

Consolidated Financial Statements

South Shore Regional Centre for Education

March 31, 2021

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Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and the integrity and objectivity of these statements are management's responsibility. Management is also responsible for all of the notes to the consolidated financial statements and supplementary schedules, and for ensuring that this information is consistent, where appropriate, with the information contained in the consolidated financial statements. A summary of the significant accounting policies are described in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements. The preparation of consolidated financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates based on management's judgment, particularly when transactions affecting the current accounting period cannot be finalized with certainty until future periods.

Management is also responsible for implementing and maintaining a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that reliable financial information is produced. The internal controls are 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.

The external auditors, Grant Thornton LLP, conduct an independent examination, in accordance with Canadian auditing standards, and express their opinion on the consolidated financial statements. The external auditors have full and free access to financial management of the South Shore Regional Centre for Education and meet when required. The accompanying Independent Auditor's Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the consolidated financial statements.

On behalf of the South Shore Regional Centre for Education

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June 24, 2021

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Independent auditor's report

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Honourable Derek Mombourquette - Minister, Education and Early Childhood Development

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of South Shore Regional Centre for Education ("the Regional Centre"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at March 31, 2021, and the consolidated statements of operations, change in net financial assets and cash flow for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly in all material respects, the financial position of South Shore Regional Centre for Education as at March 31, 2021, and its results of operations, its changes in its net financial assets, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

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 Regional Centre 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 opinion.

Other Matter – Supplementary Financial Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole. The current year's supplementary information included in the schedules on pages 25 to 32 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the consolidated financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied, only to the extent necessary to express an opinion, in the audit of the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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 Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to a going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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 consolidated 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 Entity'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 Entity'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 Entity 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.

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.

Grant Thornton LLP

Bridgewater, Canada June 28, 2020

Chartered Professional Accountants

As at March 31		2021		2020
Financial Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	3,313,281	\$	1,424,998
Cash Held by Schools (Note 4)	*	1,699,038	Ŷ	2,327,119
	\$	5,012,319	\$	3,752,117
Accounts Receivable	Ŧ		÷	41100,111
Province of Nova Scotia	\$	1,932,225	\$	1,595,747
Government of Canada	Ţ	197,624	*	189,152
Other		435,383		694,784
	\$	2,565,232	\$	2,479,683
Accrued Benefit Asset (Note 5)		4,191,500		3,531,200
Receivable - Service Award Allowance (Note 9)		580,537		627,435
Receivable - Sick Leave Allowance (Note 10)		9,359,766		9,332,099
Total Financial Assets	\$	21,709,354	\$	19,722,534
Financial Liabilities				
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities - Trade	\$	2,317,890	\$	1,621,219
Accrued Payroll and Employee Deductions		2,383,733	+	2,444,025
	\$	4,701,623	\$	4,065,244
Payables and Accruals - Government				
Province of Nova Scotia	\$	141,136	\$	102,048
Government of Canada - Employee Deductions	Ψ	922,725	Ψ	102,040
Municipalities		91,185		82,122
Other (Government Service Organizations)		-		18,897
,	\$	1,155,046	\$	203,067
Deferred Revenue (Note 12)		2.190.390		2,377,011
Service Award Obligations (Note 9)		580,537		627,435
Sick Leave Obligations (Note 10)		9,359,766		9,332,099
Total Financial Liabilities	\$	17,987,362	\$	16,604,856
Net Financial Assets	\$	3,721,992	\$	3,117,678
Non-Financial Assets (Note 2)		000		
Tangible Capital Assets (Schedule C)	\$	396,371	\$	384,054
Inventory Prepaid Expenses		284,686		242,025
Prepaid Expenses	-	460,741 1,141,798	\$	380,194 1,006,273
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	\$	1,141,730		1,000,210

South Shore Regional Centre for Education **Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

Trust Funds Under Administration (Note 6 and Schedules D and E) Contractual Obligations (Note 7) Contingent Liabilities (Note 8)

On Behalf of the Regional Centre Regional Executive Director **Deputy Minister** TIL See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

South Shore Regional Centre for Education Consolidated Statement of Operations and Surplus

For the year ended March 31		-	2021	2020
	<u>Budget</u>		Actual	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues (Schedule A)				
Province of Nova Scotia	\$ 69,044,413	\$	72,735,622	\$ 68,318,277
Government of Canada	374,810		628,660	481,404
Municipal Contributions	19,855,427		19,855,428	19,274,066
School Based Funds (Note 4)	3,000,000		1,357,619	3,131,839
Regional Centre Operations	1,591,883		765,456	2,174,859
Total Revenues	\$ 93,866,533	\$	95,342,785	\$ 93,380,445
Expenditures (Schedule B)				
Regional Executive Director	350,128		435,010	374,471
Financial Services	706,217		738,233	684,465
Human Resource Services	690,143		700,913	542,476
School Services	71,326,482		72,026,025	71,365,730
Operations Services	15,121,355		16,632,759	14,875,785
Other Non-PSP Programs	2,672,208		2,554,625	1,967,280
School Based Funds (Note 4)	3,000,000		1,515,381	3,069,357
Total Expenditures	\$ 93,866,533	\$	94,602,946	\$ 92,879,564
Regional Centre Surplus	\$ -	\$	739,839	\$ 500,881
Accumulated Surplus, Beginning of Year	 -		4,123,951	 3,623,070
Accumulated Surplus, End of Year	\$ -	\$	4,863,790	\$ 4,123,951

South Shore Regional Centre f Consolidated Statement of Cha			inan	cial Assets	5	
For the year ended March 31	0			2021		2020
		<u>Budget</u>		<u>Actual</u>		<u>Actual</u>
Net Financial Assets, Beginning of Year	\$	3,117,678	\$	3,117,678	\$	2,979,919
Changes in the Year						
Regional Centre Surplus		-		739,839		500,881
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets		149,710		114,012		89,923
Acquisition of Tangible Capital Assets		-		(126,329)		(123,501)
(Increase) Decrease in Inventory		-		(42,661)		(25,801)
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Expenses				(80,547)		(303,743)
Increase in Net Financial Assets		149,710		604,314		137,759
Net Financial Assets, End of Year	\$	3,267,388	\$	3,721,992	\$	3,117,678

South Shore Regional Centre for Educat	ion		
Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended March 31		2021	2020
		2021	2020
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			
Operating transactions			
Regional Centre Surplus	\$	739,839	\$ 500,881
Items not affecting cash:			
Tangible capital asset amortization		114,012	 89,923
		853,851	 590,804
Changes in non-cash working capital			
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable		(85,550)	(242,039)
Decrease (increase) in accrued benefit asset		(660,300)	81,200
Decrease in receivable - service award allowance		46,898	69,442
Increase in receivable - sick leave allowance		(27,667)	(54,773)
(Increase) decrease in inventory		(42,661)	(25,801)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses		(80,547)	(303,743)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accruals		1,588,358	716,859
(Decrease) increase in deferred revenue		(186,621)	(308,870)
Decrease in service award obligations		(46,898)	(69,442)
Increase in sick leave obligations		27,667	54,773
		532,679	 (82,394)
Cash provided (used) by operating activities		1,386,530	 508,410
Capital transactions			
Acquisition of tangible capital assets		(126,329)	(123,501)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents		1,260,201	 384,909
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		3,752,117	 3,367,208
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	5,012,318	\$ 3,752,117

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1. Nature of Operations

As of March 31, 2018, the South Shore Regional Centre for Education (the "Regional Centre") is a corporation sole with the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development as the sole Director. The Regional Centre provides a full range of educational services for all instructional programs from Grade Primary through Grade 12 at public schools within Lunenburg and Queens Counties. The Regional Centre is registered as a charitable organization under the Income Tax Act and therefore, is exempt from income tax and may issue official receipts to donors for income tax purposes in accordance with the Regional Centre's policy.

