Consolidated Financial Statements of the

CHIGNECTO CENTRAL REGIONAL CENTRE FOR EDUCATION

Year Ended March 31, 2022

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Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and the integrity and objectivity of these consolidated statements are management's responsibility. Management is also responsible for all of the notes to the consolidated financial statements and 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 judgement, 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, BDO Canada 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 Chignecto Central 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 statements.

Regional Executive Director of Education

Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honourable Becky Druhan, Minister, Education and Early Childhood Development

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education (the Region), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position and accumulated surplus as at March 31, 2022, the consolidated statements of operations and accumulated surplus, changes in net financial assets and cash flows 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 consolidated financial position of the Region as at March 31, 2022, and its results of consolidated operations, its consolidated change in net assets and consolidated 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 Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Region 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.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the 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 Region'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 Region or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 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 Region'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 Region'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 Region 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.

Chartered Professional Accountants

Dartmouth, NS June 29, 2022

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31, 2022		2022		2021
Financial Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents				
General	\$	21,337,240	\$	15,253,679
Restricted - Instructional program enhancement		540,174		710,469
School generated	_	4,081,512		3,439,987
		25,958,926		19,404,135
Accounts receivable				
Government of Canada - HST		650,615		664,684
Province of Nova Scotia (note 3)		4,943,778		7,779,596
First Nations (note 4)		1,017,995		1,042,841
Municipalities		146,747		-
Other		2,237,115		1,597,353
Province of Nova Scotia - Post employment benefits (note 5)		2,176,023		2,310,641
Province of Nova Scotia - Compensated absences (note 6)	_	23,056,241		23,300,387
Total financial assets	-	60,187,440		56,099,637
Liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		19,180,482		16,853,890
Deferred revenue		5,019,738		3,916,493
Post employment benefits (note 5)		2,176,023		2,310,641
Compensated absences (note 6)	_	23,056,241		23,300,387
Total liabilities	-	49,432,484		46,381,411
Net Financial Assets	_	10,754,956	- -	9,718,226
Non-Financial Assets				
Prepaid expenses		1,825,494		334,894
Inventories of supplies		2,013,144		1,676,982
Tangible capital assets (Schedule C)	_	3,607,738		3,823,953
Total non-financial assets	_	7,446,376		5,835,829
Accumulated Surplus	\$_	18,201,332	\$ _	15,554,055

CovID-19 (note 14)

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

On behalf of the Minister of Education & Early Childhood Development:

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Consolidated Statement of Accumulated Surplus

Year Ended March 31, 2022		2022	2021
Accumulated Surplus			
General Fund	\$_	10,990,576 \$	8,178,456
General Fund - Capital	_	3,607,738	3,823,953
Internally restricted funds			
School generated funds		3,062,844	2,841,178
Instructional program enhancement at school level		540,174	710,468
		3,603,018	3,551,646
	\$_	18,201,332 \$	15,554,055

Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus

Year Ended March 31, 2022		2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Actual
Revenue (Schedule A)				
Province of Nova Scotia	\$	226,963,349 \$	226,845,027 \$	216,987,196
Appropriation from Councils		32,592,955	32,592,936	31,887,516
Regional Operations		2,599,830	1,554,228	2,383,115
First Nations' Students		1,657,500	1,714,923	1,753,977
Government of Canada		411,590	404,465	630,324
School Generated Funds	_	4,500,000	2,334,149	1,778,107
	_	268,725,224	265,445,728	255,420,235
Expenses (Schedule B)				
Office of the Regional Executive Director		843,372	721,379	686,017
Financial Services		2,439,682	2,206,589	2,038,922
Human Resource Services		1,910,047	1,602,174	1,456,983
School Services		195,330,180	191,610,472	189,453,248
Program Services		12,895,276	12,104,698	10,844,805
Operational Services		43,981,667	44,709,839	40,356,501
Other Programs		6,825,000	7,730,817	5,851,235
School Generated Funds	_	4,500,000	2,112,483	2,053,765
	-	268,725,224	262,798,451	252,741,476
Annual surplus	\$_	\$_	2,647,277 \$	2,678,759
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year		-	15,554,055	12,875,296
Accumulated surplus, end of year		\$ __	18,201,332 \$	15,554,055

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets

Year Ended March 31, 2022		2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Actual
Net financial assets, beginning of year	\$_	9,718,226	9,718,226 \$	6,436,317
Changes during the year:				
Annual surplus		-	2,647,277	2,678,759
Acquisition of tangible capital assets		(180,000)	(190,140)	(245,813)
Amortization of tangible capital assets		442,358	405,872	400,951
Gain of sale of tangible capital assets		-	(1,349)	(2,658)
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets		-	1,832	3,000
Decrease (increase) in inventories of supplies		-	(336,162)	29,302
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	_		(1,490,600)	418,368
Increase in net financial assets	_	262,358	1,036,730	3,281,909
Net financial assets, end of year	\$_	9,980,584	10,754,956 \$	9,718,226

