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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Regional Executive Director of the Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of **Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education**, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2021, and the consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus, change in net debt and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes to the 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 the **Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education**, as at March 31, 2021, and the results of operations and changes in net financial assets 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 Entity 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.

Other Matters

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The current year's supplementary information included in the schedules on pages 7 to 14 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the 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 financial statements taken as awhole.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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 Entity'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 Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

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 judgment 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 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 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 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.

Berwick, Nova Scotia June 24, 2021 Chartered Professional Accountants

Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education Consolidated Statement of Financial Position As at March 31, 2021

	2021	2020	
Financial Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents			
Cash	\$ 11,004,930	\$ 7,711,017	
School Based Funds (Note 3)	3,782,695	3,586,720	
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	14,787,624	11,297,737	
Accounts Receivable			
Province of Nova Scotia	16,502,927	15,420,330	
PNS - Teacher's Salary Accrual	2,380,600	2,303,200	
Government of Canada	612,647	623,700	
Other	626,628	241,636	
PNS - Long-Term Service Awards	1,115,371	1,277,907	
Total Financial Assets	36,025,797	31,164,510	
Capital Assets		_	
New Book Value of Capital Assets	1.5	•	
Total Financial and Capital Assets	36,025,797	31,164,510	
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,653,474	1,845,976	
Payables and Accruals - Government	-,,	1,010,0	
Province of Nova Scotia	205.111	155,984	
Municipalities	25.826	20,861	
Government of Canada	1,514,100	128	
Other Payables & Accrued Liabilities	3,304,555	2,935,829	
Teachers Salary Accruals	2,380,600	2,303,200	
Deferred Revenues	2,782,670	2,179,645	
Long-Term Service Awards Liability (Note 8)	1,115,391	1,277,907	
Long-Term Sick Leave Accrual (Note 7)	14,262,949	14,241,351	
Total Liabilities	29,244,675	24,960,881	
Equity - Capital	725	_	
Total Liabilities and Capital Equity	29,244,675	24,960,881	
Net (debt)/surplus	6,781,122	6,203,629	
	9,701,148	0,200,020	
Non-Financial assets	271.015		
Prepaid expenses	771,015	603,142	
Tangible capital assets (Schedule E)	1,244,210	1,260,990	
Accumulated surplus/(deficit) end of year	8,796,347	8,067,761	
Committed Surplus			
School Based Funds	2,857,570	3,135,849	
Non-Financial Assets	2,015,225	1,864,132	
Total Committed Surplus	4,872,795	4,999,981	
Uncommitted Surplus	\$ 3,923,552	\$ 3,067,780	

Trust Funds Under Administration (Note 4)

Commitments (Note 5)

Contingencies (Note 6) Subsequent Eyents (9)

On Behalf of the Board

Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus As at March 31, 2021

	2	021 Budget	2021 Actual		 2020 Actual	
Revenue (Schedule A) Province of Nova Scotia Government of Canada Municipal Contributions School Generated Funds (Note 3) Other Revenues	\$	139,644,296 999,995 23,970,959 4,000,000 4,684,587	\$	144,566,934 1,533,081 23,970,972 1,497,560 2,524,724	\$ 132,817,593 1,350,865 23,221,632 4,034,786 4,816,963	
Total Revenues		173,299,837		174,093,272	 166,241,839	
Expenses (Schedule B) Total Board Governance Total Regional Management Total School Management Total Instruction Total Student Support Total Adult Education Total Property Services Total Student Transportation Other Programs School Generated Funds (Note 3) Interest Expense Amortization Expense		4,227,423 16,588,881 85,017,485 26,618,359 472,217 14,494,182 11,500,108 9,420,188 4,000,000 752,312 208,682	-	1,318 8,315,095 17,025,839 85,342,140 25,402,955 481,647 15,941,718 11,205,275 7,323,767 1,775,839 361,856 189,873	469 4,047,609 16,056,116 83,386,341 25,440,481 347,522 13,289,178 10,102,725 7,303,465 4,073,689 379,180 154,822	
Total Expenses	\$	173,299,837	\$	173,364,686	\$ 164,581,597	
Annual Surplus/(deficit) before unusual items				728,586	1,660,242	
School Board surplus/(deficit) on an expense basis				728,586	 1,660,242	
Accumulated surplus/(deficit) beginning of year Previously Reported	r:			8,067,761	 6,407,519	
Accumulated surplus/(deficit) end of year				8,796,347	 8,067,761	
Committed Surplus School Based Funds Non-Financial Assets Uncommitted Surplus			\$	2,857,570 2,015,225 3,923,552	\$ 3,135,849 1,864,132 3,067,780	

Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education Consolidated Statement of Change in Net (Debt)/Surplus For the Year Ended March 31, 2021

	2021		 2020
Net (debt)/surplus beginning of year	\$	6,203,629	\$ 5,175,156
Changes in the Year			
Surplus/(Deficit), on an Expense Basis Acquisition of tangible capital assets Disposal of assets Amortization of tangible capital asset (Increase) Decrease in prepaid expenses		728,586 (174,606) 1,513 189,873 (167,873)	 1,660,242 (188,440) 4,492 154,822 (602,643)
Net (debt)/surplus end of year		6,781,122	\$ 6,203,629

Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow For the Year Ended March 31, 2021

	2021	2020
Operating Transactions		
Annual surplus	\$ 8,796,347	\$ 8,067,761
Change in prepaid expenses	(167,873)	(602,643)
Change in deferred revenue	603,025	(1,541,758)
Change in accounts receivable	(1,371,400)	1,729,678
Change in accounts payable	3,821,707	567,637
Change in long-term debt	(140,937)	(146,992)
Cash Provided by Operating Transactions	11,540,868	8,073,683
Acquistion of tangible capital assets	(174,606)	(188,440)
Loss on disposal of assets	1,513	(508)
Proceeds on sale of assets	-	5,000
Amortization of tangible capital assets	189,873	154,821
	16,780	(29,127)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	11,557,648	8,044,556
Previous Year's Surplus	(8,067,761)	(6,407,519)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	11,297,737	9,660,699
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 14,787,624	\$ 11,297,737

Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education Schedule A - Supplementary Details of Revenues For the Year Ended March 31, 2021

		2021 Budget 2021 Actual		2020 Actual	
Revenue					
Province	of Nova Scotia:				
	Operating	\$ 115,039,534	\$ 117,251,035	\$ 77,377,164	
	Restricted	16,502,148	17,837,580	41,567,284	
	Capital	-	-	113,400	
	Other Recoveries	5,839,414	6,987,639 110,081	10,946,359 510,186	
	Teachers Salary Accrual	2,263,200	2,380,600	2,303,200	
	Total Province of Nova Scotia	139,644,296	144,566,935	132,817,593	
Governm	ent of Canada:				
	National Defence	_	_	_	
	IA Northern Development	748,149	803,801	853,742	
	Secretary of State	251,846	224,885	183,986	
	Other		504,395	313,137	
	Total Government of Canada	999,995	1,533,081	1,350,865	
Municipa	l contributions:				
	Mandatory	23,970,959	23,970,972	23,221,632	
	Total Municipal Contributions	23,970,959	23,970,972	23,221,632	
School G	enerated Funds:				
	School Generated (Note 3)	4,000,000	1,497,560	4,034,786	
	Total School Generated	4,000,000	1,497,560	4,034,786	

Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education Schedule A - Supplementary Details of Revenues For the Year Ended March 31, 2021

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2020 Actual
Other Revenues:			
Board Generated - Other	11,785	217,076	627,923
Other Revenue - Schools	1,553,182	521,702	1,207,409
Tuition - Students	1,409,250	415,758	815,017
Registration	1,409,250	965,843	1,645,320
Rental Revenue	-	4,058	-
Interest/Investments	90,000	121,826	220,973
Recoveries - Non-governmental	-	30,754	42,072
Non-Government Grants	206,266	244,555	218,226
Sale of Assets	-	(1,513)	508
Donations	4,854	4,666	39,515
Total Other Revenues	4,684,587	2,524,724	4,816,963
Total Revenues	\$ 173,299,837	\$ 174,093,272	\$ 166,241,839

Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education Schedule B - Supplementary Details of Expenses For the Year Ended March 31, 2021

