



Huron-Perth Catholic

District School Board

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FINANCIAL REPORT

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November 23, 2009



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To the Trustees and the Ratepayers of the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board

We are pleased to present the financial statements of the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board for the year ended August 31, 2009. This report highlights the key financial results for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

The financial statements and related information contained in this report are the responsibility of the management of the Board. They have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments as established by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. Management is confident that it has developed a system of internal controls that ensures the information presented in the financial statements is both accurate and reliable.

The accounting firm of BDO Dunwoody LLP was appointed by the Board to perform an independent audit of the Board's 2008-2009 Financial Statements and Ministry of Education's Grant Calculations. They have been given full access to all Board information to allow them to perform their audit. We have included their report.

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KEY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

For the year ended August 31, 2009

(extracted from the audited Financial Statements and Grant Calculations)

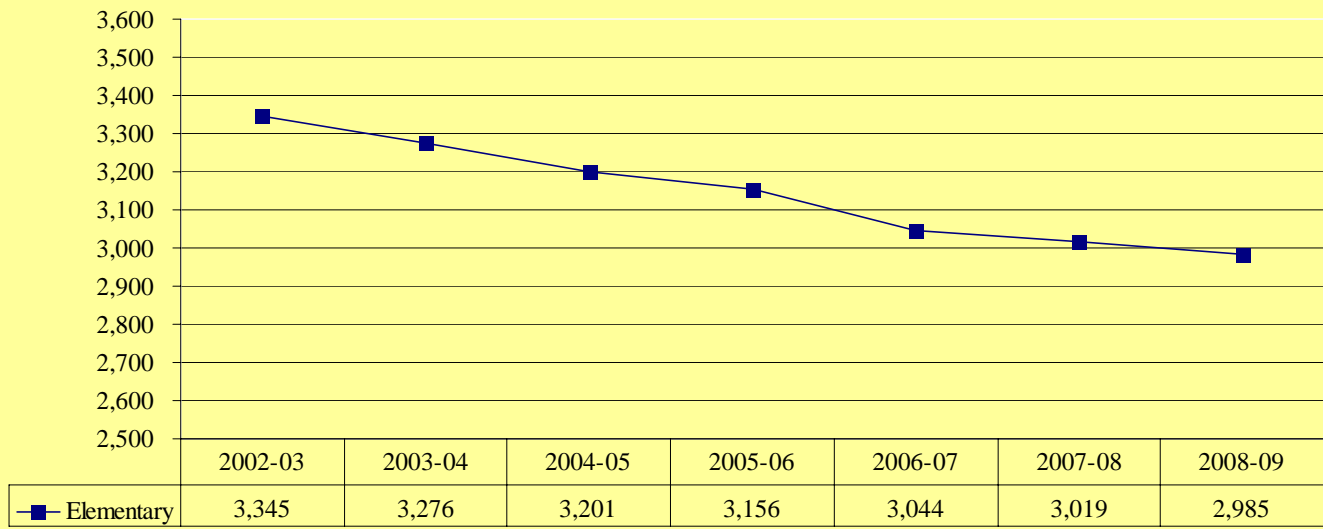
| | 2008-2009 | 2007-2008 | % Change |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| ENROLMENT | | | |
| Elementary | 2,984.50 | 3,018.50 | -1.1% |
| Secondary | 1,543.78 | 1,634.94 | -5.5% |
| TOTAL ENROLMENT | 4,528.28 | 4,653.44 | -2.7% |
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| # OF SCHOOLS | | | |
| Elementary | 16.00 | 16.00 | 0.0% |
| Secondary | 2.00 | 2.00 | 0.0% |
| TOTAL SCHOOLS | 18.00 | 18.00 | 0.0% |