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended March 31, 2022		2022	2021
Operating activities			
Cash received from:			
Annual operating surplus	\$	2,647,277 \$	2,678,759
Items not affecting cash:			
Tangible capital asset amortization		405,872	400,951
Changes in non-cash working capital:			
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable		2,466,988	(1,561,656)
Decrease (increase) in inventories of supplies		(336,162)	29,302
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses		(1,490,600)	418,368
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities		1,947,828	4,321,587
Increase in deferred revenue		1,103,245	308,202
		3,691,299	3,515,803
Cash provided by operating activities	_	6,744,448	6,595,513
Capital activities			
Cash used to acquire tangible capital assets		(190,140)	(245,813)
Gain on sale of tangible capital assets		(1,349)	(2,658)
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	_	1,832	3,000
Cash used by capital activities		(189,657)	(245,471)
Increase in cash		6,554,791	6,350,042
Cash at beginning of year		19,404,135	13,054,093
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Cash at end of year	\$	25,958,926 \$	19,404,135
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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements Year Ended March 31, 2022

1. Nature of Operations

Pursuant to an Act passed by the Province of Nova Scotia, the Colchester-East Hants District School Board, Cumberland District School Board, and the Pictou District School Board were amalgamated to form the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board. The Chignecto-Central Regional School Board became the Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education on April 1, 2018. The Centre for Education is incorporated under the provisions of the Education Act of the Province of Nova Scotia and its principal business activity is operating a regional school system.

The Region is registered as a charitable organization under the Income Tax Act and, therefore, is exempt from income taxes and may issue official receipts to donors for income tax purposes.

2. Financial Reporting and Accounting Policies

These consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards (PSAS).

The consolidated financial statements are prepared by management in accordance with the basis of accounting described below.

Reporting Entity

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

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

Interdepartmental and inter-organizational transactions and balances between these organizations are eliminated.

Trust funds and their related operations administered by the Region are not included in the consolidated financial statements as they are not controlled by the Region. The trust funds represent capital contributed in trust from which the income thereon is used to provide scholarships for eligible students. A listing of trust fund balances is shown in Schedule D.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements Year Ended March 31, 2022

2. Financial Reporting and Accounting Policies (continued)

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

Significant Accounting Policies

Revenues

Provincial 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 credits or stipulations, it is recognized when transfer(s) from the Province of Nova Scotia and Municipalities are authorized.

All non-government contribution or grant/revenues 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 inflow received before the criterion has been met is reported as a liability until the resources are used for the purpose or purposes specified.

The Region recognizes as revenue, provincial government transfers, representing the year over year change in accrued 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 over the term of the lease.

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

Expenditures

Expenditures are recorded on an accrual basis. Provisions are made for probable losses on certain loans, investments, accounts receivable, and for 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.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements Year Ended March 31, 2022

2. Financial Reporting and Accounting Policies (continued)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, balances with banks, short term deposits and bank balances held by schools. Bank borrowings are considered to be financing activities.

Expenditures Incurred by the Province of Nova Scotia

Certain expenditures required for the Region to operate a regional school system are the direct responsibility of the Province of Nova Scotia. These include, but are not limited to:

- P3 schools and facilities leases and operating costs;
- · Certain IT systems and support; and
- Certain tangible capital additions.

As the Region does not have the financial responsibility for these expenditures, they have not been included in these financial statements.

Net Financial Assets

Net financial assets represent the financial assets less liabilities of the Region.

Non-financial 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 historical cost (or estimated cost when the actual is unknown) and include all costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction, development and installation of the tangible capital asset, except interest. Tangible capital assets include land, buildings, and vehicles. Tangible capital assets do not include intangibles or assets acquired by right, such as forests, water and mineral resources or works of art and historical treasures.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements Year Ended March 31, 2022

2. Financial Reporting and Accounting Policies (continued)

Amortization of tangible capital assets is provided using the following methods and annual rates:

Asset	Basis	Rate
Building	Declining Balance	5%
Vehicles	Declining Balance	35%

When conditions indicate that a tangible capital asset no longer contributes to the Region's ability to provide goods and services, or that the value of future economic benefits associated with the tangible capital asset is less than its net book value, the cost of the tangible capital asset is reduced to reflect the decline in the asset's value. Write-downs are not reversed.

Prepaid expenses are cash disbursements for goods and 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.

Inventories represent amounts expended on supplies and other consumables which will be used or consumed in a future period. They are recorded at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Once items have been shipped to the schools they are expensed and are not considered inventory.

