

KIDSABILITY SCHOOL AUTHORITY
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of: KidsAbility School Authority

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of KidsAbility School Authority, which comprise the statement of financial position as at August 31, 2023 and the statements of operations and changes in net debt and cash flow for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of KidsAbility School Authority as at August 31, 2023 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis of 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 Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of KidsAbility School Authority in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the 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.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the 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 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 authority'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 authority'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 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 authority to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the 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.

Kitchener, Ontario
December 6, 2023



Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

KIDSABILITY SCHOOL AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT AUGUST 31, 2023

	2023	2022
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 534,613	\$ 616,191
Accounts receivable	<u>52,080</u>	<u>46,898</u>
	<u>586,693</u>	<u>663,089</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	32,042	115,649
Employee benefits payable (note 10)	16,197	16,197
Repayable to Ministry of Education (note 6)	542,846	540,034
Deferred revenue (note 9)	<u>11,780</u>	<u>7,381</u>
	<u>602,865</u>	<u>679,261</u>
ACCUMULATED DEFICIT	<u>\$ (16,172)</u>	<u>\$ (16,172)</u>

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET DEBT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

	2023 Budget (note 11)	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
REVENUES			
Provincial grants - Grants for Student Needs	\$ 4,041,503	\$ 3,734,722	\$ 3,601,083
Provincial grants - Other	<u>0</u>	<u>19,038</u>	<u>13,446</u>
	<u>4,041,503</u>	<u>3,753,760</u>	<u>3,614,529</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Instruction	2,400,770	2,208,586	2,191,868
Administration	177,939	170,365	183,298
Transportation	1,074,351	1,007,625	890,567
Pupil accommodation	343,233	312,482	348,796
Other	<u>45,210</u>	<u>54,702</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>4,041,503</u>	<u>3,753,760</u>	<u>3,614,529</u>
ANNUAL SURPLUS before undernoted	0	0	0
OTHER EXPENSES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(130,940)</u>
ANNUAL DEFICIT for the year	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(130,940)</u>
ACCUMULATED (NET DEBT) SURPLUS, beginning of year	<u>(16,172)</u>	<u>(16,172)</u>	<u>114,768</u>
NET DEBT, end of year	<u>\$ (16,172)</u>	<u>\$ (16,172)</u>	<u>\$ (16,172)</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

	2023	2022
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Annual deficit for the year	\$ 0	\$ (130,940)
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Accounts receivable	(5,182)	3,691
Repayable to the Ministry of Education	2,812	240,987
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(83,607)	70,242
Deferred revenue	<u>4,399</u>	<u>6,631</u>
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH	(81,578)	190,611
NET CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>616,191</u>	<u>425,580</u>
NET CASH, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 534,613</u>	<u>\$ 616,191</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards and include the following significant accounting policies:

(a) **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY**

The management of KidsAbility School Authority acknowledges its responsibility for the financial statements, and the creation and compilation of the following significant accounting policy decisions and the related policy notes.

(b) **REPORTING ENTITY**

These financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues, expenditures and accumulated net debt of the reporting entity. The reporting entity is solely comprised of the authority, which is accountable for the administration of the financial affairs and resources of the entity and is controlled by the members.

(c) **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 acquired in the period whether or not payment has been made or invoices received.

(d) **CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

The authority's policy is to disclose bank balances under cash and cash equivalents, including bank overdrafts with balances that fluctuate frequently from being positive to overdrawn.

(e) **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, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(f) **RETIREMENT AND OTHER EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS**

The authority provides defined retirement and other future benefits to specified employee groups. These benefits include pension, life insurance, and health care benefits, dental benefits, retirement gratuity, worker's compensation and long term disability benefits.

In 2013, the Ministry of Education published a memo outlining the accounting policies for all school authorities to use going forward. This memo precluded all school authorities from requiring an actuarial report for the valuation of these benefits. It further provided an option for school authorities to not record a liability for the sick leave plan due to its likely immaterial nature.

Therefore, the only remaining liability for the employee future benefits represents the known amount required to be paid to one active teacher upon retirement, as required by the plan changes made in 2012.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(g) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The authority initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value. The authority subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost.

(h) GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS

Government transfers, which include legislative grants received from the Province of Ontario, are recognized in the 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.

(i) LEGISLATIVE GRANTS

The legislative grants calculations are prepared annually by the authority and submitted to the Ministry of Education for final approval. Adjustments, if any, are recorded in the year in which adjustments are made.

(j) 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 in revenue in the fiscal year the related expenditures are incurred or services performed.

(k) CONTRIBUTED MATERIALS AND SERVICES

During the year, a number of organizations or individuals may donate materials to the authority and a number of volunteers may contribute their time. Because of the difficulty in determining the fair value, contributed materials and services are not recorded in the financial statements.

2. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the authority is not exposed to significant risks, which include credit, liquidity, and market risk. Market risk comprises currency, interest rate and other price risk. The extent of the authority's exposure to these risks did not change in 2023 compared to the previous period.

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3. UNUSED CREDIT FACILITIES

The authority has utilized \$0 (2022 - \$0) of an authorized operating line of credit with a limit up to a maximum of \$200,000. The line of credit bears interest at prime. No conditions regarding this loan have been breached at year end and no accrued interest relating to this loan is owing.

4. IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

During the year, the authority received non-monetary contributions with an estimated value of \$3,900 (2022 - \$9,312) from the Ontario Government for personal protective equipment during the COVID-19 pandemic. This amount has not been recorded in the financial statements.

5. ONTARIO SCHOOL BOARD INSURANCE EXCHANGE

The authority is a member of the Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange (OSBIE), a reciprocal insurance company licensed under the Insurance Act. OSBIE insures general public liability, property damage and certain other risks.

6. REPAYABLE TO MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

The repayable to Ministry of Education (MOE) is comprised of the annual operating surplus repayable and the unexpended non-operating grants payable as follows:

	2023	2022
Annual surplus repayable		
Annual operating surplus payable to MOE for 2020-21	\$ 0	\$ 291,338
Annual operating surplus payable to MOE for 2021-22	240,987	240,987
Annual operating surplus payable to MOE for 2022-23	<u>295,518</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>536,505</u>	<u>532,325</u>
Unexpended non-operating grants repayable		
Unexpended non-operating grants 2017-18	5,559	5,559
Unexpended non-operating grants 2018-19	<u>2,150</u>	<u>2,150</u>
	<u>7,709</u>	<u>7,709</u>
Remedy agreement receivable		
Remedy agreement receivable 2016-17	<u>(1,368)</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$ 542,846</u>	<u>\$ 540,034</u>

7. COMMITMENTS

The authority annually enters into a service agreement with the KidsAbility Centre for Child Development (the "Centre") for the use of the Centre's space and services. The service agreement applicable to next fiscal year was effective as of September 1, 2022 and the cost associated with this agreement has been included below. Additionally, in 2018, the authority entered into an agreement with the Centre whereby the authority agreed to pay for leasehold improvements to the Cambridge school locations over a period of 10 years, until 2027.

2024	\$ 303,950
2025	11,100
2026	11,100
2027	<u>11,100</u>
	<u>\$ 337,250</u>

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8. PENSION AND BENEFIT COSTS

The authority's financial schedules do not show employer's contributions to the Teacher's Pension Plan because the funding for such is provided directly by the Provincial Government.

Benefit costs for non-union employee future benefit plans in the year totaled \$77,052 (2022 - \$81,212).

Effective January 2018, the authority began contributing to the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) for non-union employees. Total contributions in the year totaled \$42,157 (2022 - \$29,004).

The most recent actuarial valuation of the OMERS plan was conducted at December 31, 2022. The results of this valuation disclosed total going concern actuarial liabilities of \$130 billion (2021 - \$121 billion) in respect of benefits accrued for service with actuarial assets at that date of \$124 billion (2021 - \$118 billion) indicating a going concern actuarial deficit of \$6.7 billion (2021 - \$3.1 billion). Ongoing adequacy of the Plan's contribution rates will need to be monitored to ensure that future contributions, together with the Plan assets and future investment earnings thereon, will be sufficient to provide for its future benefits. Because OMERS is a multi-employer plan, any pension plan surpluses or deficits are a joint responsibility of the Ontario municipal organizations and their employees.

9. DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred revenue, which consists of the unexpended portion of special purpose grant and project funding from the government, is as follows:

	2023	2022
Balance, beginning of the year	\$ 7,381	\$ 750
Plus funding received during the year	8,604	20,077
Less expenditures incurred during the year	<u>(4,205)</u>	<u>(13,446)</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 11,780</u>	<u>\$ 7,381</u>
Deferred revenue is comprised of:		
Unexpended EPO funding for 2022-23	\$ 8,604	\$ 0
Unexpended EPO funding for 2021-22	2,426	6,631
Unexpended EPO funding for 2018-19	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>
	<u>\$ 11,780</u>	<u>\$ 7,381</u>

10. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PAYABLE

The authority pays a retirement gratuity to members of full time staff who have been employed by the authority for at least ten years and retire on a pension. The entitlements vest only upon retirement. The remaining liability of \$16,197 (2022 - \$16,197) relates to payments required under this section of the plan.

The accumulated deficit consists of employee benefits payable that were previously categorized as future amounts to be recovered.

11. BUDGET FIGURES

The budget figures represent the budget amounts approved by the authority and submitted to the Ministry of Education.