	2021 Budget		20	21 Actual	2020 Actual	
Expenses:						
Board Governance:						
Board Members	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Board Secretary		-	-	1,318		469
NSSBA & Other						
Total Board Governance			-	1,318		469
Regional Management:						
Management Services		1,339,944		1,349,154		1,268,965
Financial Services	•	1,204,988		1,173,935		1,099,914
Human Resources Services		992,096		864,077		859,347
Communication Services		89,984		88,029		91,070
ITS - Regional		600,411		4,839,901	-	728,313
Total Regional Management		4,227,423		8,315,095		4,047,609
School Management & Support:						
School Management	1	1,415,827		11,564,646		11,086,222
Program & Curriculum Support	4	4,039,645		4,306,159		3,856,724
ITS - Site Specific		1,133,409		1,155,034		1,113,170
Total School Management	10	6,588,881		17,025,839		16,056,116
Instructional & School Services:						
Instruction	8	1,907,083		82,390,700		80,652,493
Guidance Services	2	2,513,739		2,400,793		2,208,620
Library Services		596,663		550,646		525,228
Total Instruction	8	5,017,485		85,342,140		83,386,341
Student Support:						
Program Management	1	1,274,172		10,636,066		10,887,454
Instruction		1,448,689		11,621,756		11,434,111
Program & Curriculum Support	;	3,895,498		3,145,134		3,118,916
Total Student Support	20	6,618,359		25,402,955		25,440,481

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education Schedule B - Supplementary Details of Expenses For the Year Ended March 31, 2021

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2020 Actual	
Adult Education:				
Program Management	-	-	-	
Instruction	472,217	481,647	347,522	
Total Adult Education	472,217	481,647	347,522	
Property Services:				
Management Services	1,147,790	1,193,694	1,073,554	
Custodial Services	5,808,034	6,075,010	5,052,467	
Maintenance Services	7,045,713	8,206,369	6,743,778	
Grounds Services	492,645	466,645	419,380	
Total Property Services	14,494,182	15,941,718	13,289,178	
Student Transportation:				
Management Services	603,832	591,471	502,983	
Transportation (Board)	4,646,189	4,579,992	3,960,993	
Maintenance (Board)	1,603,116	1,461,970	1,289,373	
Transportation (Contract)	4,646,971	4,571,843	4,349,377	
Total Student Transportation	11,500,108	11,205,275	10,102,725	
Other Programs	9,420,188	7,323,767	7,303,465	
School Based Funds (Note 3)	4,000,000	1,775,839	4,073,689	
Interest Expense	752,312	361,856	379,180	
Amortization Expense	208,682	189,873	154,822	
Total Other Expenses	14,381,182	9,651,335	11,911,155	
Total	\$ 173,299,837	\$ 173,364,686	\$ 164,581,597	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education Schedule D - Supplementary Details of Trusts and School Based Funds For the Year Ended March 31, 2021

	March 2020	Additions	Interest	Disbursements	March 2021
ARRA Library Trust	\$4,481	-	94	913	3,662
AVRSB BD Mem Sch Fd	6,565	-	138	-	6,703
Raymond Banks Memorial	11,815	-	249	-	12,064
Barteaux Trust	45	-	1	-	46
Bateman Trust	5,059	-	107	-	5,166
Beals Trust	421,144	-	8,924	3,200	426,868
Beattie Trust	12,163	-	258	231	12,190
Borden Trust	3,946	-	84	83	3,947
Brannon Trust	486	-	10	50	446
Brazil, Duane Mem	7,038	-	151	-	7,189
Bruce Memorial Award	1,017	-	22	-	1,039
Carter Trust	5	-	1	-	6
Card Trust	50,819	-	1,078	1,077	50,820
Charles Eaves Award	16,820	-	357	-	17,177
Clarke	6,955	-	148	147	6,956
Coldwell Trust	5,183	-	109	109	5,183
Cummings Trust	15,126	277	320	500	15,223
Dakin Trust	5,974	-	128	300	5,802
Dalton Trust	18,452	-	391	351	18,492
Daniel Arnold Memorial	59	-	19	-	78
DeEll Trust	54,775	-	1,162	1,160	54,777
Dorothy Russell	614	-	16	500	130
Eastern Star	39,124	1,300	824	1,000	40,248
Fairn	34,838	-	751	3,000	32,589
Harvey	4,314	-	91	-	4,405
Haskell Trust	24,705	-	526	1,000	24,231
Hibbard Trust	12,056	-	255	-	12,311
Horton Golden Trust	3,738	-	79	-	3,817
Hudgins Trust	466	-	10	-	476
Inglis Trust	21,583	-	458	-	22,041
IODE Olympic Chapter	70,968	-	1,524	2,500	69,992
IOOF Wolfville	17,344	-	367	-	17,711
Jones - BRES	8,146	-	172	-	8,318
Jones - BRHS	18,254	-	385	-	18,639
Johnston Trust	30,618	-	641	1,200	30,059
Johnston L & D Trust	30,000	-	475	1,200	29,275
Lightfoot Trust	164	-	3	-	167
Lyons Trust	4,969	-	104	-	5,073
MacFarlane	11	-	-	-	11
MacNutt Trust	56,902	-	1,227	5,000	53,129
Mitchell Trust	1,913	-	40	-	1,953
MRHS 40th Ann. Trust	23,836	300	509	1,000	23,645
Neily Trust	447	-	9	-	456
Nixon Trust	6,633	-	140	_	6,773
Candice Parker Trust	2,980	-	65	500	2,545
Paul Bethune	51,151	-	1,085	1,000	51,236
Harry E. Parker Trust	7,103	-	153	1,000	6,256
Rena B. Parker Trust	39,088	-	829	-	39,917

Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education Schedule D - Supplementary Details of Trusts and School Based Funds For the Year Ended March 31, 2021

Frank Pecora Mem Bursary	183	-	4	-	187
Quartermain Trust	21	-	1	-	22
Rainforth Trust	650	-	14	-	664
Sinnott Trust	11,324	-	239	-	11,563
Terri Spinney Mem	73	-	2	-	75
Earle Spicer Trust	28,310	-	601	-	28,911
Bill Wade Memorial	10,858	-	253	3,000	8,111
Whitman Memorial	8,721	-	184	-	8,905
WKDHS Memorial	8,281	-	131	300	8,112
Worthylake Trust	450	40	18	500	8
Champlain Refresh	7,861	14,125	-	23,147	(1,161)
Horton Refresh	107	-	-	-	107
Northeast Kings Refresh	95,941	105,114	-	220,806	(19,751)
Pine Ridge Refresh	240	56,755	-	56,988	7
Champlain Capital Fund	3,095	-	-	1,345	1,750
Horton Capital Fund	23,045	-	-	11,587	11,458
Northeast Kings Capital Fund	16,701	-	-	11,833	4,868
Pine Ridge Capital Fund	7,153	-	-	6951	202
Total Trusts	1,382,906	177,911	25,936	363,478	1,223,275
Foundation Total	710,325	60,398	1,920	162,994	609,649
Total Trusts & Foundation	\$2,093,231	\$238,309	\$27,856	\$526,472	\$1,832,924

School Generated Funds

	March 31, 2020		Additions Interest		Disbursements	March 31, 2021	
Aldershot Elementary	\$	29,325	\$ 18,095	0.00	24,607	\$ 22	2,813
Annapolis East Elementary		54,665	28,387	0.00	46,552	36	3,501
Annapolis West Education Centre		107,954	47,026	63.00	51,555	103	3,488
Avon View High		285,847	83,801	0.00	109,004	260	0,645
Berwick Elementary		65,600	13,151	0.00	24,002	54	4,750
Bridgetown Regional Elementary		10,700	68	0.00	773	(9,995
Bridgetown Regional Community		154,358	40,477	0.00	80,988	113	3,846
Brooklyn District Elementary		39,432	29,665	0.00	49,258	19	9,840
Cambridge & District Elementary		45,885	22,373	0.00	26,485	4	1,773
Central Kings Rural High		251,738	110,491	0.00	129,849	232	2,380
Champlain Elementary		22,726	3,365	0.00	7,680	18	3,412
Clark Rutherford Memorial		17,328	26,610	0.00	26,676	17	7,262
Coldbrook & District		81,503	23,178	0.00	42,525	62	2,156
Dr Arthur Hines Elementary		25,502	(4,634)	0.00	4,233	16	6,635
Dwight Ross Elementary		13,971	16,010	0.00	23,888	(6,093
Evangeline Middle		89,410	39,267	0.00	37,587	9	1,091
Falmouth District		21,172	2,633	0.00	10,061	1;	3,744
Gaspereau Valley Elementary		20,890	21,886	0.00	22,430	20	0,346

Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education Schedule D - Supplementary Details of Trusts and School Based Funds For the Year Ended March 31, 2021

	March 31, 2020	Additions	Interest	Disbursements	March 31, 2021
Glooscap Elementary	40,566	26,244	0.00	28,944	37866.48
Hantsport	61,439	29,765	47.00	36,962	54288.91
Highbury Education Centre	4,405	2,670	0.00	1,407	5667.86
Horton High	316,107	179,233	0.00	167,277	328062.98
Kings County Academy	102,281	77,119	1,524.00	69,955	110968.54
Kings County Adult High	6,955	1,560	0.00	4,171	4343.97
Kingston & District	51,919	35,310	0.00	42,714	44515.46
LE Shaw Elementary	12,541	12,732	0.00	17,537	7735.78
Lawrencetown Consolidated	29,600	9,314	0.00	10,129	28784.66
Lawrencetown Education Centre	21,657	41,661	0.00	32,886	30432.02
Middleton Regional High	122,290	66,508	174.00	96,083	92889.19
New Minas Elementary	46,352	48,236	0.00	37,213	57374.72
Northeast Kings Education Centre	235,259	125,152	0.00	133,681	226730.34
Pine Ridge Middle	92,987	53,826	0.00	43,956	102857.18
Port Williams Elementary	9,957	23,521	0.00	16,024	17453.62
Somerset & District	17,086	23,133	0.00	28,282	11937.24
St Mary's Elementary	39,906	12,581	0.00	12,384	40102.06
Three Mile Plains District	31,194	4,419	0.00	23,072	12541.02
West Hants Education Centre	19,977	7,556	0.00	8,181	19352.35
West Hants Middle	68,650	46,602	0.00	55,761	59490.9
West Kings District High	300,904	98,448	437.00	124,021	275768.18
Windsor Adult High	14,168	8,136	0.00	8,035	14269.45
Windsor Elementary	15,229	(2,570)	0.00	1,330	11329.3
Windsor Forks District	39,082	(3,189)	0.00	6,161	29732.34
Wolfville	97,327	45,500	0.00	51,520	91307.43
Total School Generated Funds	\$ 3,135,849	\$ 1,495,316	\$ 2,245	\$ 1,775,839	\$ 2,857,571

Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education Schedule E - Supplementary Details of Tangible Capital Assets As of March 31, 2021

Costs of Tangible Asset(s)

5 (,			Building		
	Buildings	Vehicles	Betterments	2021	2020
Opening Costs	\$ 427,952	\$ 731,385	\$ 1,024,654	\$ 2,183,991	\$ 2,202,609
Additions	-	174,606	-	174,606	188,440
Disposals	-	(50,015)	-	(50,015)	(207,059)
Closing Costs	427,952	855,976	1,024,654	2,308,582	2,183,991
Accumlated Amortization(s)					
Opening Balance	196,704	354,863	371,434	923,001	970,745
Disposals	-	(48,502)	-	(48,502)	(202,567)
Amortization Expense	11,562	145,649	32,662	189,873	154,822
Closing Balance	208,266	452,010	404,096	1,064,372	923,001
Note Book Value (NBV)	219,686	403,966	620,558	1,244,210	1,260,990
Opening Balance, April 1, 2020	231,248	376,522	653,220	1,260,990	1,231,863
Closing Balance, March 31, 2021	219,686	403,966	620,558	1,244,210	1,260,990
Increase (decrease)					
In Net Book Value	\$ (11,562)	\$ 27,444	\$ (32,662)	\$ (16,780)	\$ 29,127

1. Nature of Operations

The Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education is an independent legal entity as required under the Education Act. The Regional Centre provides educational services from Pre-Primary to Grade 12 at public schools within the Annapolis Valley. The Regional Centre is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act and is exempt from income tax and can issue official receipts to donors.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

These consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada (CPA). These consolidated financial statements have been prepared using the following significant accounting policies:

Revenues

Revenues are recorded on an accrual basis. The main components of revenue are funding from the Province of NS, Government of Canada and Municipal Contributions. The Regional Centre receives contributions by volunteer support in the delivery of certain programs within the schools. Due to the difficulty in determining or estimating the value of these contributions, contributed services are not quantified and recognized in these financial statements.