Accumulated Surplus

Accumulated surplus represents the financial assets and non-financial assets of the Region less the liabilities. This represents the accumulated balance of net surplus arising from the operations of the Region.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements requires management to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the carrying amount of tangible capital assets; valuation allowances for receivables and inventories; and assets and obligations related to employee future benefits. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements Year Ended March 31, 2022

2. Financial Reporting and Accounting Policies (continued)

Post-employment Benefits and Compensated Absences

The Region provides defined benefits, services awards and compensated absences to certain employee groups. These benefits include pension, service awards and non-vesting sick leave. The Region has adopted the following policies with respect to accounting for these employee benefits:

- The cost of post-employment service awards are actuarially determined using management's best estimate of employee retention, retirement ages of employees, salary escalation, other cost escalation, long term inflation and discount rates. Adjustments to these costs arising from changes in estimates and experience gains and losses are amortized to income over estimated average remaining service life of the employee groups on a straight-line basis. Plan amendments, including past service costs are recognized as an expense in the period of the plan amendment.
- ii) The cost of non-vesting sick leave benefits are actuarially determined using management's best estimate of salary escalation, employees' use of entitlement and discount rates. Adjustments to these costs arising from changes in actuarial assumption and/or experience are recognized over the estimated average remaining service life of the employees.
- iii) The costs of multi-employer defined benefit pension are the employer's contributions due to the plan in the period and are accounted for as a defined contribution plan.

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 exits;
- ii. Contamination exceeds the environmental standard;
- iii. The Region:
 - a. Is directly responsible; or
 - b. Accepts responsibility; and
- iv. A reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Year Ended March 31, 2022

2. Financial Reporting and Accounting Policies (continued)

As at March 31, 2022 there is one contaminated site identified – as disclosed in note 10 to the consolidated financial statements.

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.

School Generated Funds

These consolidated financial statements include funds arising from certain schools and student activities that are controlled and administered by each school, but for which the Region 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 activities that exist at the school level under the jurisdiction of the Region.

3. Accounts Receivable, Province of Nova Scotia

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Teachers' salary accrual	\$ 3,950,200	\$ 3,784,300
Special projects	757,226	3,476,205
Other	236,352	<u>519,091</u>
	\$ <u>4,943,778</u>	\$ <u>7,779,596</u>

4. Accounts Receivable, First Nations

The First Nations receivable includes Promissory Note with a remaining balance of \$0 (2021 - \$56,000). This Note has been repaid annually in principal installments of \$56,000 with interest at Prime less 1.625%.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements Year Ended March 31, 2022

5. Post-employment Benefits

Teachers receive a service award upon retirement, disability, death or termination, when entitled to a vested pension, under the contracts between the Nova Scotia Teachers Union locals and the predecessor boards. Nova Scotia Government Employee Union and Non-Union employees of the predecessor Cumberland District School Board receive a service award upon retirement, disability, death or termination, when entitled to a vested pension under contracts between said groups and the predecessor Board. The Province of Nova Scotia contracts a third party to perform an actuarial valuation for all government departments' agencies and Regions. The last actuarial valuation for Teachers service awards was conducted as at July 31, 2021 and was extrapolated to March 31, 2022. The actuarial liabilities for Teachers service awards as at March 31 were extrapolated based on the latest actuarial valuations. The actuarial valuation for the Non-Teacher service awards was as at March 31, 2021 and was extrapolated to March 31, 2022.

The service award values are calculated by the Department of Finance for the Region. The contracts prescribe the formulae used in calculating the payment as well as the period over which the payment is made. The calculations have been made using the projected benefit method prorated on services, as required under Section 3250 of the CPA Canada Public Sector Accounting Handbook, up to the date the service was frozen for accrual purposes (April 1, 2015). As such, for all employees, the benefit was fully accrued as at April 1, 2015 after which there is no further current service cost. Actuarial gains and losses are to be amortized over the expected average remaining service life ("EARSL") of active members. EARSL for the Region is 17 years for teachers, 4 years for non-teachers. Annually, results along with values to record the liability and expenses are provided by the Department of Finance. The Department of Finance fully funds this liability thus an offsetting receivable balance is recorded.

The following actuarial assumptions have been used in these valuations as at March 31, 2022:

	Teachers	Non-Teachers
Discount rate	2.74%	2.74%
Salary increase	1.5% - 2%	2.5% - 3.0%
Mortality rate	0%	0%
Withdrawal prior to retirement	0%	0%
Retirement age	50% at rule of 85,	10% at age 59;
	remainder at earlier of 35	20% at age 60;
	years of credited service,	10% at age 61-64;
	age 62 with 10 years of	50% at age 65-69;
	credited service, and age	10% at age 70
	65 with 2 years of credited	
	service	

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements Year Ended March 31, 2022

5. Post-employment Benefits (continued)

Information respecting the Teachers service awards and Non-teachers service awards is as follows:

Total Post-Employment Benefits	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Accrued benefit plan obligation	\$ 1,603,723	\$ 1,600,598
Plan deficit	\$ 1,603,723	\$ 1,600,598
Unamortized actuarial gains	 572,299	 710,043
Total liability	\$ 2,176,022	\$ 2,310,641
Current year benefit costs	\$ (52,143)	\$ (51,977)
Interest on accrued benefit obligation	 43,500	 50,046
Post-employment benefit expense	\$ (8,643)	\$ (1,931)

During the year, there was \$125,975 (2021 - \$190,017) paid out of the plans.