ENROLMENT

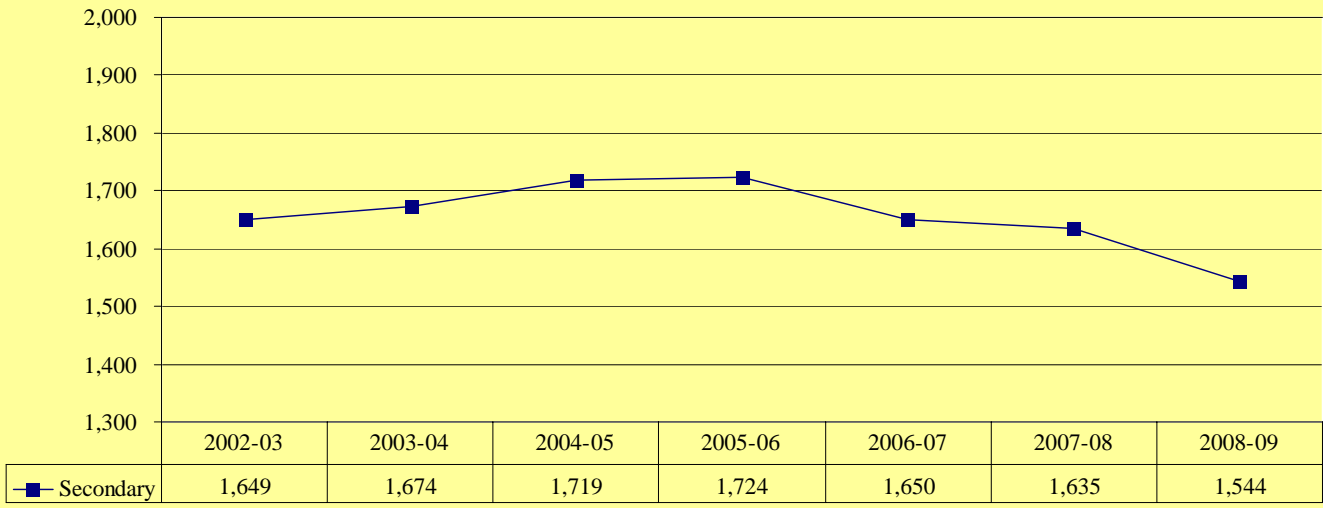
For 2008-2009, the total number of Full Time Equivalent Elementary and Secondary students was 4,528. The attached graphs demonstrate the enrolment pattern for the period 2002 to 2009.

- The 2008 elementary enrolment shows a reduction in the rate of decline in enrolment where the number of students at the elementary level.
- The Board operates two secondary Schools, St. Michael in Stratford and St. Anne's in Clinton. Both schools are experiencing the decline with that was experienced at the Elementary level starting in 2003-2004. The total F.T.E. secondary students were 1,544 a decrease of 91 students or a 5.5% decrease from 2007-2008.
- Enrolment patterns within each school vary with decreases in enrolment greater in the rural areas than the towns or the City of Stratford and increases in a few of the Boards schools.