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

Expenses

Expenses are recorded on the accrual basis. Provisions are made for probable losses on accounts receivable, and for contingent liabilities when it is likely that a liability exists and the amount can be reasonably determined.

Pension Liabilities

The Regional Centre contributes to Registered Retirement Savings Plans and Registered Pension Plans on behalf of the non-teaching employees. The Regional Centre's teachers are members of a pension plan established by the Province of Nova Scotia as required by the Teachers' Pension Act. The Province of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union are responsible for funding this plan.

Net Debt

Net Debt represents the direct liabilities of the Regional Centre less financial assets.

Financial Instruments

Cash and cash equivalents are recorded at cost which approximates market value. The Regional Centre's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, payable and accruals and other liabilities. It is management's opinion that the Regional Centre is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments approximates their carrying values.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents included cash on hand, balances with banks, short term deposits and bank balances held by schools.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies continued Non Financial Assets

All capital acquisitions are now recorded using Tangible Capital Asset accounting. All non-financial assets previously recorded that do not meet these guidelines have been removed from these statements.

All tangible capital assets purchased by the Regional Centre are recorded as assets and amortized based on the Province of Nova Scotia's tangible capital asset accounting policy thresholds. The thresholds and amortization rates are as follows:

Buildings	\$250,000	Amortization	5%	Declining Balance
Vehicles	\$ 15,000	Amortization	35%	Declining Balance
Building betterments	\$150,000	Amortization	5%	Declining Balance

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 goods or service is used or consumed.

Accumulated Deficit/Surplus

Accumulated Deficit/Surplus represents the liabilities of the Regional Centre less financial assets, and non-financial assets. This represents the accumulated balance of net deficit/surplus arising from the operations of the Regional Centre.

Use of Estimates

In preparing the Regional Centre's 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 at the date of the consolidated financial statements and reported amounts by fund of revenue and expenditure. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

3. School Based Funds

The Regional Centre is required to include in its financial statements the financial activities of its school sites. To meet this requirement, the Regional Centre has instituted a new school based funds policy to promote appropriate internal controls, provided each site with a standard computer based accounting system and established common reporting standards for school based funds. The following is a summary of these financial activities, a site by site listing is provided in Schedule D.

March 31, 2020	Additions	Interest	Disbursements	Schedule D - SBF	Deferred Revenue	March 31, 2021
\$3,135,849	\$1,495,316	\$2,245	\$1,775,839	\$2,857,571	\$925,124	\$3,782,695

(Student Council Funds are included in the School Based Funds totals. Cafeteria funds are no longer school based and are administered in the regional Financial System.)

4. Trust funds

The Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education manages a number of trust funds primarily for the generation of scholarships and awards. A summary of the trusts and their activity is found in Schedule D of these financial statements. Effective April 1, 1997, the Regional Centre incorporated the activities of the former Kings County District School Board Foundation. These are now carried as a separate Trust Account.

5. Contractual Obligations

Contract	Vendor	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Contracted School Bus Transportation Services	Stock Transportation	\$4,329,236	\$4,437,493	\$4,549,043	\$4,662,741
Regional Office Rent	Western Kings Health Society	\$348,714	\$357,006	\$357,006	\$357,006
West Hants Education Centre and Windsor Adult High Rent	BioMedica Diagnostics Inc.	\$185,153	\$46,251	-	-
NSSPI Photocopier	Xerox Canada	\$189,768	\$189,768	\$189,768	\$189,768
Totals		\$5,052,871	\$5,030,518	\$5,095,817	\$5,209,515

6. Accumulated sick leave liability

The Regional Centre has recognized in these consolidated financial statements, the liability associated with accumulated sick leave earned by teaching and non-teaching 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.

The non-teaching accumulated sick leave actuarial valuation was prepared by Eckler Ltd. based on data from March 31, 2020 to March 31, 2021. All assumptions used in the Sick Leave valuation have been chosen by the Province.