6. Compensated Absences

Qualifying employees are entitled to a prescribed number of sick leave days for use over their employment term. The Region has recognized in these consolidated Financial statements, the liability associated with accumulated sick leave earned by teaching and non-teaching staff. The Region has also recorded a corresponding receivable from the Province of Nova Scotia which has assumed responsibility for the liability up to March 31, 2022. Compensated absences for qualifying employees are actuarially determined.

The compensated absences are calculated by the Department of Finance for the Region. The contracts prescribe the formulae used in calculating the assumption of usage. It is calculated using the projected accrued benefit method on a pro-rata basis over the years of services to year of expected usage of the excess days, as required for accounting for valuations under Section 3255 of the CPA Canada Public Sector Accounting handbook.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements Year Ended March 31, 2022

6. Compensated Absences (continued)

Actuarial gains and losses are to be amortized over the expected average remaining service life ("EARSL") of active members. EARSL for the Region is 16 years for teachers, 15 years for non-teachers. The actuarial valuation for teachers non-vesting sick leave banks usage was as at July 31, 2020, and have been extrapolated to March 31, 2022.

The following actuarial assumptions have been used in these valuations as at March 31, 2022:

	Teachers	Non-Teachers
Discount rate	2.74%	2.74%
Salary increase	1.5% - 2%	2.5% - 3.5%
Termination	5.00% in first 2 years of	0%
	employment	
Mortality	100% CPM – 2014 Public	0%
Retirement age	50% at rule of 85,	10% at age 59;
	remainder at earlier of 35	20% at age 60;
	years of credited service,	10% at age 61-64;
	age 62 with 10 years of	50% at age 65-69;
	credited service, and age	10% at age 70
	65 with 2 years of credited	
	service	

Total Compensated Absences	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Accrued benefit plan obligation	\$ 15,881,147	\$ 14,568,247
Plan deficit	\$ 15,881,147	\$ 14,568,247
Unamortized actuarial gains	 7,175,093	 8,732,140
Total liability	\$ 23,056,240	\$ 23,300,387
Current year benefit recoveries	\$ (651,646)	\$ (504,677)
Interest on accrued benefit obligation	 407,500	 523,700
Compensated absences		
benefit recovery (loss)	\$ (244,146)	\$ 19,023

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements Year Ended March 31, 2022

7. Capital Assets

In 1982, on creation of the former District School Boards, an agreement was made with respect to capital assets which stated that all land and school buildings on hand at December 31, 1981 remain assets of the municipal units but will be under the operational control of the District School Boards until such time as they are no longer required for educational purposes. At that time, control will revert back to the municipalities. In addition, one of the former District School Boards also had an agreement to offer back to the municipalities, at no cost, certain land and buildings acquired in 1970 if they are ever declared surplus by the Board. These agreements have been carried forward to the Region.

As a result of improvements made to school buildings, the Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education now has an interest in real property to which it does not have title. Under the Education Act, should a building returned by the Centre under the circumstances noted above, be sold by the Municipal unit or destroyed, a portion of any proceeds may be payable to the Region.

8. Insurance

The Region is a member of a self-insurance plan with the Nova Scotia School Insurance Exchange's School Insurance Program (SIP).

9. Pension Plans

- i) The Region's Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) staff participate in a multiemployer defined benefit pension plan held on behalf of the Region by the Nova Scotia Education Common Services Bureau.
- ii) The Region's Nova Scotia Government Employees Union (NSGEU) and non-union staff are covered by a multi-employer pension plan established by the Province of Nova Scotia pursuant to the Public Service Superannuation Act.
- iii) The Region's teachers are covered by a multi-employer pension plan established by the Province of Nova Scotia pursuant to the Teachers' Pension Act.

The Region accounts for the above plans as defined contribution plans and as such no accrued liability is recorded, and only the contributions paid or payable are expensed in the year. The Region's total employer pension expense for all unions for the year was \$19,076,489 (2021 - \$18,267,997) and is included in the financial statements.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements Year Ended March 31, 2022

10. Contingencies

a) Environmental Remediation

During the 2008-09 fiscal year, the Region recorded a liability of \$400,000 in relation to oil contamination at one of its sites. Of this amount, \$200,000 in actual costs have been incurred up to March 31, 2022. It is unknown whether any additional costs will be incurred relating to this matter. The estimate was based on petroleum hydrocarbon delineation program conducted by Independent Environmental Engineering Scientific Management Consultants.

b) Liability Claim

Three claims have been made against the Region based upon the principle of vicarious liability, for actions of two former employees of a predecessor board and a former municipal school unit. The claims have not been proven, and neither the outcome, nor the amounts of any possible settlements, can be reasonably estimated. Therefore, no provision for potential costs of settlement has been recorded in these financial statements.