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FTE Enrolment - Elementary



Huron-Perth Catholic Distric School Board
FTE Enrolment - Secondary



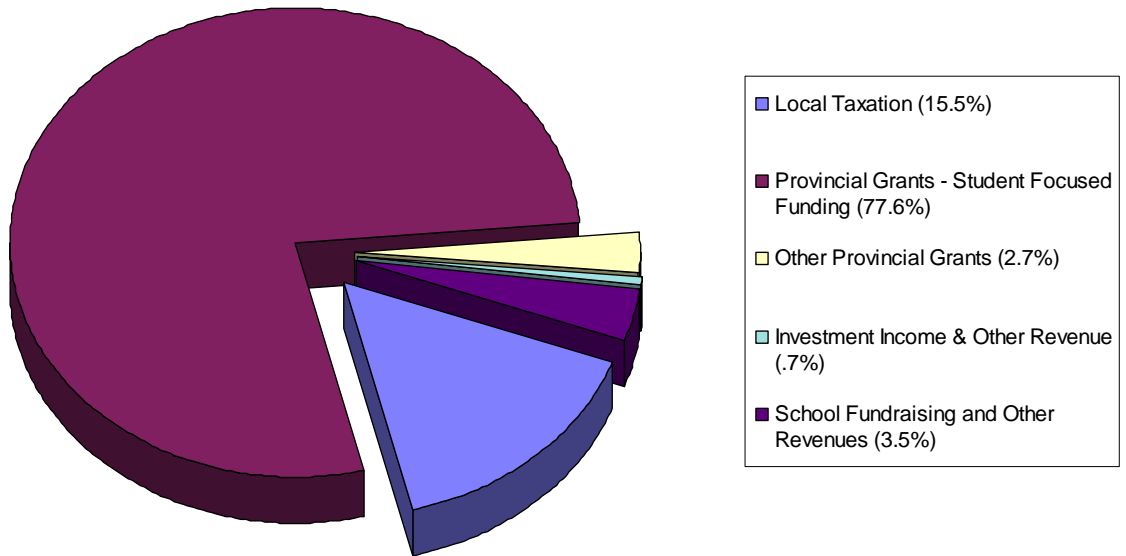
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Statement of Financial Activities - Operations and School Funds
for the year ended August 31, 2009.

Revenue

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| Local Taxation | \$ | 8,095,422 | 15.5% |
| Provincial Grants - Student Focused Funding | | 40,505,490 | 77.6% |
| Other Provincial Grants | | 1,418,478 | 2.7% |
| Investment Income & Other Revenue | | 366,145 | 0.7% |
| School Fundraising and Other Revenues | | <u>1,820,961</u> | <u>3.5%</u> |
| Total Operating & School Activities Revenue | \$ | 52,206,496 | 100.0% |

**2008-2009 Operating & School Activities
Revenues**



REVENUE

The Ministry of Education determines the amount of grants that the Board is eligible for on an annual basis. Grants include per pupil amounts (based on the number of students) as well as special purpose grants related specifically to the Board, for example, the number of rural schools. The Board's flexibility in "increasing revenue" is limited and as a result makes the management of its expenditures all the more critical.

Highlights of the Revenue of the Board in 2008-2009 are as follows:

- The major component of Government of Ontario grants is the Pupil and School Foundation grants which is based on the number of students educated in the Board's schools. These grants amounted to \$24,200,283 in the current year.
- Special purpose grants amount to \$22,111,687. These include grants for special education \$3,779,413, administration and governance \$2,100,487, and transportation \$4,684,250, etc. These special purpose grants are calculated with specific reference to Board characteristic and demographics.
- School Renewal and New Pupil Place grants amounted to \$2,153,074. The funding supports the ongoing capital and renewal program of the Board as well as the payment of the Boards outstanding debentures. The Board generates new pupil places that are used to pay principal and interest on the outstanding debt. Any amount that is not used during a year is placed in a Pupil Accommodation reserve for use in future years. The Board will be issuing a debenture in the fall of 2009 for the addition to St. Michael in the amount of 3,485,544.
- The Province of Ontario determines local taxation by setting the education mill rate. The amount of provincial grant is determined by calculating the Board's grant entitlement and reducing it by the amount of support received through its local tax base. Taxation amounted to 15.5% of the Board's overall Revenue.
- During the year, the Board received various grants outside the student funding model. In 2008-2009 these initiatives amounted to \$1,418,478. This continues to reflect the Ministry funding its educational priorities of teacher training and focus on literacy and numeracy. These revenues are offset with expenditures reported in the Ministry Program section of the budget.

The Board utilized \$269,541 of its school activity reserve and Board project reserves in the current year. These were established in the previous year to allow for the timing of expenditures at the school and Board level over the year end and the start of a new school year.

