Capital funds	2,323,776	520,095	-	251,755	2,592,116
Other	4,947,705	21,937,716	17,330,727	2,266,245	7,288,449
Total deferred revenue	\$ 9,239,880	\$ 51,615,843	\$ 46,488,759	\$ 2,518,000	\$ 11,848,964

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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 over the life of the asset acquired.

	2017	2016
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 178,212,857	\$ 171,537,567
Additions to deferred capital contributions	12,987,573	18,771,197
Revenue recognized in the period	(13,292,265)	(12,095,907)
Balance, end of year	\$ 177,908,165	\$ 178,212,857

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:

	2017	2016
Interest payments on long-term debt	\$ 3,606,838	\$ 3,627,863
Accrued interest charges on long-term debt	(28,257)	(29,463)
Total interest expenses	\$ 3,578,581	\$ 3,598,400

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8. Net long-term liabilities:

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

	2017	2016
Bank Credit Facility, maturing November 2017	\$ 3,837,296	\$ 4,108,632
Ontario Financing Authority, maturing November 2031	4,235,849	4,438,219
Ontario Financing Authority, maturing March 2033	9,227,221	9,606,957
Ontario Financing Authority, maturing March 2034	9,649,084	10,005,880
Ontario Financing Authority, maturing April 2035	2,994,900	3,093,972
Ontario Financing Authority, maturing March 2036	3,129,570	3,229,762
Ontario Financing Authority, maturing March 2037	5,584,371	5,775,613
Ontario Financing Authority, maturing June 2038	25,830,320	26,629,692
Ontario Financing Authority, maturing March 2039	175,555	180,518
Ontario Financing Authority, maturing March 2040	20,359,791	20,974,477
	<u>\$ 85,023,957</u>	<u>\$ 88,043,722</u>

The Board entered into a long-term financing agreement with its bank in 2008 in the amount of \$5,942,000 (\$3,837,296 is outstanding as at August 31, 2017) to fund part of the cost of additions at two secondary schools. The loan has a fixed interest rate of 5.51% for ten years, will be amortized over twenty years, and is being repaid in equal monthly payments, combining principal and interest of \$40,911. The loan will be fully repaid by November 30th, 2017.

The Board entered into a loan agreement effective November 3, 2006 with the Ontario Financing Authority in the amount of \$5,967,000 (\$4,235,849 is outstanding as at August 31, 2017) 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 (\$9,227,221 is outstanding as at August 31, 2017) 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.

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8. Net long-term liabilities (continued):

The Board entered into a third loan agreement effective March 3, 2009 with the Ontario Financing Authority in the amount of \$12,061,042 (\$9,649,084 is outstanding as at August 31, 2017) 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.

The Board entered into a fourth loan agreement effective April 2010 with the Ontario Financing Authority in the amount of \$3,592,034 (\$2,994,900 is outstanding as at August 31, 2017) 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 (\$3,129,570 is outstanding as at August 31, 2017) 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 (\$5,584,371 is outstanding as at August 31, 2017) 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 (\$25,830,320 is outstanding as at August 31, 2017) 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 (\$175,555 is outstanding as at August 31, 2017) 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.

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8. Net long-term liabilities (continued):

The Board entered into a ninth loan agreement effective March 2015 with the Ontario Financing Authority in the amount of \$21,571,170 (\$20,359,791 is outstanding as at August 31, 2017) 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.

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			
2018	\$ 6,697,498	\$ 3,227,271	\$ 9,924,769
2019	2,976,701	3,058,235	6,034,936
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
Future years	65,670,233	20,904,636	86,574,869
	\$ 85,023,957	\$ 35,615,425	\$ 120,639,382

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, 2017, the Board contributed \$3,063,605 (2016 - \$3,103,888) 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 \$41,203,498 related to the new Kingston Intermediate and Secondary School. As of August 31, 2017, \$505,021 in expenses have been incurred and are included in construction in progress as part of tangible capital assets.

- (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 (2016 - \$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, 2017.

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. Funds held in trust:

During the year, the Limestone District School Board Charitable Trust (the "Charitable Trust") was legally wound up and the assets of the Charitable Trust were transferred to the Board. Prior to dissolution, the Charitable Trust received restricted donations for specified purposes. In keeping with the donor intent, these funds are segregated on the consolidated statement of financial position and are reported as funds held in trust.

13. Trust funds:

- (a) The Board was the trustee for \$2,750,769 (2016 - \$2,716,210) held for employees' self-funded leave plans. These amounts are not included in the 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, 2016, the Foundation held assets of \$1,960,033 (2015 - \$1,950,533). These amounts are not included in the consolidated financial statements.