11. Line of Credit

The Region has an available line of credit in the amount of 2,284,000. As of year-end NIL (2021 - NIL) had been drawn.

12. Change in Accumulated Surplus

		<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	\$_	15,554,055	\$	12,875,296
General Fund surplus	\$	2,425,611	\$	2,954,417
School generated funds (deficit) surplus	_	221,666		(275,658)
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Consolidated annual surplus	\$_	2,647,277	\$	2,678,759
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$	18,201,332	\$	15,554,055

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13. Education Reform (2018) Act

On April 1, 2018, the Education Reform (2018) Act came into effect. The implementation of this Act dissolved the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board effective April 1, 2018, with all assets and liabilities transferring to a successor entity, known as Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education on the same date. The successor entity is a corporation, with the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development as sole director. The Education Reform (2018) Act was passed on March 9, 2018.

14. COVID-19

As a result of the COVID-19 outbreak that was declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020, the Province operated under a provincial state of emergency from March 22, 2020, through to March 21, 2022. All public schools in the province were closed effective March 23, 2020, and 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 the Back-to-School plan for the 2020-21 school year and students returned to in-class instruction in September 2020 under various protocols, including such things as the extensive use of personal protective equipment by staff and students, enhanced cleaning and ventilation checks in schools, and cohorting of students. Effective April 28, 2021, all schools in the province were once again temporarily closed to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the community. At that time, students moved to at-home virtual learning as intended in the Back-to-School Plan. The temporary closure ended on June 3, 2021, and students returned to in-class instruction for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Students returned to school in September 2021 with core public health measures in place, and an updated provincial Back to School Plan. Schools continued to follow the Public Health protocols developed as part of the Back-to-School Plan.

The enhanced safety measures of the Nova Scotia Back-to-School Plan have had both financial and operational impacts in the current fiscal year. However, Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education 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-19 costs and continue as a going concern.

Schedule A - Supplementary Details of Revenues

Year Ended March 31, 2022		2022 Budget		2022 Actual		2021 Actual	
Province of Nova Scotia							
Operational Funding	\$	193,897,754	\$	191,906,655	\$	180,061,944	
Textbook credit allocation		929,900		929,900		1,060,192	
Post employment benefits (note 7)		-		(8,643)		(1,931)	
Compensated absences (note 8)		1,000,000		(244,146)		19,023	
Teacher pension		15,130,933		16,029,100		15,326,738	
Teacher benefits		7,714,907		7,507,200		7,519,097	
Teacher Salary Accrual		-		165,900		92,700	
Information Economy Initiative		719,400		719,400		697,930	
Other	_	7,570,455		9,839,661		12,211,503	
	\$_	226,963,349	\$	226,845,027	\$	216,987,196	
Appropriation From Councils:							
Municipality of Colchester	\$	8,049,963	\$	8,049,960	\$	7,859,400	
Municipality of Cumberland		4,907,052		4,907,052		4,837,560	
Municipality of East Hants		5,682,869		5,682,864		5,487,396	
Municipality of Pictou		5,247,382		5,247,384		5,142,720	
Town of Amherst		1,629,833		1,629,828		1,596,852	
Town of New Glasgow		1,760,968		1,760,964		1,749,624	
Town of Oxford		223,366		223,368		220,188	
Town of Pictou		507,660		507,660		502,656	
Town of Stellarton		824,153		824,148		811,728	
Town of Stewiacke		281,074		281,076		274,800	
Town of Trenton		373,502		373,500		371,508	
Town of Truro		2,666,726		2,666,724		2,598,048	
Town of Westville	_	438,407		438,408		435,036	
	\$	32,592,955	\$	32,592,936	\$	31,887,516	
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Year Ended March 31, 2022	2	.022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Actual
Regional Operations:				
Public Private Partnership	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 157,105
Investment interest		100,000	203,456	195,237
Rentals		485,428	488,543	482,637
International Student Program		1,570,735	601,152	1,245,848
Other		443,667	261,077	302,288
	<u> </u>	2,599,830	\$ 1,554,228	\$ 2,383,115
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First Nations' Students:				
Student tuitions	\$	1,657,500	\$1,714,923	\$1,753,977_
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				_
Government of Canada:				
Secretary of State:				
Minority language	\$	31,588	\$ -	\$ 40,000
French special projects		325,510	338,462	535,647
Other		54,492	66,003	54,677
	\$	411,590	\$ 404,465	\$ 630,324
School Generated Funds:				
School based receipts	\$	4,500,000	\$ 2,334,149	\$1,778,107