2. Financial Reporting and Accounting Policies

These consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, which for purposes of the Regional Centre's consolidated financial statements are represented by accounting recommendations of the CPA Canada Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB), supplemented where appropriate by other CPA Canada accounting standards or pronouncements.

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared using the following significant accounting polices:

Reporting Entity

The consolidated statement of financial position is presented using the principles of consolidation prescribed by the Department of Education.

Trust funds are not included in the consolidation as they are not controlled by the Regional Centre.

School based funds, which include the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of the various school and student activities that are controlled and administered at the school level but for which the Regional Centre is accountable are reflected in the consolidated financial statements.

For a detailed review the reader should refer to the consolidated financial statements of each fund as presented in these consolidated financial statements.

Revenues

Government transfers for operating and capital purposes are recognized as revenue in the period in which all eligibility criteria and/or stipulations have been met and the amounts are authorized. Any funding received prior to satisfying these conditions is deferred until conditions have been met. When revenue is received without eligibility criteria or stipulations, it is recognized when the transfer(s) from the Government.

All non-government contributions that are externally restricted such that they must be used for a specified purpose are recognized as revenue in the period in which the resources are used for the purpose or purposes specified. Any externally restricted receipts received before the criteria has been met is reported as a defined revenue until the resources are used for the purpose or purpose or purposes specified.

The Regional Centre recognizes as revenue, the provincial government transfers representing the year over year change in accrued benefit obligations as the transfer has been authorized.

International Student Program revenues are recognized as revenue when the related service is rendered.

Rental income is recognized straight line over the term of the lease.

Investment income is recognized as revenue in the year in which it is earned.

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2. Financial Reporting and Accounting Policies (continued)

Expenditures

Expenditures are the cost of goods and services acquired in the period whether or not payment has been made or invoices recorded. Expenditures are recorded on the accrual basis and include the cost of supply inventories purchased during the year. Provisions are made for probable losses on certain loans, investments, accounts receivable, and contingent liabilities when it is likely that a liability exists and the amount can be reasonably determined. These provisions are updated as estimates are revised, at least annually.

Use of Estimates

In preparing the Regional Centre's consolidated financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities and reported amounts of revenue and expenses. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the carrying amount of tangible capital assets, valuation allowances for receivables, and assets and obligations related to employee future benefits. Actual amounts could differ from these estimates.

Financial Instruments

The Regional Centre's financial instruments include receivables, cash and cash equivalents, bank indebtedness, payables, due to/from related parties. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Regional Centre is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risk arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments approximates their carrying values, except for payables to related parties, for which fair value was not readily determinable.

Financial Assets

Cash and cash equivalents are recorded at cost which approximates market value. Accounts receivable are recorded at the principal amount less valuation allowances, if applicable.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and balances with banks, bank overdrafts, and highly liquid temporary money instruments with original maturities of three months or less.

Liabilities

Pension, retirement and other obligations include various employee benefits. For purposes of these consolidated financial statements, the Regional Centre's pension liabilities are calculated using an accrued benefits actuarial method and using accounting assumptions which reflect the Regional Centre's best estimates of performance over the long-term. The net pension liabilities represent accrued pension benefits less the market related value of pension assets (if applicable) and the balance of unamortized experience gains and losses.

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 that the related expenditures are incurred or service performed.

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2. Financial Reporting and Accounting Policies (continued)

Liability for Contaminated Sites

Contaminated sites are a result of contamination being introduced into the air, soil, water or sediment of a chemical, organic or radioactive material or live organism that exceeds an environmental standard. The liability would be recorded net of any expected recoveries. A liability for remediation of contaminated sites would be recognized when all the following criteria are met:

i. an environmental standard exists;

- ii. contamination exceeds the environmental standard;
- iii. the Regional Centre: a) is directly responsible; or b) accepts responsibility; and
- iv. a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

As at March 31, 2021 there are no known contaminated sites identified.

Net Financial Assets

Net financial assets represent the financial assets of the Regional Centre less financial liabilities.

Non-Financial Assets

Inventories are bus garage parts and bus tire inventories recorded at average cost. All other supplies and purchases are expensed.

Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets have useful lives extending beyond the accounting period, are held for use in the production or supply of goods and services and are not intended for sale in the ordinary course of operations. Tangible capital assets are recorded at net historical cost, when applicable. Tangible capital assets include major equipment and vehicles. Tangible capital assets do not include intangibles or assets acquired by right. The buildings and school buses financed by the Province of Nova Scotia and transferred to the Regional Centre's are not accounted for in the Regional Centre's consolidated financial statements; rather they are included in the Province of Nova Scotia's financial statements. The Regional Centre adopted the Province of Nova Scotia's Tangible Capital Assets Accounting Policy thresholds and only those assets meeting the thresholds are recorded as additions.

The thresholds and amortization rates as defined in the policy are as follows:

	<u>Threshold</u>	<u>Rates</u>
Buildings	\$250,000	5%
Building Improvements	\$150,000	5%
Leasehold Improvements	\$150,000	Lease term (SL)
Computer Hardware	\$25,000	50%
Vehicles	\$15,000	35%
Major Equipment	\$50,000	20%
Furniture, Equipment & Technology	\$300,000	30%
Software	\$250,000	50%

Prepaid Expenses and Inventories

Prepaid expenses are cash disbursements for goods or services, other than tangible capital assets and inventories of supplies, of which some or all will provide economic benefits in one or more future periods. The prepaid amount is recognized as an expense in the year the good or service is used or consumed.

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3. Accumulated Surplus

Accumulated Surplus represents the financial assets and non-financial assets of the Regional Centre less financial liabilities. This represents the accumulated balance of net surplus arising from the operations of the Regional Centre and school generated funds. The designation of Accumulated Surplus is as follows:

	·	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Operating - Unrestricted, Beginning of Year Regional Centre Surplus	\$	2,321,860 739,839	\$ 1,883,461 500,881
Operating (Surplus) Deficit - Designated to School Funds	\$	3,061,699 374,504	\$ 2,384,342 (62,482)
Operating - Unrestricted, End of Year	\$	3,436,203	\$ 2,321,860
School Funds - Restricted, Beginning of Year School Funds - Restricted, Surplus (Deficit) for Year	\$	1,802,091 (374,504)	\$ 1,739,609 62,482
School Funds - Restricted, End of Year	\$	1,427,587	\$ 1,802,091
Accumulated Surplus, End of Year	\$	4,863,790	\$ 4,123,951

4. Cash Held by Schools

These consolidated financial statements include school generated funds arising from certain school and student activities that are controlled and administered by each school, but for which the Regional Centre is accountable. Revenue from school funds is recognized as the funds are received. School funded activity expenditures are recorded as the funds are expended. School Generated Funds include the revenues and expenditures and fund balances of various organizations that exist at the school level under the jurisdiction of the Regional Centre. Changes in cash held by schools are as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Balance, beginning of year excluding deferred	\$ 2,327,119	\$ 2,271,760
Additions to school generated funds	1,357,619	3,131,839
School funded activity expenditures	 (1,515,381)	 (3,069,357)
Net school generated funds for year	 (157,762)	 62,482
Balance before deferred	2,169,357	2,334,242
Change in deferred revenue (Note 12)	(253,577)	(7,123)
Less receivable	 (216,742)	 -
Balance, end of year	 \$1,699,038	\$ 2,327,119

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5. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Details on the defined benefit plans were provided by Morneau Shepell on April 30, 2021 and have been determined by them in accordance with PS 3250 for the South Shore Regional Centre for Education C.U.P.E. Staff Pension Plan (the "CUPE Plan") and the South Shore Regional Centre for Education Support Staff Pension Plan (the "Support Staff Plan").

