



Consolidated Financial Statements

Niagara Children's Centre School Authority

August 31, 2021

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of
Niagara Children's Centre School Authority

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Niagara Children's Centre School Authority (the "School"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at August 31, 2021, and the consolidated statement of operations, consolidated statement of changes in net financial assets and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the School as at August 31, 2021, and its consolidated results of operations and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many School Authorities, Niagara Children's Centre School Authority derives revenue from fundraising activities, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of Niagara Children's Centre School Authority and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to fundraising revenue, net revenue, financial assets and net financial position for the years ended August 31, 2021 and August 31, 2020, financial assets as at August 31, 2021 and August 31, 2020 and net financial assets as at September 1, 2020 and September 1, 2019. Our audit opinion on the consolidated financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2020 was modified accordingly, because of the possible effects of this scope limitation.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the School in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated 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 and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, 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.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the School'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 School or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the School's financial reporting process.

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our 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 these 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 consolidated 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 School'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 School's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated 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 auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the School to cease to continue as a going concern.
- ◆ Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- ◆ Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the School to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We 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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St. Catharines, Canada
May 31, 2022

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

Niagara Children's Centre School Authority

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Year ended August 31

2021

2020

Financial assets

Cash	\$ 689,639	\$ 454,888
Accounts receivable	1,115	22,267
HST receivable	<u>40,277</u>	<u>45,633</u>

Total financial assets

\$ 731,031 \$ 522,788

Financial liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 648,538	\$ 434,207
Deferred revenue (Note 3)	<u>5,726</u>	<u>11,814</u>

Total financial liabilities

\$ 654,264 \$ 446,021

Net financial assets 76,767 76,767

Non-financial assets - -

Accumulated surplus (Note 4)

\$ 76,767 \$ 76,767

On behalf of the board



Director

Director

Niagara Children's Centre School Authority

Consolidated Statement of Operations

Year ended August 31	Budget	2021	2020
Revenue			
Provincial grants - Grants for Student Needs	\$ 4,143,200	\$ 3,617,920	\$ 3,383,315
Provincial grants - Other	-	1,332	34,701
Other fees and revenues	-	6,638	2,166
	<u>4,143,200</u>	<u>3,625,890</u>	<u>3,420,182</u>
Expenses			
Instruction expenditures	2,706,150	2,472,421	2,401,822
Administration expenditures	210,950	167,104	110,368
Transportation expenditures	903,000	705,350	689,622
Pupil accommodation	259,100	224,616	156,186
Other expenditures	64,000	56,399	62,184
	<u>4,143,200</u>	<u>3,625,890</u>	<u>3,420,182</u>
Annual surplus	-	-	-
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	<u>76,767</u>	<u>76,767</u>	<u>76,767</u>
Accumulated surplus, end of year	<u>\$ 76,767</u>	<u>\$ 76,767</u>	<u>\$ 76,767</u>

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets

Year ended August 31	2021	2020
Net financial assets, beginning of year	\$ 76,767	\$ 76,767
Annual surplus	-	-
Tangible capital asset activity	-	-
Other non-financial asset activity	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in net financial assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net financial assets, end of year	<u>\$ 76,767</u>	<u>\$ 76,767</u>

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended August 31

2021

2020

Operating

Annual surplus	\$ -	\$ -
Change in non-cash working capital items		
Accounts receivable	21,152	(28,112)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	214,331	(16,368)
HST payable/receivable	5,356	-
Deferred revenue	<u>(6,088)</u>	<u>16,206</u>
	<u>234,751</u>	<u>(28,274)</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash	234,751	(28,274)
Cash		
Cash, beginning of year	<u>454,888</u>	<u>483,162</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 689,639</u>	<u>\$ 454,888</u>

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Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

Year ended August 31, 2021

1. Nature of operations

Niagara Children's Centre School Authority (the "School") was established under the Education Act of Ontario and is one of six schools located in Children's Treatment Centres in Ontario. The School provides individualized education and therapeutic programming in small group settings to children and youth 4-21 years of age with multi- learning and physical exceptionalities.

2. Significant accounting policies

The consolidated financial statements are prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. The significant accounting policies used are as follows:

Basis of accounting

Revenues and expenditures are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues as they are earned and measurable; expenses are the cost of goods and services consumed in the period whether or not payment has been made or invoices received.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses of the School. The School is comprised of all organizations and/or programs accountable for the administration of their financial affairs and resources to the School and which are controlled by the School.

School generated funds that exist at the school level and which are controlled by the School, are reflected in the consolidated financial statements.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and short-term investments with maturities of three months or less from their date of acquisition, which are readily convertible into a known amount of cash, and are subject to an insignificant risk to changes in their fair value.

Employee future benefits

The School provides defined retirement and other future benefits to specified employee groups. These benefits include life insurance, health care benefits, dental benefits, retirement gratuity, worker's compensation, and long-term disability 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 School is required to remit a negotiated amount per full-time equivalency ("FTE") on a monthly basis to Ontario Non-union Education Trust ("ONE-T"). ONE-T provides health, life and dental benefits to the principal, education workers (excluding casual and temporary staff) and other school authority staff up to a school authority's participation date into the ELHT. These benefits are being provided through a joint governance structure between the bargaining/employee groups, school authority trustees associations and the Government of Ontario. Funding for the ELHTs is based on the existing benefits funding embedded within the Grants for Student Needs (GSN).