Fiscal Year	Benefit Obligation & Discount Rate per annum
2018-2019 Fiscal – March 31, 2019	3.29%
2019-2020 Fiscal – March 31, 2020	3.24%
2020-2021 Fiscal – March 31, 2021	3.01%
2021-2022 Fiscal – March 31, 2022	3.01%
2022-2023 Fiscal – March 31, 2023	3.01%
2023-2024 Fiscal – March 31, 2024	3.01%

Year	Salary Growth Rate
April 1, 2019	3.0%
April 1, 2020	3.0%
April 1, 2021	3.5%
April 1, 2022	3.0%
April 1, 2023	3.0%

Retirement Age	Percentage
59	10%
60	20%
61- 64	10%
65 - 69	50%
70+	100%

6. Accumulated sick leave liability continued

The teaching accumulated sick leave actuarial valuation was prepared by Eckler Ltd. based on valuation as of July 31, 2017 and extrapolated to March 31, 2021. The Province provided the information for the assumptions.

Fiscal Year	Benefit Obligation & Discount Rate per annum
2018-2019 Fiscal – March 31, 2019	3.29%
2019-2020 Fiscal – March 31, 2020	3.24%
2020-2021 Fiscal – March 31, 2021	3.01%
2021-2022 Fiscal - March 31, 2022	3.01%
2022-2023 Fiscal – March 31, 2023	3.01%
2023-2024 Fiscal – March 31, 2024	3.01%

The retirement for 2020-2021 fiscal year is assumed to be 50% at the Rule of 85, with the remainder at earlier of 35 years of credited service, age 62 with 10 years credited service, and age 65 with 2 years credited service. No termination prior to retirement assumed with regards to withdrawal prior to retirement.

Year	Salary Growth Rate
August 1, 2018	1.5%
July 31, 2019	0.5%
August 1, 2019	1.5%
July 31, 2020	0.5%
August 1, 2020	1.5%
July 31, 2021	0.5%
August 1, 2021	2.0%

It is assumed that the expected sick leave utilization is 7.9 days per school year for males and 9.1 days per year for females. The expected net sick leave accrual for a full time employee is 20 days less expected current year sick leave used (12.1 days for males and 10.9 days for females).

Non-Teaching - Accumulated Sick Leave				
	-	2021	-	2020
Opening benefit obligation, beginning of the				
year	\$	1,665,934	\$	1,613,884
Current service cost	Ψ	275,100	Φ	264,800
Interest on obligation		50,700		52,350
Impact of plan amendment		50,700		52,350
Other (past service, transfers, etc)		-		
Less: sick leave taken		(274,500)		(269,100)
				4,000
Actuarial (gains) losses		(8,100)		
Closing benefit obligation, end of year		1,709,134		1,665,934
Pension assets, at market related values		-		_
Funded status - surplus (deficiency)		(1,709,134)		(1,665,934)
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Unamortized actuarial (gains) losses		144,184.00		177,380
Accrued benefit asset (liability)	\$	(1,564,950)	\$	(1,488,554)
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Teachers - Accumulated Sick Leave				
Opening benefit obligation, beginning of the				
year	\$	9,397,954	\$	9,131,028
Current service cost	T	857,700	+	818,200
Interest on obligation		286,800		295,926
Impact of plan amendment		-		
Other (past service, transfers, etc)		-		_
Less: sick leave taken		(915,600)		(881,200)
Actuarial (gains) losses		(2,100,300)		34,000
Closing benefit obligation, end of year		7,526,554		9,397,954
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Pension assets, at market related values		-		-
Funded status - surplus (deficiency)		(7,526,554)		(9,397,954)
Unamortized actuarial (gains) losses		-5171445		(3,354,843)
Accrued benefit asset (liability)				
Accided beliefft asset (Hability)		(12,697,999)		(12,752,797)
Total Sick Leave Liability	\$	(14,262,949)	\$	(14,241,351)
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7. Service Awards

During the 2000-2001 and the 2013-2014 fiscal years, the Province of Nova Scotia assumed full responsibility for accumulated liability associated with teaching and non-teaching employee retirement allowances. Regional Centres are responsible only for the current service cost of this benefit. The projected liability is offset by a corresponding receivable from the Province. The amount of the projected liability has been determined by the Nova Scotia Department of Finance, based on an actuarial valuation.

The non-teachers retiring allowance actuarial valuation was prepared by Eckler Ltd. The data was extrapolated from March 31, 2018 to March 31, 2021 to create an actuarial valuation as at March 31, 2021 based on assumption as to that date. To enable the Province to satisfy the disclosure requirements under CPA PS 3250, we have relied on the prior actuary's valuation of the accrued benefit obligations as at March 31, 2018 and extrapolated those results to March 31, 2021 based on the assumptions as of that date. All assumptions used in the Service award valuation have been chosen by the Province.