Plan assets used for purposes of the accounting valuation were based on the market value of assets as at December 31, 2020, as presented in the consolidated financial statements provided by Desjardins Financial Security as at that date. These assets were then adjusted for amounts in transit. Contributions to the Plans, benefits and investment earnings were determined from the consolidated financial statements.

To calculate the Plan's liabilities, Morneau Shepell used the Plan provisions as at January 1, 2021.

The most recent valuations of the Plans for funding purposes were performed on December 31, 2019. The next funding valuation of the plan is required to be completed for December 31, 2022.

The following table summarizes the actuarial assumptions and methods used for the valuation:

Valuation Date	December 31, 2019			
Actuarial Cost Method	Projected Unit Credit prorated on service			
Discount Rate	4.50% per year			
Expected Return on Plan Assets	4.50% per year			
Salary Increases	2.75% per year			
Interest on Employee Contributions	2.00% per year			
Mortality	CPM-2014 Public Mortality Table with generational			
	projection using improvement scale CPM-B with size			
	adjustment factors			
	Sex distinct			
	No pre-retirement mortality			
Termination of Employment	Age <u>Termination</u>			
	25 20.0%			
	30 11.2%			
	35 6.3%			
	40 3.4%			
	45 1.8%			
	50 1.2%			
	55 0.7%			
Termination Election	50% of terminated members elect a deferred pension			
Discount Rate for members assumed to elect a	3.00%			
commuted value transfer upon termination				
Disability	None			
Retirement: CUPE Plan	Age 65 (or in one year, later)			
Support Staff Plan	Age 60 (or in one year, later)			
Administrative Expenses	Implicitly recognized in the discount rate			

The following table shows the CUPE and Support Staff Plans' pension expense for the 2021 fiscal year, and the accrued benefit asset/(liability) as at March 31, 2021.

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5. Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

Fiscal 2021 Expense	CUPE	Support Staff	Total
			\$
Service Cost (net of employee contributions)	\$ 372,500	\$ 907,000	۳ 1,279,500
Amortization of Actuarial Losses	(60,100)	(148,500)	(208,600)
Pension Interest Expenditure/Expense:			
Interest Cost on the Accrued Benefit Obligation	874,200	1,560,400	2,434,600
Expected Return on Plan Assets	(966,600)	(1,744,400)	(2,711,000)
Total 2021 Pension Expense	\$ 220,000	\$ 574,500	\$ 794,500
Expected Average Remaining Service Lifetime	11 years	10 years	
Development of Accrued Benefit Asset as at March 31,			
2021	CUPE	Support Staff	Total
Accrued Benefit Asset as at March 31, 2020	\$ 1,202,500	\$ 2,328,700	\$ 3,531,200
Fiscal 2021 Expense	(220,000)	(574,500)	(794,500)
Fiscal 2021 Centre for Education Contributions	441,300	1,013,500	1,454,800
Accrued Benefit Asset as at March 31, 2021	\$ 1,423,800	\$ 2,767,700	\$ 4,191,500

The following table shows the disclosure figures (assets and accrued benefit obligation) as at the end of fiscal 2021 (i.e. measured at December 31, 2020), and the reconciliation of the accrued benefit asset (liability) as at that date. The assets are actual market value as at December 31, 2020, adjusted for amounts in transit.

Reconciliation of Accrued Benefit Asset as at March 31, 2021	CUPE	Support Staff	Total
Pension Fund Assets	\$ 18,019,100	\$ 33,369,700	\$ 51,388,800
Less: Accrued Benefit Obligation	18,436,000	32,987,900	51,423,900
Funded Status as at March 31, 2021	(416,900)	381,800	(35,100)
Plus: Unamortized Actuarial Losses	1,728,700	2,146,400	3,875,100
Plus: Employer Contributions January to March 2021	112,000	239,500	351,500
Accrued Benefit Asset as at March 31, 2021	\$ 1,423,800	\$ 2,767,700	\$ 4,191,500

Other Pension Plans

The Regional Centre's teaching staff is covered by a pension plan established by the Province of Nova Scotia pursuant to the Teachers' Pension Act. Employer contributions for these employees are provided directly by the Province of Nova Scotia. Costs and the related funding provided by the Province have been reflected in these consolidated financial statements. The pension costs and obligations related to these plans are the direct responsibility of the Province. No assets or liabilities related to this plan are included in the Regional Centre's consolidated financial statements.

Some non-teaching employees are covered by a multi-employer defined pension plan held on behalf of the Regional Centre by the Nova Scotia Common Services Bureau.

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6. Trust Funds under Administration

Trust fund assets administered by the Regional Centre are identified in Schedule D. The Trust funds represent capital contributed in trust as well as income thereon. The Trust funds are used primarily to provide scholarships for eligible students or for expenditures for specifically, designated purposes.

7. Contractual Obligations

Contractual obligations over \$100,000 in total in future years are as follows:

	Rer	ntal Leases
2022	\$	106,127
2023		21,302
Total	\$	127,429

8. Contingent Liabilities

There are several outstanding grievances and claims against the Regional Centre. The outcomes of these grievances and claims are not determinable. Any settlements resulting from arbitration or resolution of these claims will be treated as a charge to operations in the period the settlement occurs.

9. Service Award Obligations

Summary of Service Award Obligation

The last actuarial valuation for teacher service awards was conducted as at July 31, 2018. The actuarial liabilities for Teachers service awards as at March 31, 2021 were extrapolated based on the latest actuarial valuations. The actuarial valuation for the non-teacher service awards was as at March 31, 2018 and was extrapolated to March 31, 2021.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Service Awards - Teachers Service Awards - Non-Teachers	\$ 573,003 7,534	\$ 605,361 22,074
Total Service Award Obligations – Teachers and Non-Teachers	\$ 580,537	\$ 627,435

The Regional Centre has recognized in these consolidated financial statements the liability associated with service awards earned by staff. The Regional Centre has recorded a corresponding receivable from the Province of Nova Scotia which has assumed responsibility for the liability up to March 31, 2021.

In Fiscal 2018, eligible employees (teachers and non-union) were provided an opportunity to elect for an early service payout in lieu of their retirement allowance. This one-time election ended March 29, 2018 with election uptake as 89% for teachers and 93% for non-union. The total amount of early service payouts paid in early Fiscal 2019 was \$4 million.

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9. Service Award Obligations (continued)

I. Service Awards – Teachers

For all service on or before July 31, 2000, under the terms of agreements with local units of the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union (NSTU), the Regional Centre is required to pay a service award to each teacher who accumulates a minimum of fifteen years' service with the Regional Centre. The amounts of the awards are as follows:

Queens District	0.45 of 1% of a TC5 - MAX per year of service (maximum 35 years)
Lunenburg District	\$200 per year of service (maximum 35 years)

For all service commencing on or after August 1, 2000 under the terms of agreement with the NSTU and the Province of Nova Scotia, the Regional Centre is required to pay a service award to each teacher who accumulates a minimum of fifteen years' service with the Regional Centre. The amount of the award is as follows: 0.75 of 1% for each year of service with the Regional Centre multiplied by the annual salary rate on the last day of employment with the Regional Centre.

For all service commencing on or before August 1, 2002 under the terms of agreement with the NSTU and Province of Nova Scotia the Regional Centre is required to pay a service award to each teacher who accumulates a minimum of ten years of service with the Regional Centre. The amount of the award is as follows: 1% of each year of service with the Regional Centre to a maximum of 30 years multiplied by the annual salary rate (including any administration allowance) on the last day of employment with the Regional Centre.

The Province of Nova Scotia assumed responsibility for the payment of Service Awards for teachers effective April 1, 2002. The Regional Centre has recorded a service award and interest expense for the service awards for teachers, as provided by the Province of Nova Scotia.

The valuations and extrapolations reflect the benefit provisions of the retirement allowance programs as of the measurement date with the possible exception that the actuary was directed by the Province of Nova Scotia to reflect the freeze of service accrual under the retirement allowance programs as at April 1, 2015.