14. Tangible capital assets:

Cost	Balance at August 31, 2016	Additions	Disposals, write-offs and adjustments	Balance at August 31, 2017
Land	\$ 3,128,720	\$ 176,290	\$ (6,433)	\$ 3,298,577
Land improvements	4,892,012	2,224,923	(33,765)	7,083,170
Buildings	257,762,600	9,800,339	(90,301)	267,472,638
Buildings permanently removed from service	781,554	-	(74,500)	707,054
Portable structures	4,040,729	-	-	4,040,729
Furniture and equipment	5,047,548	487,872	(251,273)	5,284,147
Computer hardware	3,874,806	134,829	(569,175)	3,440,460
Computer software	373,553	96,947	(102,160)	368,340
Vehicles	1,664,023	203,985	(32,249)	1,835,759
Construction-in-progress	707,835	329,893	-	1,037,728
Total	\$ 282,273,380	\$ 13,455,078	\$ (1,159,856)	\$ 294,568,602

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14. Tangible capital assets (continued):

Accumulated amortization	Balance at August 31, 2016	Amortization	Disposals, write-offs and adjustments	Balance at August 31, 2017
Land improvements	\$ 1,581,788	\$ 739,089	\$ (33,765)	\$ 2,287,112
Buildings	87,947,454	11,052,733	(29,818)	98,970,369
Buildings permanently removed from service	560,207	-	(74,500)	485,707
Portable structures	1,977,585	193,096	-	2,170,681
Furniture and equipment	2,299,489	461,359	(241,754)	2,519,094
Computer hardware	1,960,722	731,527	(569,175)	2,123,074
Computer software	240,868	74,190	(102,160)	212,898
Vehicles	1,289,431	126,199	(32,249)	1,383,381
Total	\$ 97,857,544	\$ 13,378,193	\$(1,083,421)	\$ 110,152,316

	Net book value August 31, 2016	Net book value August 31, 2017
Land	\$ 3,128,720	\$ 3,298,577
Land improvements	3,310,224	4,796,058
Buildings	169,815,146	168,502,269
Buildings permanently removed from service	221,347	221,347
Portable structures	2,063,144	1,870,048
Furniture and equipment	2,748,059	2,765,053
Computer hardware	1,914,084	1,317,386
Computer software	132,685	155,442
Vehicles	374,592	452,378
Construction in progress	707,835	1,037,728
Total	\$ 184,415,836	\$ 184,416,286

15. Budget data:

The budget data presented in these consolidated financial statements is based upon the revised 2016-2017 original budget that was approved by the Board on June 15, 2016.

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16. Expenses by object:

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

	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2016 Actual
Expenses:			
Salary and wages	\$ 169,674,977	\$ 170,582,328	\$ 170,475,333
Employee benefits	25,355,676	24,559,323	24,304,524
Staff development	821,668	796,190	780,190
Supplies and services	17,614,186	17,662,756	17,721,863
Interest on long-term debt	3,693,649	3,578,581	3,598,400
Rental expenses	310,000	528,014	428,988
Fees and contract services (note 17)	22,357,024	20,907,566	19,182,173
Other	624,219	1,113,961	1,776,174
	\$ 240,451,399	\$ 239,728,719	\$ 238,267,645
Amortization	\$ 13,767,021	\$ 13,448,194	\$ 13,905,398
School activities	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 6,134,447	\$ 5,516,176
Total expenses	\$ 260,218,420	\$ 259,311,360	\$ 257,689,219

17. 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 \$13,726,055 (2016 - \$13,473,296) and administration costs of \$545,154 (2016 - \$976,181).
- (ii) The Board received management fees of \$30,000 (2016 - \$30,000).

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17. Related entities (continued):

Tri-Board's assets, liabilities, revenue, expenses and surplus (deficit) for the year ended August 31, 2017 are as follows:

	2017	2016
Financial assets	\$ 3,504,887	\$ 1,008,760
Financial liabilities	(3,838,849)	(1,274,777)
Net debt	(333,962)	(266,017)
Non-financial assets	286,490	200,409
Accumulated deficit	\$ (47,472)	\$ (65,608)
	2017	2016
Revenue	\$ 37,493,340	\$ 38,067,846
Expenses	37,475,204	38,132,013
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	\$ 18,136	\$ (64,167)

18. Accumulated surplus:

Accumulated surplus consists of the following:

	2017	2016
Available for compliance:		
Unappropriated	\$ 2,513,320	\$ 2,329,169
Internally appropriated:		
Pupil Accommodation, School Renewal	2,232,837	884,050
Committed Capital Projects	3,209,543	3,074,258
School Budget Balances	2,392,475	2,085,956
Technology Infrastructure	375,000	211,649
Retirement Benefits	1,435,079	1,640,090
Workers Safety Insurance Board	2,248,087	2,450,277
	14,406,341	12,675,449
Unavailable for compliance:		
Employee Future Benefits	(10,303,525)	(11,627,699)
Accrued Interest	(940,552)	(968,810)
School Generated Funds	3,410,683	3,240,922
Net Tangible Capital Assets	3,298,577	3,128,723
	(4,534,817)	(6,226,864)
Accumulated surplus	\$ 9,871,524	\$ 6,448,585