Schedule B - Supplementary Details of Expenses

Year Ended March 31, 2022	. 2	2022 Budget		2022 Actual		2021 Actual
Office of the Regional Director:						
Office of the Regional Director:						
Salaries and wages	\$	275,150	\$	274,834	\$	280,969
Employee benefits		28,797		26,335		26,682
Travel		15,030		1,346		439
Contracted services		115,500		97,726		70,446
Supplies and materials		177,300		113,870		108,289
Repairs and maintenance		8,000		-		1,084
Professional development		18,310		8,844		6,017
	_	638,087		522,955		493,926
Communications:						
Salaries and wages		141,190		140,449		137,651
Employee benefits		30,195		27,868		26,969
Travel		3,600		, -		76
Supplies and materials		18,500		18,657		5,120
Repairs and maintenance		10,000		10,793		20,727
Professional development		1,800		657		1,548
•		205,285		198,424		192,091
	\$	843,372	\$	721,379	\$	686,017
Financial Services:						
Salaries and wages	\$	1,540,415	\$	1,473,458	\$	1,386,777
Employee benefits		309,488		291,455		278,216
Travel		29,853		5,034		4,190
Contracted services		45,550		34,440		36,320
Supplies and materials		61,900		33,225		49,990
Repairs and maintenance		5,000		14,457		17,822
Professional development		40,932		10,001		17,345
Insurance		387,744		320,570		229,512
Administrative services		18,800		23,949		18,750
	\$	2,439,682	\$	2,206,589	\$	2,038,922

Year Ended March 31, 2022		2022 Budget		2022 Actual		2021 Actual
						(RESTATED)
Human Resources Services:						
Salaries and wages	\$	1,326,941	\$	1,127,105	\$	1,099,324
Employee benefits		329,647		282,500		263,567
Travel		20,613		5,705		2,942
Contracted services		18,400		92,006		14,465
Supplies and materials		53,065		25,787		29,022
Repairs and maintenance		66,189		13,719		39,079
Professional development	_	95,192		55,352		8,584
	\$_	1,910,047	\$	1,602,174	\$	1,456,983
School Services:						
School Services Administration:						
Salaries and wages	\$	821,572	\$	835,513	\$	811,244
Employee benefits	*	82,448	*	76,899	*	74,566
Travel		35,000		8,915		8,240
Supplies and materials		73,578		28,817		17,005
Professional development		6,150		1,448		(1,124)
·	_	1,018,748		951,592		909,931
School Costs:	_					
Salaries and wages		145,602,604		143,750,854		139,093,988
Employee benefits		34,884,866		34,787,709		33,905,036
Service awards (recovered)		-		(48,243)		(42,340)
Service award interest		_		43,500		50,046
Sick leave (recovered)		-		(651,646)		(504,677)
Sick leave interest		900,000		407,500		523,700
Travel		103,010		43,487		29,833
Repairs and maintenance		1,500		126,054		99,569
Textbook credit allocation		929,900		922,536		1,073,853
Vehicle		-		5,553		4,697
Contracted services		133,000		199,430		34,031
Supplies and materials		2,536,488		3,430,277		2,805,002
Professional development		76,711		20,646		56,246
	_	185,168,079		183,037,657		177,128,984

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Year Ended March 31, 2022	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Actual
School Services: (continued)			
Alternative Education:			
Salaries and wages	341,731	364,036	379,180
Employee benefits	20,013	22,148	23,784
Travel	15,000	3,754	529
Supplies and materials	123,256	68,731	45,696
	500,000	458,669	449,189
School Program Grants:			
Salaries and wages	2,199,258	1,832,761	1,503,174
Employee benefits	455,827	413,688	334,997
Travel	93,000	39,865	22,671
Supplies and materials	989,237	956,347	1,020,576
Professional development	17,190	8,858	4,160
	3,754,512	3,251,519	2,885,578
Technology Services:			
Salaries and wages	1,457,355	1,441,302	1,359,889
Employee benefits	344,346	320,746	301,797
Contracted services	251,465	251,403	3,472
Travel	19,000	19,896	18,994
Repairs and maintenance	186,166	134,656	727,466
Vehicle	23,000	29,550	15,432
Professional development	10,300	876	6,324
Supplies and materials	1,225,468	1,072,705	4,565,520
Capital asset amortization	21,007	9,684	14,892
	3,538,107	3,280,818	7,013,786