Section 3250 requires that all unamortized gains and losses be recognized on plan curtailment. Actuarial gains and losses that are revealed after the plan curtailment are to be amortized over the expected average remaining service life ("EARSL") of active employees.

Eckler Ltd. provided the Province with post-retirement benefit disclosures as at March 31, 2021 under section 3250 of the CPA Canada Public Sector Accounting Handbook.

Actuarial Assumptions	
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Discount Rate on Liabilities:	 3.29% per annum for March 31, 2019 benefit obligation 3.24% per annum for fiscal 2019/2020 expense determination, and March 31, 2020 benefit obligation 3.01% per annum for fiscal 2020/21 expense determination, and March 31, 2021 benefit obligation
Retirement Age:	 50% at Rule of 85, remainder at earlier of 35 years of credited service, age 62 with 10 years of credited service, and age 65 with 2 years of credited service
Mortality:	No pre-retirement mortality assumed
Withdrawal Prior to Retirement:	No termination prior to retirement assumed

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9. Service Award Obligations (continued)

Salary Growth Rate:	 1.5% on August 1, 2018, 0.5% on July 31, 2019, 1.5% on A 2019, 0.5% on July 31, 2020, 1.5% on August 1, 2020, 0.5% 31, 2021, and 2% per annum beginning August 1, 2021 plu promotional scale for March 31, 2019 benefit obligation, 20 expense determination, March 31, 2020 benefit obligation a 2020/2021 expense determination 1.5% on August 1, 2018, 0.5% on July 31, 2019, 1.5% on A 2019, 0.5% on July 31, 2020, 1.5% on August 1, 2022, 0.5% 31, 2021, 1.5% on August 1, 2021, 1.5% on August 1, 2022, 1.5% on August 1, 2022 per annum beginning August 1, 2023 plus promotional scale 31, 2021 benefit obligation 	
	Age Group	Annual Increase
	< 30	3.25%
	30 – 34	2.75%
	35 – 39	2.25%
	40 – 44	1.75%
	45 – 49	1.25%
	50 & over	0.75%
	60 +	0%

Continuity of Service Award Allowance Liability - Teachers	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Opening benefit obligation, beginning of the year	\$ 402,176	\$ 442,725
Interest on obligation	11,900	13,501
Less: benefits paid	(31,841)	(56,050)
Actuarial losses (gains)	 5,300	 2,000
Closing benefit obligation, end of year	\$ 387,535	\$ 402,176
Pension assets, at market related values	 	 -
Funded status - deficiency	(387,535)	(402,176)
Unamortized actuarial gains	 (185,468)	 (203,185)
Accrued Benefit Liability - Teachers	\$ (573,003)	\$ (605,361)

II. Service Awards – Non-Teachers

Eckler has prepared disclosure figures under PS 3250 of the CPA Canada Public Sector Accounting Handbook. Retiring allowance benefit descriptions and copies of the relevant parts of the collective agreements and letters of understanding for the different Regional Centres and union/non-union groups were provided by the Province of Nova Scotia (the "Province").

Non-union members hired before April 1, 2009 with 15 years of service at April 1, 2015 are entitled to a payment upon retirement of 1% per year of service at April 1, 2015 to a maximum of 25 years.

An actuarial valuation has been obtained by the Province of Nova Scotia which has been prepared under Section 3250 of the CPA Canada Public Sector Accounting Handbook ("Section 3250"). Retiring allowances benefits descriptions and copies of the relevant parts of the collective agreements and letters of understanding for the different Regional Centres and union/non-union groups were provided by the Province of Nova Scotia (the "Province").

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9. Service Award Obligations (continued)

The calculations have been carried out based on the data provided by the Province of Nova Scotia. This information was supplemented by data supplied by the individual Regional Centres. The data included the period of continuous service with the Province, the date of birth, annual salary and contractual hours of work and some detail regarding frozen awards.

The valuations and extrapolations reflect the benefit provisions of the retirement allowance programs as of the measurement date with the possible exception that the actuary was directed by the Province of Nova Scotia to reflect the freeze of service accrual under the retirement allowance programs as at April 1, 2015. The actuarial valuations noted the collective agreements that incorporate the service freeze under the retirement allowance programs have not been ratified as of the date of their report. Based on correspondence with the Province of Nova Scotia, it was the actuaries understanding that it was the Government's assertion that the changes to freeze service under the retirement allowance programs as at April 1, 2015 are virtually definitive based on the steps it has put in place. As per provincial direction, a curtailment of the retirement allowance programs was reflected as at April 1, 2015 as provided in the actuary calculation and disclosures for Fiscal 2016. Should this not be the case, the calculation and disclosures will need to be revised along with those provided for Fiscal 2016, Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2018, Fiscal 2019 and Fiscal 2020.

Non-union non-teaching employees were offered a one-time option to elect an immediate payout of their retirement allowance benefit based on their rate of pay as at March 31, 2018. Employee elections were completed in March 2018 with payments made in early Fiscal 2019. The immediate payment of accrued benefits triggered a settlement under PS3250. The actuary had reflected the settlement in Fiscal 2018 as at March 31, 2018 with benefit payments made in Fiscal 2019.

Section 3250 requires that all unamortized gains and losses be recognized on plan curtailment. Actuarial gains and losses that are revealed after the plan curtailment are to be amortized over the expected average remaining service life ("EARSL") of active employees.

An actuarial estimate was provided to the Province with post-retirement benefit disclosures as at March 31, 2021 under section 3250 of the CPA Canada Public Sector Accounting Handbook.

Valuation Date	March 31, 2018
Discount Rate on Liabilities	 3.29% per annum for March 31, 2019 benefit obligation 3.24% per annum for fiscal 2019/20 expense determination and March 31, 2020 benefit obligation 3.01% per annum for fiscal 2020/21 expense determination and March 31, 2021 benefit obligation
Retirement Age	 10% at age 59 20% at age 60 10% at each age 61-64 50% at each age 65-69 100% at age 70 However, above rates are adjusted to 20% each year on or after earliest unreduced retirement date, if greater, and 40% at 35 years of service (earliest unreduced retirement date is the earlier of age 60 with 2 years of service or age 50 with 80 points if hired before April 6, 2010 or age 55 with 85 points if hired on or after that date)
Mortality	No pre-retirement mortality assumed
Withdrawal Prior to Retirement	No termination of employment assumed

All assumptions used in the Retiring Allowance valuation have been chosen by the Province. The assumptions are summarized in the table below.

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9. Service Award Obligations (continued)

Salary Growth Rate	• 2.5% at April 1, 2018				
	• 3.0% at April 1, 2019				
	• 3.0% at April 1, 2020				
	• 3.0% at April 1, 2021				
	• 2.5% at April 1, 2022				
	• 3.0% per year from April 1,	2023			
Continuity of Service Awa	rd Liability - Non-Teachers		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>
Opening benefit obligation,	beginning of the year	\$	7,314	\$	7,084
Interest on obligation			220		230
Less: benefits paid			-		-
Actuarial gains			-		-
Closing benefit obligation, e	end of year		7,534		7,314
Pension assets, at market r	elated values		-		-
Funded status - deficiency			(7,534)		(7,314)
Unamortized actuarial gains	3		-		(14,760)
Accrued Benefit Liability	- Non-Teachers	\$	(7,534)	\$	(22,074)
Accrued Benefit Liability	- Non-Teachers	\$	(7,534)	\$	(22,07
Summary of Sick Leave O	bligations		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>
Accumulated Sick Leave Ol	oligation – Teachers	\$8,	295,913	\$ 8,32	22,655

Accumulated Sick Leave Obligation – Teachers	\$ 8,295,913	\$ 8,322,655
Accumulated Sick Leave Obligation - Non-Teachers	 1,063,853	1,009,444
Total Sick Leave Obligations	\$ 9,359,766	\$ 9,332,099

The Regional Centre has recognized in these consolidated financial statements the liability associated with accumulated sick leave earned by staff. The Regional Centre has recorded a corresponding receivable from the Province of Nova Scotia which has assumed responsibility for the liability up to March 31, 2021.