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2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Tangible capital assets

Purchased tangible capital assets are recorded at cost. Contributed tangible capital assets are recorded at fair market value at the date of contribution. Tangible capital assets that are below the \$5,000 capitalization threshold as outlined by the Ministry of Education are expensed as incurred.

Deferred revenue

Certain amounts are received pursuant to legislation, regulation or agreement and may only be used in the conduct of certain programs or in the delivery of specific services and transactions. These amounts are recognized as revenue in the fiscal year the related expenditures are incurred or services are performed.

School fundraising and other revenue

School fundraising and other revenue are reported as other fees and revenue in the period earned.

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.

Budget figures

Budget figures have been provided for comparison purposes and have been derived from the budget approved by the Trustees. The budget is developed in accordance with the provincially mandated funding model for school authorities and is used to manage program spending within the guidelines of the funding model. The budget is first approved by the Trustees and then ratified by the Ministry of Education.

Financial instruments

The School measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value at the acquisition date, except for financial assets and financial liabilities acquired in related party transactions. Transaction costs related to the acquisition of financial instruments subsequently measured at fair value are recognized in when incurred. The carrying amounts of financial instruments not subsequently measured at fair value are adjusted by the amount of the transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of the instrument.

The School subsequently measures all of its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost.

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2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

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 at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty. The effect of changes in such estimates on the financial statements in future periods could be significant. Accounts specifically affected by estimates in these financial statements are provisions for accrued liabilities.

3. Deferred revenue

Revenues received and that have been set aside for specific purposes by legislation, regulation or agreement are included in deferred revenue on the consolidated statement of financial position.

Deferred revenue set aside for specific purposes by legislation, regulation or agreement as at August 31, 2021 is comprised of:

	August 31 2020	Contributions received	Revenue recognized in the period	Adjustments	August 31 2021
Other provincial grants (receivable)	\$ 11,814	\$ 8,226	\$ (1,332)	\$ (12,982)	\$ 5,726

4. Accumulated surplus

Accumulated surplus consists of the following:

	2021	2020
Internally appropriated	\$ 76,767	\$ 76,767

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5. Employee future benefits

(a) Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System ("OMERS")

Non-teaching employees who are permanent full time employees of the School are eligible to be members of 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 School contributions equal the employee contributions to the plan. During the year ended August 31, 2021, the School contributed \$43,021 (2020 - \$42,790) to the plan. As this is a multi employer pension plan, these contributions are the School's pension benefit expenses. No pension liability for this type of plan is included in the School's consolidated financial statements.

(b) Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan

All teachers are required to be members of 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 School's consolidated financial statements.

6. Other employee benefits

(a) Sick leave top up benefits

As a result of changes made in 2012-2013 to the short term leave and disability plan, a maximum of 11 unused sick leave days from the current year may be carried forward into the following year only, to be used to top up salary for illnesses paid through the short term leave and disability plan in that year. Under the Ontario Ministry of Education memorandum 2013:SB12 Section 68 school authorities are not required to report this liability in the financial statements given the size of the boards and the actuarial expense that would be associated with the estimation of the liability.

(b) Workplace Safety and Insurance Board Obligations

The School is a Schedule 1 employer under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act and, as such, the School insures all claims by its injured workers under the Act. The School's insurance premiums for the year ended August 31, 2021 were \$16,220 (2020 - \$14,902) and are included in the School's current year benefit costs. No liabilities for claims by its injured workers under the Act are included in the Authority's consolidated financial statements. The plan changes made in 2012 require School Authorities to provide salary top up to a maximum of 4.5 years for employees receiving payments from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, where previously negotiated collective agreements included such provision.

(c) Long term disability life insurance and health care benefits

The School provides life insurance, dental and health care benefits to employees on long term disability leave. The costs of premiums on these plans are the responsibility of the employees. The School does not have any costs related to the insurance. The costs of salary compensation paid to employees on long term disability leave are fully insured and not included in the School's consolidated financial statements.

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6. Other employee benefits (continued)

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7. Expenses by object

The following is a summary of the reported on the consolidated statement of operations by object:

	2021 <u>Budget</u>	2021 <u>Actual</u>	2020 <u>Actual</u>
Salary and wages	\$ 2,092,425	\$ 2,010,961	\$ 1,807,023
Employee benefits	380,675	357,505	330,533
Staff development	37,700	22,339	22,875
Supplies and services	363,200	293,700	288,599
Fees and contract services	1,020,700	769,868	754,504
Other	248,500	171,518	216,648
	<u>\$ 4,143,200</u>	<u>\$ 3,625,890</u>	<u>\$ 3,420,182</u>

8. Comparative figures

The consolidated financial statements have been reclassified, where applicable, to conform to the presentation used in the current year. The changes do not affect prior year earnings.

9. Covid-19

As of March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic (the "pandemic") as a result of the spread of COVID-19. Since that time, the spread of COVID-19 has severely impacted many local economies around the globe. In many countries, including Canada, businesses are being forced to cease or limit operations for long or indefinite periods of time. Measures taken to contain the spread of the virus, including travel bans, quarantines, social distancing, and closures of non-essential services have triggered significant disruptions to businesses worldwide, resulting in an economic slowdown. Governments and central banks have responded with monetary and fiscal interventions to stabilize economic conditions.

The duration and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the effectiveness of Government and central bank responses, remains unclear at this time. It is not possible to reliably estimate the duration and severity of these consequences, as well as their impact on the financial position and results of the School for future periods.