Year Ended March 31, 2021		2022 Budget		2022 Actual		2021 Actual
School Services: (continued)						
International Students:						
Salaries and wages		395,883		310,440		374,529
Employee benefits		38,923		42,736		49,589
Travel		25,764		8,656		7,838
Student lodging		556,875		245,254		598,301
Supplies and materials	_	333,290		23,131		35,523
	<u>-</u>	1,350,735		630,217		1,065,780
	\$ __	195,330,181	\$_	191,610,472	\$_	189,453,248
Programs:						
Program Administration:						
Salaries and wages	\$	2,555,164	Ф	2,609,806	Ф	2,514,172
Employee benefits	Ψ	171,940	Ψ	167,463	Ψ	155,837
Travel		86,103		32,575		21,503
Supplies and materials		40,680		33,434		28,725
Professional development		4,993		789		(287)
r rolessional development	-	2,858,880		2,844,067		2,719,950
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Program Grants:						
Salaries and wages		1,115,551		1,163,555		732,964
Employee benefits		142,240		135,976		104,955
Travel		294,062		164,719		122,145
Contracted services		488,043		399,961		367,508
Repairs and maintenance		-		-		2,458
Supplies and materials		1,128,336		1,177,103		1,195,850
Insurance		1,400		1,708		1,708
Professional development	_	815		-		622
	_	3,170,447		3,043,022		2,528,210

Year Ended March 31, 2022	2	2022 Budget	2	2022 Actual	2	021 Actual
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Programs: (continued)						
Student Services:						
Salaries and wages		4,430,192		4,087,562		3,923,788
Employee benefits		289,427		266,922		303,903
Travel		160,924		73,229		66,704
Contracted services		85,500		97,718		50,150
Supplies and materials		681,105		641,698		544,290
Professional development		92,900		148,541		35,030
		5,740,048	- —	5,315,670		4,923,865
Programs Professional Development:						
Salaries and wages		329,437		147,062		143,217
Employee benefits		20,086		12,707		12,209
Travel		-		, -		114
Supplies and materials		_		429		_
Professional development		776,378		741,741		517,240
•	-	1,125,901	_	901,939		672,780
	\$	12,895,276	\$	12,104,698	\$	10,844,805
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Operational Services:						
Operational Administration:						
Salaries and wages	\$	1,454,292	\$	1,471,717	\$	1,237,280
Employee benefits		308,193		309,432		255,093
Travel		17,041		17,181		6,379
Contracted services		52,354		36,474		36,474
Supplies and materials		44,650		58,925		67,590
Professional development		29,071		8,780		1,544
		1,905,601		1,902,509		1,604,360

Year Ended March 31, 2022	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Actual
Operational Services: (continued)			
Property Services:			
Salaries and wages	9,973,970	10,621,449	9,692,037
Employee benefits	2,413,802	2,261,971	2,075,058
Travel	7,000	1,996	2,329
Contracted services	1,527,675	2,077,283	1,428,050
Vehicle	450,719	408,943	335,398
Supplies and materials	514,930	1,288,630	1,714,462
Professional development	23,591	37,064	16,098
Utilities	7,398,550	8,283,096	5,898,266
Repairs and maintenance	3,198,720	3,364,229	3,459,769
Insurance	545,387	835,280	671,243
Capital asset amortization	373,808	347,068	323,999
	26,428,152	29,527,009	25,616,709
Student Transportation:			
Salaries and wages	8,795,566	7,559,931	7,706,967
Employee benefits	2,266,902	1,615,378	1,609,854
Travel	7,945	462	1,754
Contracted services	102,370	104,548	99,350
Vehicle	3,677,120	3,098,293	2,769,935
Repairs and maintenance	57,792	261,430	351,498
Conveyance	80,000	33,013	19,521
Supplies and materials	102,950	95,598	157,109
Utilities	183,656	174,429	135,483
Professional development	34,000	61,610	27,641
Insurance	292,070	226,509	194,290
Capital asset amortization	47,543	49,120	62,030
	15,647,914	13,280,321	13,135,432
	\$43,981,667_9	44,709,839	40,356,501

Year Ended March 31, 2022	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Actual
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Other Programs:			
Pre-Primary:			
Salaries and wages	3,747,949 \$	5,362,176 \$	4,238,513
Employee benefits	1,457,051	1,219,084	958,696
Travel	15,000	13,893	8,713
Contracted Services	5,000	(8,909)	66,852
Repairs and maintenance	-	217,041	47,081
Supplies and materials	1,542,750	922,482	524,127
Professional development	57,250	5,050	7,253
•	6,825,000 \$	7,730,817 \$	5,851,235
School Generated Funds:			
School based funds	4,500,000 \$	2,112,483 \$	2,053,765

Schedule C - Supplementary Details of Tangible Capital Assets Year Ended March 31, 2022