I. Sick Leave Obligation – Teachers

The Regional Centre provides benefits for sick leave for teaching staff under the following conditions:

- (a) Full time teachers are entitled to twenty (20) days sick leave in each school year. Teachers who are not full time will receive a pro-rated amount of days.
- (b) Teachers may accumulate 100% of their unused current sick days up to a maximum of 195 days in a sick leave bank.
- (c) Accumulated sick leave cannot be used until the current year's sick leave (20 days per school year) has been depleted.

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10. Sick Leave Obligation (continued)

(d) Accumulated sick leave benefits are not paid out on termination, retirement or resignation.

The Province of Nova Scotia provided an actuarial valuation of the Regional Centre's obligations for the accumulated sick leave for accounting purposes. Key actuarial assumptions used in the valuation were based on the Regional Centre's best estimates. Those assumptions involve forecasts of expected future inflation rates, wage and salary increases, cost of long-term debt, and employee turnover and mortality.

Eckler Ltd. provided the Province with updated sick leave benefit disclosures as at March 31, 2021 under section 3255 of the CPA Canada Public Sector Accounting Handbook.

	 3.29% per annum for March 31, 2019 ber 	nefit obligation	
Liabilities: • 3.24% per annum for fiscal 2019/20 expense determination and March 3			
	2020 benefit obligation		
	• 3.01% per annum for fiscal 2020/21 expe	nse determination and March 31,	
	2021 benefit obligation		
Retirement Age:	• 50% at Rule of 85, remainder at earlier of with 10 years of credited service, and age		
Mortality:	100% of CPM-2014 Public with future mo scale CPM-B	rtality improvements according to	
Withdrawal Prior to Retirement:	• 5% per annum in first 2 years of employm	nent	
Salary Growth Rate:	 1.5% at August 1, 2018, 0.5% on July 31, 2019, 1.5% on August 1, 2019, 0.5% on July 31, 2020, 1.5% on August 1, 2020, 0.5% on July 31, 2021 at 2.0% per year from August 1, 2021 plus a promotional scale for March 31, 2019 benefit obligation, fiscal 2019/2020 expense determination, March 3: 2020 benefit obligation and fiscal 2020/21 expense determination 0.5% on July 31, 2020, 1.5% on August 1, 2020, 0.5% on July 31, 2021, 1 on August 1, 2021, 1.5% on August 1, 2022 and 2.0% per year from Augu 2023 plus a promotional scale for March 31, 2021 benefit obligation Promotional Scale: 		
		Promotional Scale	
	Age Group	Promotional Scale	
	Age Group < 30	3.25%	
	Age Group < 30 30 – 34	3.25% 2.75%	
	Age Group < 30 30 – 34 35 – 39	3.25% 2.75% 2.25%	
	Age Group < 30 30 – 34 35 – 39 40 – 44	3.25% 2.75% 2.25% 1.75%	
	Age Group < 30 30 - 34 35 - 39 40 - 44 45 - 49	3.25% 2.75% 2.25% 1.75% 1.25%	
	Age Group < 30 30 – 34 35 – 39 40 – 44	3.25% 2.75% 2.25% 1.75%	

Actuarial Assumptions

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10. Sick Leave Obligation (continued)

Sick Leave Bank Utilization:	 For March 31, 2019 benefit of March 31, 2020 benefit obligs The probability that an employ bank during a year and the a during a year for those who us analysis of the sick leave usa years 2014-15 through 2016 	ation and fiscal 2020/21 e byee uses a portion of the verage number of sick lea use their sick leave is as fo age of the Nova Scotia Te -17):	xpense determination: ir accumulated sick leave ave bank days used ollows (developed from		
	Age Group	Probability of Usage	Sick Bank Days Used		
	Males under 30	3.9%	7.6 days		
	Males 30 – 39	5.3%	18.5 days		
	Males 30 – 33 Males 40 – 49	7.0%	26.9 days		
	Males 50 – 59	13.5%	39.6 days		
	Males 60 & over	19.5%	46.6 days		
	Females under 30	5.7%	8.5 days		
	Females 30 – 39	12.7%	14.6 days		
	Females 40 – 49	10.6%	22.3 days		
	Females 50 – 59	14.1%	30.3 days		
	Females 60 & over	18.6%	35.5 days		
	For March 31, 2021 benefit obligation, fiscal 2020/2021 expense				
	determination: The probability that an employee uses a portion of their				
	accumulated sick leave bank during a year and the average number of sick				
	leave bank days used during	a year for those who use	their sick leave is as		
	follows (developed from anal				
	Teachers during fiscal years				
	Age Group	Probability of Usage	Sick Bank Days Used		
	Males under 30	6.3%	11.3 days		
	Males 30 – 39	6.5%	14.0 days		
	Males 40 – 49	8.1%	22.6 days		
	Males 50 – 59	10.5%	30.8 days		
	Males 60 & over	14.9%	25.1 days		
	Females under 30	13.2%	10.2 days		
	Females 30 – 39	14.4%	13.8 days		
	Females 40 – 49	12.0%	19.3 days		
	Females 50 – 59	13.7%	24.4 days		
	Females 60 & over	20.1%	20.8 days		
Continuity of Sick Lea	ve Liability - Teachers	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>		
Opening benefit obligati	on, beginning of the year	\$ 5,628,984	4 \$ 5,406,416		

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Current service c	ost				
Interest on obliga	tion				
Less: sick leave t	aken				
Actuarial losses (gains)				
Closing benefit ol	oligatior	ı, er	nd of	year	
Pension assets, a	at marke	et re	lated	values	s
Funded status - o	deficien	су			

Unamortized actuarial gains Accrued Benefit Liability - Teachers 493,600

176,268

(468,900)

21,600

5,628,984

(5,628,984)

(2,693,671)

(8,322,655)

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518,000

172,900

(487,200)

(1,577,900)

4,254,784

(4,254,784)

(4,041,129)

(8,295,913)

\$

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10. Sick Leave Obligation (continued)

I. Sick Leave Obligation – Non-Teaching

Eckler provided to the Province of Nova Scotia on December 18, 2019 the requested financial disclosure figures related to the Sick Leave Benefit (the "Sick Leave") to Non-Teaching employees of all Regional Centres in Nova Scotia for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021 ("fiscal 2021"). The accounting results are based on the understanding of the methods prescribed under Section PS 3255 of the CICA Public Sector Accounting Handbook ("PS 3255") which applies to sick leave and severance benefits. The financial disclosure figures as at March 31, 2021 are based on an extrapolation of the actuarial valuation as at March 31, 2018. The data included the period of continuous service with the Province, the date of birth, annual salary and contractual hours of work.

Actuarial Assumptions

March 31, 2018					
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No pre-retiren	nent mortality a	assumed			
No termination	n of employme	ent assumed			
April 1, 2021 a obligation, fise obligation and 2.5% on April April 1, 2021,	and 3.0% per y cal 2019/20 ex l fiscal 2020/20 1, 2018, 3.0% 2.5% on April ²	/ear from Ap pense deterr 021 expense on April 1, 2 1, 2022 and 3	ril 1, 2022 for nination, Marc determinatior 019, 3.0% on	March 31, 2 ch 31, 2020 า April 1, 202	019 benefit benefit 0, 3.0% on
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Age	Hours	Age	Hours	Age	Hours
20	0.0	40	8.6	60	28.2
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10. Sick Leave Obligation (continued)

Continuity of Sick Leave Liability - Non-Teachers	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Opening benefit obligation, beginning of the year	\$ 1,077,962	\$ 1,032,872
Current service cost	173,500	167,000
Interest on obligation	33,000	33,690
Less: sick leave taken	(161,300)	(158,100)
Actuarial losses	 (5,300)	 2,500
Closing benefit obligation, end of year	\$ 1,117,862	\$ 1,077,962
Pension assets, at market related values	 -	
Funded status - deficiency	(1,117,862)	(1,077,962)
Unamortized actuarial losses	 54,009	 68,518
Accrued Benefit Liability - Non-Teachers	\$ (1,063,853)	\$ (1,009,444)

11. Collective Agreements

Collective Agreements and other Terms and Conditions of Employment

The provincial collective agreement with the NSTU expires July 31, 2023.