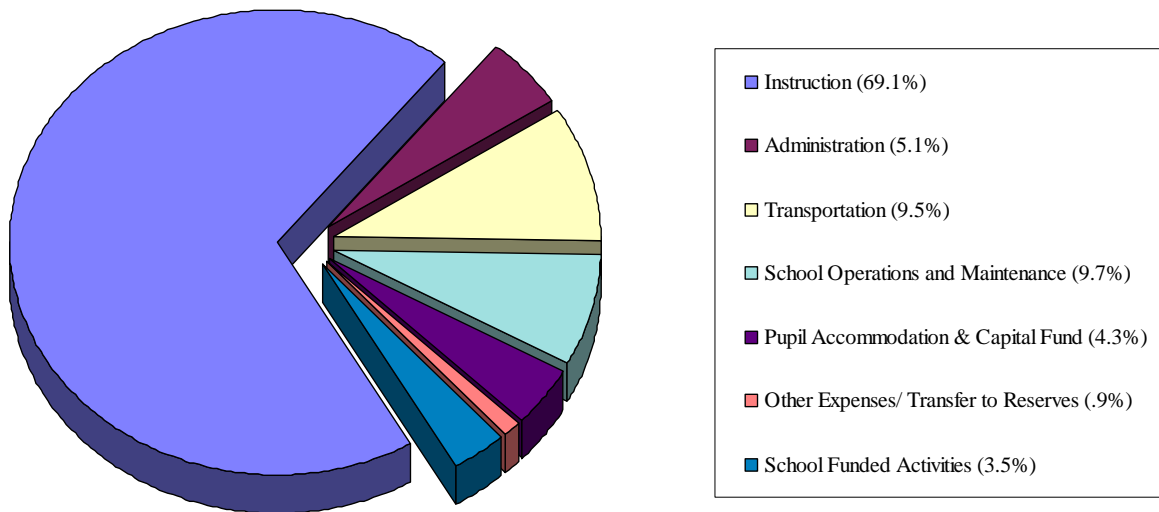
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Expenditures

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|---|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Instruction | \$ 36,051,780 | 69.1% |
| Administration | 2,664,002 | 5.1% |
| Transportation | 4,956,914 | 9.5% |
| School Operations and Maintenance | 4,012,025 | 7.7% |
| Pupil Accommodation & Capital Fund | 2,234,520 | 4.3% |
| Other Expenses/ Transfer to Reserves | 477,557 | 0.9% |
| School Funded Activities | <u>1,809,698</u> | 3.5% |
| Total Operating & School Activities Expenditures | <u>\$ 52,206,496</u> | 100.0% |

**2008-2009 Operating &
School Activities Expenditures**



The total Expenditures of the Board amounted to \$52,206,496. The major expenditures include 69.1% for Instruction and 14.0% for School operations and Pupil accommodation and Capital. School based expenditures amounted to \$1,809,698. The amount recorded for school expenditure does not affect other grants or expenditures but meets the reporting requirements of the Ministry of Education.

Highlights of the Expenditures of the Board in 2008-2009 are as follows:

- Actual Salaries were \$33,489,676 and Benefits were \$4,038,944. This reflects the labour intensive nature of the Board. 72% of the Boards expenditures are accounted for in these two areas. Collective agreements are in place for all employees. The Board also has an active benefits committee represented by all employee groups. The committee reviews the plan results and monitors the benefit carriers to ensure that they are following the Boards benefit contracts.
- The Board spends \$4,966,914 on pupil transportation and is managed by the Huron-Perth Student Transportation Services. This represents an over expenditure \$261,677 from the grant revenue. The Transportation consortium was reviewed by an independent Ministry panel and with the results of the review to be published in the fall of 2009.
- Ministry Programs expenditures are included in the Instructional component of the budget. These expenditures are offset by grant revenue received through other grant revenue.
- Non-Operating Expenditures reflect Transfers to Reserves as follows
 - School Activities \$104,313
 - Pupil Accommodation Reserve \$65,929
 - Board projects \$208,076

Reference should be given to the Financial Statements for further information regarding the Balance Sheet, Reserve Funds and supporting schedules.

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