



2021-2022 Financial Statements

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario has reviewed and approved the financial statements for the fiscal period of September 1, 2021, to August 31, 2022. Superintendent of Business, Ashley Hutchinson introduced Traci Bloomfield, Manager of Finance, who presented the financial statements for the 2021-2022 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," noted Manager of Finance Traci Bloomfield.

"As the GSNs are largely driven by enrolment, it is important to note that the Board has experienced a growth of approximately 144 FTE in 2021-2022 over the previous year's enrolment."

Total revenue for the 2021-2022 school year was \$207.2 million, and expenditures totaled \$204.7 million. The Board's financial results include a total in-year accumulated surplus of \$2.3 million, which can be attributed to savings in transportation due to school closures, continued bell-time efficiencies, reduced travel and professional development under the Covid landscape, and an enrolment increase.

During the 2021-2022 school year, the CDSBEO reported Covid-19 related capital and operating expenditures totaling \$5.5 million, funded by Ministry revenue. These expenditures included a 30.33 FTE staffing expenditure consisting of remote learning staff, custodial, mental health and special education supports.

"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, 2022. 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.

Chair Lalonde expressed his thanks on behalf of the Board. "Many thanks to Mr. Clayton for joining us this evening to provide the Auditor's Report and also to our Manager of Finance for the work to prepare these financial statements. I would like to mention the Board's Audit Committee for their expertise and detailed review of the draft financial statements."

The 2021-2022 Financial Statements will be submitted to the Ministry of Education by mid-November.



Cyber Security Awareness Month

October is internationally recognized as Cyber Security Awareness Month and this year, CDSBEO has partnered with ECNO (Educational Computing Network of Ontario) to identify areas where students can learn best practices in cyber safety, cyber security, and online privacy.

This year's theme is "Be a Cyberhero!" with a focus on teaching students how to protect themselves from phishers, scam artists, and others online who pose a threat to their cyber security, safety, and privacy.

Chief Information Officer Steve Payne shared details about Cyber Security Awareness Month, and the topics and themes covered as part of the campaign. Each week, a broad range of topics were covered including risks with social media and gaming, cyber scams and phishing, protecting accounts, and digital wellness and knowing when to limit the use of technology and the internet. Weekly communications around these themes were sent from the CDSBEO ICT Department to Board staff and posted to social media channels, and lesson plans were shared with educators of students in grades 1 through 12, to encourage classroom discussions.

"Along with the Cyber Awareness campaign, I was honoured to present information to our future leaders at the Student Senate on October 6, 2022. This presentation covered many relevant topics including how to recognize cyber threats, being aware of your digital footprint and how to curate it to establish a positive online presence," noted Payne.

Of particular importance when curating an online presence, media users should be aware of the threats posed while interacting online. Protecting your online identity, through the use of complex passwords and multi-factor authentication were discussed, along with being cautious with who you connect with, and being aware of suspicious 'too good to be true' offers.

"It is also important that you consider applications that want to share your location. If you are okay with sharing sometimes, ensure this feature is only used when using the app."

"Thank you so much for bringing this presentation to Trustees this evening. It is certainly pertinent information for everyone to be aware of the lasting effects of online activity, and to be aware of the potential threats," concluded Chair Lalonde.

Special Presentation from OCSTA to Trustee Ronald Eamer

The CDSBEO bid farewell to three Trustees at the final board meeting for the 2018-2022 term. Trustees Ron Eamer, Paula Hart, and Board Chair Todd Lalonde, all of whom did not seek re-



election this fall, leave the board having had a tremendous impact on schools, students, and Catholic education locally and in the province of Ontario.

Trustee for City of Cornwall and Glengarry County Ron Eamer has been a longstanding member of the CDSBEO Board of Trustees, who has served Catholic education since 1981, when he began his tenure as a Trustee for the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry County Roman Catholic Separate School Board (SDGRCSSB). From 2001 to 2010, Trustee Eamer held the position of Board Chair with CDSBEO, as well as Vice-Chair in 2000, 2017 and 2018.

To celebrate a remarkable 41 years of service to Catholic education in Ontario, Trustee Eamer was presented with a framed letter of gratitude from the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association.

"On behalf of the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association, I join your colleague Trustees and all throughout the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario in thanking you for your many years of sacrifices and faith-filled service," the letter stated. "Beyond the enormous contribution you have made to the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Roman Catholic Separate School Board and the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario, I commend you as well for your good work at the provincial level. Your presence at numerous OCSTA events and wise counsel has helped shape the priorities and advocacy work of our Association."

Director of Education Laurie Corrigan also thanked outgoing trustees in her meeting report.

"Trustee Eamer, I want to thank you for the gift of generations - the oversight of governance which spanned over 40 years. Trustee Hart, I want to thank you for the gift of timeliness at a time when your service was needed. Chair Lalonde, I want to thank you for your gift of leadership of the Board of Trustees during some of the most challenging times in recent memory. To all of the Trustees of the Board, I want to thank you for your good governance and unity in support of CDSBEO and Catholic education in the province of Ontario. I wish you all every blessing in the days ahead."