The local collective agreement with the NSTU expired July 31, 2020.

The collective agreement with the NSGEU expired on March 31, 2021.

The collective agreement with SEIU expires March 31, 2023.

The collective agreement with CUPE expired March 31, 2021.

The Non-Union Terms and Conditions of Employment were last updated February 7, 2014.

The Public School Administrators Employment Relations Regulations under the Public School Administrators Employment Relations Act (effective August 1, 2018) were amended effective February 4, 2021.

12. Deferred Revenue

Deferred Revenue as of March 31:	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Teachers PD Fund	\$ 624,785	\$ 374,298
International Student Program	85,671	259,613
School Generated Funds (Note 4)	271,452	525,028
Programs - Province of Nova Scotia	 1,208,482	 1,218,072
Total	\$ 2,190,390	\$ 2,377,011

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13. Bank Indebtedness

The Regional Centre has utilized the available operating line of credit during the fiscal year with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. There was no outstanding balance at fiscal year-end.

14. Financial Instrument Risk Management

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Regional Centre if a debtor fails to make payments when due. The Regional Centre is exposed to this risk relating to its receivables.

The majority of receivables are ultimately due from the government. Credit risk is mitigated by management review of aging and collection of receivables and billings. The Regional Centre recognizes a specific allowance for doubtful accounts when management considers the expected amounts to be recovered is lower than the actual receivable.

The Regional Centre measures its exposure to credit risk based on how long the amounts have been outstanding. An impairment allowance is set up based on the Centre's historical experience regarding collections.

The Regional Centre mitigates credit risk by ensuring that grants are entered into by way of a contract and by continuous monitoring of outstanding balances to ensure collection is timely. Management closely evaluates the collectability of its receivables and maintains provisions for potential credit losses, which are assessed on a regular basis.

There have been no significant changes from the previous year in the exposure to risk or policies, procedures and methods used to measure the risk.

Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of market factors. Market factors include three types of risk: interest rate risk, currency risk and equity risk. The Regional Centre is not exposed to significant currency or equity risk as it does not transact materially in foreign currency or hold equity financial instruments.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the potential for financial loss caused by fluctuations in fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments because of changes in market interest rates.

The Regional Centre is exposed to this risk through its variable interest bearing bank overdraft. However, management does not feel that this represents a material risk to the Regional Centre as fluctuations in market interest rates would not materially impact future cash flows and operations relating to the bank overdraft.

There have been no significant changes from the previous year in the exposure to risk or policies, procedures and methods used to measure the risk.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Regional Centre will not be able to meet all cash outflow obligations as they come due. The Regional Centre mitigates this risk by monitoring cash activities and expected outflows through extensive budgeting and maintaining a bank overdraft credit facility if unexpected cash outflows arise.

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14. Financial Instrument Risk Management (continued)

There have been no significant changes from the previous year in the exposure to risk or policies, procedures and methods used to measure the risk.

All accounts payable and accrued liabilities are due within a one year period with the exception of post-employment benefits and compensated absences.

15. Comparative Figures

Certain of the prior year figures have been reclassified to conform with the financial statement presentation adopted for the current year.

16. Subsequent Event

On March 11, 2020, the COVID-19 outbreak was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization and the spread of the virus has severely impacted many economies around the globe. The Province of Nova Scotia declared a Provincial State of Emergency on March 22, 2020 and all public schools in the province were closed effective March 23, 2020. A continuity of learning plan was implemented to enable at-home learning for students, which remained in effect for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Nova Scotia developed its Back to School Plan for September 2020. SSRCE implemented this plan and students returned to in-class instruction in September 2020. This plan contains significant measures from Public Health and outlines various protocols, including the extensive use of personal protective equipment (PPE) by staff and students, enhanced cleaning and ventilation checks in schools, cohorting of students, etc.

Effective April 28, 2021 all schools in the Province were temporarily closed to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in community. At that time, students moved to at-home virtual learning as intended in the Back to School Plan. The temporary school closure ended on June 2, 2021 and students returned to in-class instruction for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

By adopting the enhanced safety measures of the Nova Scotia Back to School Plan, there have been both financial and operational impacts. However, the Regional Centre has not experienced any cash flow issues, and has been working with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to ensure sufficient funding is available to address the incremental COVID costs, and continue as a going concern.

South Shore Regional Centre for Education Schedule A - Supplementary Details of Revenues

For the year ended March 31			2021		2020
		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>		<u>Actual</u>
Province of Nova Scotia					
Operating	\$	55,075,097	\$ 56,775,647	\$	53,582,038
Teacher Salary Accrual		-	1,365,300		1,320,200
Restricted		13,946,116	14,560,465		13,387,792
Capital		-	-		-
Other		23,200	 34,210		28,247
	\$	69,044,413	\$ 72,735,622	\$	68,318,277
Government of Canada					
First Nations/Other	\$	374,810	\$ 628,660	\$	481,404
	\$ \$	374,810	\$ 628,660	\$	481,404
Municipal Contributions-Mandatory	\$	19,855,427	\$ 19.855,428	\$	19,274,066
	\$ \$	19,855,427	\$ 19,855,428	\$	19,274,066
School Based Funds (Note 4)	\$	3,000,000	\$ 1,357,619	\$	3,131,839
Regional Centre Operating					
Regional Centre Generated-Other	\$	1,553,383	\$ 733,866	\$	2,123,053
Rental Revenue		600		•	-
Interest/Investment		32,900	26,459		37,914
Sale of Assets		5,000	5,131		13,892
	\$	1,591,883	\$ 765,456	\$	2,174,859
Total Revenues	\$	93,866,533	\$ 95,342,785	\$	93,380,445

South Shore Regional Centre for Educati Schedule B - Supplementary Details of E				
For the year ended March 31	xpenditui	65	2021	2020
		<u>Budget</u>	Actual	<u>Actua</u>
Regional Executive Director				
Regional Executive Director				
Travel	\$	10,400	\$ 1,118	\$ 10,040
Contracted Services	\$	-	-	\$ 88
Supplies/Materials		2,475	11,463	3,759
Professional Development		2,900	 -	 1,448
	\$	15,775	\$ 12,581	\$ 15,335
Communications				
Salaries	\$	-	\$ 48,944	\$ 11,067
Benefits		-	6,349	3,420
Travel		1,500	-	711
Supplies/Materials		5,500	6,473	-
Other Expenses		-	(21,697)	8,932
	\$	7,000	\$ 40,069	\$ 24,130
Regional Management				
Salaries	\$	200,611	\$ 213,014	\$ 199,744
Benefits		17,342	18,166	19,948
Travel		4,000	-	690
Contracted Services		68,200	120,868	71,268
Supplies/Materials		37,200	30,312	43,356
	\$	327,353	\$ 382,360	\$ 335,006
Total Regional Executive Director	\$	350,128	\$ 435,010	\$ 374,471
Financial Services				
Salaries	\$	837,525	\$ 865,620	\$ 758,491
Benefits		199,428	192,284	177,316
Travel		9,050	697	6,202
Contracted Services		32,000	32,221	38,760
Repairs/Maintenance		2,500	-	-
Supplies/Materials		2,500	14,119	5,554
Professional Development		6,970	3,181	5,651
Insurance		65,034	74,462	59,201
Other Expenses		(448,790)	 (444,351)	 (366,710
Total Financial Services	\$	706,217	\$ 738,233	\$ 684,465