Fiscal Year	Benefit Obligation & Discount Rate per annum
2018-2019 Fiscal – March 31, 2019	3.29%
2019-2020 Fiscal – March 31, 2020	3.24%
2020-2021 Fiscal – March 31, 2021	3.01%
2021-2022 Fiscal – March 31, 2022	3.01%
2022-2023 Fiscal – March 31, 2023	3.01%
2023-2024 Fiscal – March 31, 2024	3.01%

Year	Salary Growth Rate	Retirement Age	Percentage
April 1, 2019	3.0%	59	10%
April 1, 2020	3.0%	60	20%
April 1, 2021	3.5%	61- 64	10%
April 1, 2022	3.0%	65 - 69	50%
April 1, 2023	3.0%	70+	100%

The teachers' retirement allowance actuarial valuation was prepared by Eckler Ltd. based on valuation as on July 31, 2018 and extrapolated to March 31, 2019. The Province provided the information for the assumptions.

Fiscal Year	Benefit Obligation & Discount Rate per annum			
2018-2019 Fiscal – March 31, 2019	3.29%			
2019-2020 Fiscal – March 31, 2020	3.24%			
2020-2021 Fiscal – March 31, 2021	3.01%			
2021-2022 Fiscal – March 31, 2022	3.01%			
2022-2023 Fiscal – March 31, 2023	3.01%			
2023-2024 Fiscal – March 31, 2024	3.01%			

The retirement for 2020-2021 fiscal year is assumed to be 50% at the Rule of 85, with the remainder at earlier of 35 years of credited service, age 62 with 10 years credited service, and age 65 with 2 years credited service. No termination prior to retirement assumed with regards to withdrawal prior to retirement.

Year	Salary Growth Rate
August 1, 2019	1.5%
July 31, 2020	0.5%
August 1, 2020	1.5%
July 31, 2021	0.5%
August 1, 2021	1.5%
August 1, 2022	1.5%
August 1, 2023	2.0%

7. Service Awards continued

Prior to August 1, 2015, liabilities were determined using the projected unit credit method, prorated on service as required by CPA PS 3250. Under this method, an equal proportion of the estimated total benefit is allocated to each year of service. The present value of benefits attributed to service prior to the valuation date is determined and referred to as the benefit obligation, or actuarial liability.

Since benefits have been curtailed effective August 1, 2015, the valuation method has changed such that the total liability is no longer pro-rated on service. The liability is based on service accrued to August 1, 2015, using projected earning at retirement.

Non-Teachers - Retiring Allowances					
		2021		2020	
	\$	400.040	Φ.	470.404	
Opening benefit obligation, beginning of the year		182,049	\$	176,191	
Current service cost		-	-	-	
Interest on obligation		4,456		5,716	
Impact of curtailment		-		-	
Other (past service, transfers, etc)		-		-	
Less: benefits paid		(70,238)		(158)	
Actuarial (gains) losses		(1,600)		300	
Closing benefit obligation, end of year		114,667		182,049	
Pension assets, at market related values		-		-	
Funded status - surplus (deficiency)		(114,667)		(182,049)	
Unamortized actuarial (gains) losses		41,673		65,707	
Accrued benefit asset (liability)	\$	(72,993)	\$	(116,341)	
Teachers - Retiring Allowances					
Opening benefit obligation, beginning of the year	\$	699,087	\$	876,909	
Current service cost		-		-	
Interest on obligation		19,900		25,188	
Impact of curtailment		-		-	
Other (past service, transfers, etc)		-		-	
Less: benefits paid		(111,399)		(207,010)	
Actuarial (gains) losses		11,100		4,000	
Closing benefit obligation, end of year		618,688		699,087	
Pension assets, at market related values		-		-	
Funded status - surplus (deficiency)		(618,688)		(699,087)	
Unamortized actuarial (gains) losses		(423,710)		(462,499)	
Accrued benefit asset (liability)	\$	(1,042,398)	\$	(1,161,586)	
Total Retiring Allowance Liability	\$	(1,115,391)	\$	(1,277,927)	

8. Subsequent Events

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. AVRCE 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.