



Financial Statements 2020-2021

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario has reviewed and approved the financial statements for the fiscal period of September 1, 2020, to August 31, 2021. Associate Director of Education, Bonnie Norton introduced Ashley Hutchinson, Manager of Finance, who presented the financial statements for the 2020-2021 school year, followed by Rob Clayton, Partner with KPMG, who presented an unqualified Auditor's Report to the Board of Trustees.

"As always, the Board strives to make the best use of its fiscal resources, to provide transparency and accountability with regard to the allocation of those resources, and to optimize resources in support of student achievement," began Hutchinson.

"As the GSNs are largely driven by enrolment, it is important to note that the Board has experienced a growth of approximately 54 FTE in 2020-2021. This increase has helped generate additional GSN funding in 2020-2021. The CDSBEO is also forecasting an enrolment increase for 2022 of 221 students, or 1.7% over the 2020-2021 estimated enrolment."

Total revenue for the 2020-2021 school year was \$206.5 million, and expenditures totaled \$197.2 million. The Board's financial results include an accumulated in-year surplus of \$9.35 million, \$7.57 million of which is available for compliance. Unavailable for compliance surpluses totaling \$1.78 million were applied to fund items such as employee future benefits, interest accruals and school generated funds.

During the 2020-2021 school year, the CDSBEO reported Covid-19 related capital and operating expenditures totaling \$13.5 million, the majority funded by the provincial and federal governments. These expenditures included \$4.5 million in HVAC/air quality improvement projects, \$1.1 million for staff/student personal protective equipment (PPE), \$1.5 million for enhanced cleaning/early dismissal costs for transportation, \$2.2 million to support additional technology devices to facilitate remote learning, \$3.1 million to fund staffing and digital resources for the virtual learning elementary school, and \$1.1 million for additional custodial cleaning, health and safety training, special education, mental health and supervision costs.

"It's my pleasure to be here tonight to present the Auditor's Report. KPMG has completed the audit, and in our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of CDSBEO as at August 31, 2021. The results of the Board's operations, and changes in its financial position for the year, are in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles," concluded Rob Clayton, Partner of KPMG.

Board Chair, Todd Lalonde, expressed his thanks on behalf of the Board. "Thanks, Mr. Clayton, for joining us this evening to provide the Auditor's Report and thanks also goes out to our Finance Department for all of the hard work in preparing these financial statements. A special



thanks also goes to the Board's Audit Committee for their expertise and detailed review of the draft financial statements."

The 2020-2021 Financial Statements will be submitted to the Ministry of Education by mid-November.

International Education Program Update

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario is pleased to welcome back international students for the 2021-2022 school year. The deployment of the Board Readiness Plan was successfully implemented this summer to safely welcome students into CDSBEO communities and schools. The International Education program is now in its seventh year of operation and has experienced renewed interest after the program pause during the 2020-2021 school year. The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario currently accepts international students safely into our schools and community according to the Ministry approved Readiness Plans which follows all policies of local public health units, the Ministries of Education and Health, Public Health Canada and Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada. The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario is approved as a Designated Learning Institution with IRCC.

Superintendent Norma McDonald introduced International Education Program Principal JP Elliott, "We are pleased to have Mr. Elliott here this evening to present information on the welcoming back of our international students after a year of pause. The program has experienced huge, renewed interest, and what's remarkable to see is that we are certainly becoming an education destination for many students from around the world, and this is due in large part to the work being done by Mr. Elliott and the team here at CDSBEO."

"CDSBEO welcomed 29 students to our schools and communities by following all of the necessary health protocols, travel requirements and monitoring as described in the CDSBEO International Student Readiness Plan," noted Principal Elliott. "We communicated with students frequently prior to their departure, and upon their arrival. All students prepared a quarantine plan, submitted numerous documents and passed a 72-hour PCR test prior to departure."

All students entered Eastern Ontario COVID-19 free.

The Board has also begun to expand its working relationship with new agencies through virtual meetings. Principal Elliott noted that he has met with many agents internationally through virtual platforms to promote the board and establish new partnerships. Additionally, the board has re-established former working relationships with agencies while navigating new industry realities.



"There is a very strong interest in English education globally, and Canada has been a top destination for K-12 and post-secondary education."

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario International Education Program allows students from around the world to study and learn alongside Canadian students of the same age. The program encourages cultural awareness, belonging and international understanding by bringing students together and enabling them to experience similar social and academic opportunities. International students can choose between multiple schools; they are assisted in finding the best match for their educational needs and other interests. Students may attend for a short-term of two to ten months, with an emphasis on English language acquisition and cultural experience, or they may participate in the program for more than one year, while working toward attaining an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

"Our staff have done a wonderful job of welcoming our students and providing mentoring of administration, guidance and ESL teachers to ensure our students feel a sense of belonging in our schools," noted Principal Elliott.

This year, the International Program is working with the Religious Education Department and high school support teams to show international students that They Belong Here. International students are actively recruited to participate in regular school programming such as extracurricular activities. It is hoped that this strategy creates an inclusive environment where the international students feel welcome, and the Canadian students experience and appreciate the cultural uniqueness of our world.

Principal Elliott highlighted profiles and information on international students who are attending CDSBEO schools this semester. The board will be welcoming 30 additional students from various international locations in semester two.

"I would like to note that there is a definite correlation between the success of the program and your enthusiasm for it. For you to be able to tell us so much about each of these students speaks for the time, effort and passion that you have for the program," noted Trustee Eamer.

"That was an exceptional presentation. We can tell through your energy that you are truly passionate about this program, and that you have invested significant time and energy to know the stories of each of these students, and that you care genuinely to see them succeed in their education experience with our board," concluded Director Cameron.