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For the year ended March 31	•			2021		2020
Iuman Resource Services		<u>Budget</u>		<u>Actual</u>		<u>Actua</u>
Salaries	\$	433,763	\$	467,969	\$	322,540
Benefits		132,935		137,130		98,926
Travel Contracted Services		9,000 6,000		4,033 12,386		10,363 31,787
Repairs/Maintenance		50,745		45,037		32,004
Supplies/Materials		9,200		7,241		9,169
Professional Development		48,500		27,117		37,687
Fotal Human Resources	\$	690,143	\$	700,913	\$	542,476
School Services						
School Services Administration						
Salaries	\$	1,035,870	\$	1,067,880	\$	1,009,607
Benefits		80,971		83,139		73,845
Travel		38,500		17,411		33,179
Contracted Services		-		-		1,549
Supplies/Materials		39,666		47,205		63,370
Professional Development		13,466		7,157		6,796
	\$	1,208,473	\$	1,222,792	\$	1,188,346
School Costs	•	54 704 700	•		•	54 050 070
Salaries	\$	51,734,733	\$	53,752,422	\$	51,950,379
Benefits		12,477,440		11,734,604		12,171,860
Travel		78,850		44,457		77,685
Contracted Services		185,500		353,535		177,420
Repairs/Maintenance		-		4,355		204
Supplies/Materials		523,618		573,424		535,920
Professional Development		33,000		134,701		27,791
Insurance		14,497		14,497		14,186
Bank/Interest Costs	\$	- 65,047,638	\$	<u>218,020</u> 66,830,015	\$	<u>223,689</u> 65,179,134
School Services Grants	Ψ	00,047,000	Ψ	00,030,013	Ψ	03,173,134
Salaries	\$	406,496	\$	329,664	\$	289,230
Benefits		68,862	•	42,787	·	36,197
Travel		106,500		50,662		60,405
Repairs/Maintenance		10,000				-
Supplies/Materials		58,888		118,453		57,749
Professional Development		10,000				3,847
	\$	660,746	\$	541,566	\$	447,428
School Services Professional Development Salaries	\$	194,413	\$	73,288	\$	153,301
Benefits	φ	194,413	φ	5,843	φ	8,846
Repairs/Maintenance		10,189		18,687		8,893
Supplies/Materials		10,103		10,007		0,035
Professional Development		665,000		161,023		- 251,499
Tolessional Development	\$	883,734	\$	258,949	\$	422,539
nternational Students	Ψ	000,704	Ψ	200,040	Ψ	422,000
Salaries	\$	327,688	\$	241,977	\$	325,813
Benefits	Ŷ	36,091	Ŧ	29,581	Ŷ	32,275
Travel		41,455		8,963		62,447
Contracted Services		710,400		290,725		820,495
Supplies/Materials		64,840		51,061		74,436
Professional Development		2,700		-		1,994
	\$	1,183,174	\$	622,307	\$	1,317,460

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South Shore Regional Centre for Education Schedule B - Supplementary Details of Expenditures

For the year ended March 31				2021		2020
		<u>Budget</u>		<u>Actual</u>		Actual
Special Education Salaries	\$	583,767	\$	609,879	\$	548,686
Benefits	φ	64,238	φ	64,703	φ	57,018
Travel		23,400		11,554		24,012
Contracted Services				11,554		24,012
		8,500 22,000		- 13,180		- 17,184
Repairs/Maintenance Supplies/Materials						52,794
		34,796		60,010		,
Professional Development	\$	<u>9,600</u> 746,301	\$	<u>14,815</u> 774,141	\$	8,721 708,415
Program Grants	Ψ	740,301	Ψ	774,141	Ψ	700,413
Salaries	\$	4,500	\$	5,807	\$	32,687
Benefits	Ψ	523	Ψ	936	Ψ	509
Travel		157,344		87,031		152,986
Contracted Services		82,174				80,292
				130,185		
Repairs/Maintenance		2,524		6,763 268		1,677 164
Conveyance Supplies/Materials		- 1,291,351		1,527,073		1,673,041
Professional Development		58,000		18,192		
	\$	1,596,416	\$	1,776,255	\$	<u>161,052</u> 2,102,408
	Ψ	1,000,410	Ψ	1,770,200	Ψ	2,102,400
Fotal School Services	\$	71,326,482	\$	72,026,025	\$	71,365,730
Operational Services						
Operations Administration						
Salaries	\$	555,730	\$	571,321	\$	546,714
Benefits		118,735		120,803		113,755
Travel		18,500		13,405		18,225
Contracted Services		19,000		18,340		18,340
Vehicle Expenses		12,000		11,065		8,887
Supplies/Materials		12,600		10,985		8,905
Professional Development		8,000		6,546		11,271
	\$	744,565	\$	752,465	\$	726,097
Property Services Salaries	\$	2,758,384	\$	2,903,649	\$	2,774,586
Benefits	φ	671,789	φ	692,306	φ	649,554
Travel		,		•		,
Contracted Services		4,000		9,781		9,134 767,652
		808,970 640,881		802,385		
Repairs/Maintenance		,		818,465		744,310
Vehicle Expenses		78,800		64,522		73,411
Supplies/Materials		243,900		741,781		330,595
Utilities		1,829,990		1,753,725		1,731,941
Professional Development		3,700		2,843		7,976
Insurance		276,870		327,884		251,654
TCA Expense		57,430		34,156		28,433
				/4 TO 0001		(000 040)
Other Expenses (Recoveries)	\$	(197,791) 7,176,923	\$	(170,890) 7,980,607	\$	<u>(329,018)</u> 7,040,228

South Shore Regional Centre for Education Schedule B - Supplementary Details of Expenditures For the year ended March 31

For the year ended March 31			2021		202
	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Actual</u>		Actua
Student Transportation					
Salaries	\$ 3,474,570	\$	3,563,279	\$	3,443,919
Benefits	849,354		874,580		783,743
Travel	34,500		15,949		38,688
Contracted Services	57,130		46,404		47,580
Repairs/Maintenance	27,190		88,053		32,518
Vehicle Expenses	1,514,922		1,004,612		1,334,719
Conveyance	120,000		82,766		124,372
Supplies/Materials	46,000		94,304		50,00 ⁻
Professional Development	17,500		18,340		15,51
Insurance	71,940		62,181		65,37
TCA Expense	92,280		79,856		61,490
Other	-		-		(55,62)
	\$ 6,305,386	\$	5,930,324	\$	5,942,294
Fechnology Services					
Salaries	\$ 420,229	\$	475,200	\$	397,94
Benefits	112,001		117,269		105,49
Travel	16,000		12,181		12,95
Contracted Services	115,501		567,913		176,71
Repairs/Maintenance	-		123,905		-
Vehicle Expenses	4,000		2,700		3,12
Supplies/Materials	226,750		670,195		468,134
Professional Development	220,700		-		2,798
	\$ 894,481	\$	1,969,363	\$	1,167,16
	 , -	<u> </u>	,,	<u> </u>	, - ,
Total Operational Services	\$ 15,121,355	\$	16,632,759	\$	14,875,785
Other Non-PSP Programs					
Salaries	\$ 1,606,948	\$	1,882,204	\$	1,445,39
Benefits	419,475		447,972		310,71
Travel	16,000		8,508		13,95
Contracted Services	71,861		73,177		37,63
Supplies/Materials	545,444		137,467		145,20
Professional Development	12,480		5,297		14,38
Fotal Other Non-PSP Programs	\$ 2,672,208	\$	2,554,625	\$	1,967,28
	 , , ,	<u> </u>	, ,		,,-
School Based Funds					
School Based Funds (Note 5)	\$ 3,000,000	\$	1,515,381	\$	3,069,35
Total School Based Funds	\$ 3,000,000	\$	1,515,381	\$	3,069,357
-	 				
Total Expenditures	\$ 93,866,533	\$	94,602,946	\$	92,879,564