	<u>Land</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	2022 Total	<u>2021 Total</u>
Cost:					
Opening balance	\$ 117,892	\$ 5,104,442 \$	2,856,246 \$	8,078,580 \$	7,909,099
Additions	-	-	190,140	190,140	245,813
Disposals			(73,466)	(73,466)	(76,332)
Closing Balance	117,892	5,104,442	2,972,920	8,195,254	8,078,580
Accumulated Amortization:					
Opening balance	-	2,043,407	2,211,220	4,254,627	3,929,666
Disposals	-	-	(72,983)	(72,983)	(75,990)
Amortization Expense		153,024	252,848	405,872	400,951
Closing balance		2,196,431	2,391,085	4,587,516	4,254,627
Net book value	\$ <u>117,892</u>	_\$ <u>2,908,011</u> \$	5 <u>581,835</u> \$	3,607,738 \$	3,823,953
Net Book Value:					
Opening balance	\$ 117,892	\$ 3,061,035 \$	645,026 \$	3,823,953 \$	3,979,433
Closing balance	117,892	2,908,011	581,835	3,607,738	3,823,953
Change in net book value	\$	\$ <u>(153,024)</u> \$	(63,191)	(216,215) \$	(155,480)

Schedule D - Trust Fund Balance Sheet		
Year Ended March 31, 2022 (unaudited)	2022	2021
Assets		
Investments, at cost plus interest	\$ 844,119 \$	791,718
Equity		
Trust Funds (Schedule E)	\$ 844,119 \$	791,718

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Minister of Education & Early Childhood Development:

Schedule E - Supplementary Details of Trust Funds Year Ended March 31, 2022 (unaudited)

	2021	Addition	Interest	<u>Disbursement</u>	2022
ARHS Prize	\$ 1,989	\$ -	\$ 35	\$ -	\$ 2,024
Balagot	4,943	-	84	1,200	3,827
Biggs	20,282	-	350	250	20,382
Blaikie	4,348	1,000	76	-	5,424
Brine	1,218	-	21	25	1,214
Campbell	1,241	-	21	-	1,262
Carson	7,159	-	124	-	7,283
Christie	23,931	18,200	697	500	42,328
Cole	2,089	-	36	-	2,125
Collicott	32	-	-	-	32
Decker	5,619	-	96	500	5,215
Demetre	6	-	-	-	6
Dempsey	4	-	-	-	4
Devenne	1,626	-	27	250	1,403
Donkin (Llaine)	17,199	-	297	-	17,496
Dunbar	3,072	-	52	65	3,059
Eaton	711	-	12	-	723
Edwards	8,877	965	153	500	9,495
Fields	1,765	-	30	-	1,795
Fife	8,084	-	139	125	8,098
Fort Lawrence	5,603	-	97	-	5,700
Fowlie	96,495	-	1,651	800	97,346
Fullerton	2,092	-	36	-	2,128
Fulmer	31,561	-	540	250	31,851
Glintz	4,033	325	59	1,000	3,417
Gosse	2,296	100	37	100	2,333
Harrison	2,094	-	36	250	1,880
Hewson	26,237	-	452	525	26,164
Hunter	57,249	-	987	1,200	57,036
Juurlink	11,320	500	204	-	12,024

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Schedule E - Supplementary Details of Trust Funds (continued)
Year Ended March 31, 2022 (unaudited)

	<u>2021</u>	Addition	Interest	<u>Disbursement</u>	2022
Kelly	2,208	312	36	2,250	306
Kirkpatrick	289	-	5	-	294
Leblanc	4,024	-	68	2,000	2,092
Loggie	19,208	-	331	400	19,139
Macinnis	2,282	-	39	-	2,321
MacIver	1,454	-	25	-	1,479
MacKenzie	13,936	-	240	-	14,176
McBrien	1,042	-	17	500	559
McIver	6,239	-	108	62	6,285
Milner	510	-	10	100	420
Oickle	8,252	-	143	-	8,395
Par Prize	1,063	-	18	-	1,081
Paris	5,067	-	87	1,000	4,154
Pugsley	99,645	-	1,718	750	100,613
Rector (Betty)	15,316	-	264	400	15,180
Red Cross	3,072	-	53	65	3,060
Reid, Jessie (CEE)	20,183	-	345	183	20,345
Reid, Jessie (PDHS)	-	27,440	4	-	27,444
Reid, W.A.	47,254	3,681	817	-	51,752
Rhodes	1,154	-	19	400	773
RH Spirit Fund	10,575	-	183	-	10,758
Roach	2,023	-	35	-	2,058
Samson	2,635	100	46	500	2,281
Smith	2,119	-	37	-	2,156
T. Smith	6,167	2,200	112	500	7,979
Sorge	5,866	-	101	125	5,842
Stay In School	14,220	-	245	-	14,465
Thompson	15,182	-	262	325	15,119
Tingley	13,582	-	236	300	13,518
Tye	100,958	-	1,736	1,663	101,031
Wilkes	13,018	2,930	272	250	15,970
	\$ 791,718	\$ 57,753	\$ 13,961	\$ 19,313	\$ 844,119