South Shore Regional Centre for Education Schedule C - Supplementary Details of Tangible Capital Assets

For the year ended March 31

		<u>Land,</u>										
	<u>Building</u>	<u>is and</u>		Major	C	omputer				2021		2020
	Improve	ments	E	<u>quipment</u>	<u>H</u>	ardware		Vehicles		Total		<u>Total</u>
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets												
Opening Costs	\$	-	\$	498,366	\$	-	\$	350,687	\$	849,053	\$	725,552
Additions		-		-		-		126,329		126,329		123,501
Disposals		-		-		-		-		-		-
Closing Costs	\$	-	\$	498,366	\$	-	\$	477,016	\$	975,382	\$	849,053
Accumulated Amortization	•		*	000.000	¢		•	405.070	•	404.000	•	075 070
Opening Balance	\$	-	\$	299,923	\$	-	\$	165,076	\$	464,999	\$	375,076
Disposals Amortization Expense		-		- 39,689				- 74,323		- 114,012		- 89,923
Closing Balance	\$	-	\$	339,612	<u>\$</u>		\$	239,399	\$	579,011	\$	464,999
Net Book Value (NBV)	\$	-	\$	158,754	\$	-	\$	237,617	\$	396,371	\$	384,054

s at March 31		2021		202
A ssets Cash and cash equivalents (Note 6)	\$	1,021,719	\$	1,033,52
quity				
Teachers' Scholastic Scholarship	\$	3,140	\$	3,23
Josephine Christie Fredea Award	·	1,540	Ŧ	1,52
South Shore District Memorial Scholarship		62.608		46,50
Murray Barkhouse Scholarship Fund		6,974		6,60
Robert Hirtle Memorial Fund		1,288		1,27
Dr. K.C. Marfatia Ghandi Scholarship Fund		129,499		138,10
W.G.L. Hirtle Scholarship		85,685		86,90
Elinor Muir Leary Scholarship		10,123		10,26
Irene and Derrell Ernst Scholarship		5,065		5,13
David Lowe Scholarship		7,931		8,34
Clara Quinlan Scholarship		5,137		5,08
Monte Oickle Scholarship		3,625		3,58
Colleen Finck Memorial		73,824		78,04
Paul Eisnor Memorial		1,439		1,52
Timothy Daniels Memorial		6,767		6,40
Sylvia Weagle Bursary		29,067		29,46
Dr. J.C. Wickwire		190		18
M. Ernst MacLeod		5,254		5,20
Colleen Finck Memorial - Acadia		134		13
Erma Westhaver Loomis		35.467		35,98
John S. Derrick		10,454		10,34
Caterina Cushing		12,096		11,10
Margaret Marshall		1,107		
Teachers Centre		8,911		1,09
Jerome A. Tanner Scholarship		0,311		8,82 2
Tech Refresh-Bayview		32,739		ے 58,00
Tech Refresh-Aspotogan		31,616		
David K Berkshire Scholarship		1,917		23,49
Annette V. McNeil (Wamboldt) Memorial		2,410		3,88
Charles Andrews Memorial		2,410		2,63
Norm Johnston PVEC Memorial		5,867		8
F. Homer Zwicker Memorial		27,945		5,63
Inez Morse Putnam		64,646		27,66
Dr. J. Murray Beck Scholarship		25,896		64,98
Acadia Broadcasting		· · · · ·		25,63
Dr Charles Uhlman		246 11		24
Cynthia & James Snyder Scholarship		11		1,34
Capt Earle Wagner		-		1
Agnes & Glynne Lloyd Scholarship		9		001.40
		222,008		224,12
St Matthew's Anglican Church		76,940		77,65
Lahey Memorial Scholarship Non-Teacher Deferred		1,064		1,05
Non-Teacher Deferred Shares Lane		10,757		7,72
Shares Lane RootED		4,625		4,44
ROOLED	5	<u>5,610</u> 1,021,719	\$	1,033,52
		1,021,713		1,000,02
Behalf of the Regional Centre		(\sum	ι λ
eputy Minister of Education Worksen		ecutive Director	- 0	Arla

South Shore Regional Centre for Education Schedule D - Trust Funds Balance Sheet

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

South Shore Regional Centre for Education Schedule E - Supplementary Details of Trust Funds For the year ended March 31, 2021

	Balance Beginning						Balanc En
	<u>of Year</u>	Additi	ons	Interest	Disb	ursements	<u>of Yea</u>
Teachers' Scholastic Scholarship	\$ 3,230	\$ 2	,615	\$ 35	\$	2,740	\$ 3,140
Josephene Christee Fredea Award	1,524		-	16		-	1,540
South Shore District Memorial Scholarship	46,509	30	,492	607		15,000	62,608
Murray Barkhouse Scholarship Fund	6,606		300	68		-	6,97
Robert Hirtle Memorial Fund	1,276	1	,000,	12		1,000	1,28
Dr. K.C. Marfatia Ghandi Scholarship Fund	138,102		-	1,397		10,000	129,49
W.G.L. Hirtle Scholarship	86,905		-	880		2,100	85,68
Elinor Muir Leary Scholarship	10,269		-	104		250	10,12
Irene and Derrell Ernst Scholarship	5,133		-	52		120	5,06
David Lowe Scholarship	8,347		-	84		500	7,93
Clara Quinlan Scholarship	5,085		-	52		-	5,13
Monte Oickle Scholarship	3,588		-	37		-	3,62
Colleen Finck Memorial	78,042		-	782		5,000	73,82
Paul Eisnor Memorial	1,524		-	15		100	1,43
Timothy Daniels Memorial	6,401		800	66		500	6,76
Sylvia Weagle Bursary	29,467		-	300		700	29,06
Dr. J.C. Wickwire	188		-	2		-	19
M. Ernst MacLeod	5,201		-	53		-	5,25
Colleen Finck Memorial - Acadia	133		-	1		-	13
Erma Westhaver Loomis	35,982		-	365		880	35,46
John S. Derrick	10,349		-	105		-	10,45
Caterina Cushing	11,100	1	,885	111		1,000	12,09
Margaret Marshall	1,096		-	11		-	1,10
Teachers Centre	8,821		-	90		-	8,91
Jerome A. Tanner Scholarship	28		(28)	-		-	
Tech Refresh-Bayview	58,006		-	477		25,744	32,73
Tech Refresh-Aspotogan	23,491		-	177		(7,948)	31,61
David K Berkshire Scholarship	3,884		-	33		2,000	1,91
Annette V. McNeil (Wamboldt) Memorial	2,633		-	27		250	2,41
Charles Andrews Memorial	87		-	1		-	8
Norm Johnston PVEC Memorial	5,634		175	58		-	5,86
F. Homer Zwicker Memorial	27,662		-	283		-	27,94
Inez Morse Putnam	64,985		-	661		1,000	64,64
Dr. J. Murray Beck Scholarship	25,634		-	262		-	25,89
Acadia Broadcasting	243		500	3		500	24
Dr Charles Uhlman	1,340		-	11		1,340	1
Cynthia & James Snyder Scholarship	14		-	-		14	
Capt Earle Wagner	8		400	1		400	
Agnes & Glynne Lloyd Scholarship	224,124		-	2,274		4,390	222,00
St Matthew's Anglican Church	77,652		-	788		1,500	76,94
Lahey Memorial Scholarship	1,053		-	11		-	1,06
Non-Teacher Deferred	7,724	2	,942	91		-	10,75
Shares Lane	4,445		180	-		-	4,62
RootEd	 -	28	,800	 80		23,270	 5,61
	\$ 1,033,525		,061	\$ 10,483	\$	92,350	\$ 1,021,71