

*****PRESS RELEASE*****
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

On November 27, 2023, the Board of Trustees of the Horizon School Division approved the annual Audited Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2023. An audit report was provided by the audit firm Avail CPA. Over 95% of the Board’s funding is from the Provincial Government. Compensation for staff makes up 67% of the expenditures for the year.

A newly required accounting standard was implemented this year. This standard requires that future obligations to clean up hazardous materials and contaminated sites (Asset Retirement Obligations or “ARO”) be accounted for in the financial statements. The adoption of this accounting standard caused the following adjustments to the Audited Financial Statements compared to what would have been historically reported.

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| Tangible Capital Assets | Increase | \$1,238,531 |
| Asset Retirement Obligations and Environmental Liabilities | Increase | \$3,543,650 |
| Accumulated Surplus | Decrease | \$2,305,119 |
| Supported Capital Revenue | Increase | \$33,972 |
| Gain on Disposal of Assets | Increase | \$379,247 |
| Amortization Expense | Increase | \$88,234 |
| Surplus | Increase | \$324,985 |

An overall surplus of \$401,640 was reported, however \$324,985 is attributed to the implementation of the ARO accounting standard. The gain was realized by Alberta Infrastructure providing the funds to remediate the contamination at the Milk River Elementary School as a part of the school’s modernization.

The following key figures are from the approved Audited Financial Statements, and provide a snapshot of the division's financial state. The Board is please to be able to approve the Audited Financial Statement as the School Division remains in a healthy financial situation and is well positioned to support student success and the Board's strategic priorities as outlined in the Board's Three Year Education Plan.

Respectfully submitted



Marie Logan, Board Chair

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Financial Assets | \$7,505,085 | \$9,494,309 |
| Financial Liabilities | \$6,238,294 | \$8,739,493 |
| Net Financial Assets | \$1,266,791 | \$754,816 |
| Non-financial Assets | \$66,320,590 | \$65,058,981 |
| Spent Deferred Capital Contributions | \$58,955,660 | \$57,583,716 |
| Net Assets | \$8,631,721 | \$8,230,081 |

Revenue

| | 2023 | % | 2022 | % |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Government of Alberta | \$48,132,252 | 95.5% | \$47,327,475 | 96.0% |
| Other | \$2,268,557 | 4.5% | \$1,970,267 | 4.0% |
| Total Revenue | \$50,400,809 | 100.0% | \$49,297,742 | 100.0% |

Expenses By Program

| | 2023 | % | 2022 | % |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Instruction – ECS | \$1,293,850 | 2.6% | \$1,353,648 | 2.8% |
| Instruction – Gr 1 - 12 | \$34,784,451 | 69.5% | \$35,023,741 | 71.7% |
| Operations & Maintenance | \$7,824,832 | 15.7% | \$6,922,228 | 14.2% |
| Transportation | \$3,634,067 | 7.3% | \$3,017,426 | 6.2% |
| System Administration | \$1,839,337 | 3.7% | \$1,926,619 | 3.9% |
| External Services | \$622,632 | 1.2% | \$602,571 | 1.2% |
| Total Expenses | \$49,999,169 | 100.0% | \$48,846,233 | 100.0% |

Expenses By Object

| | 2023 | % | 2022 | % |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Certificated Salaries & Benefits | \$25,132,526 | 50.3% | \$25,547,500 | 52.3% |
| Non-certificated Salaries & Benefits | \$8,580,147 | 17.2% | \$8,465,640 | 17.3% |
| Total Compensation | \$33,712,673 | 67.5% | \$34,013,140 | 69.6% |
| Services, Contracts & Supplies | \$13,617,043 | 27.2% | \$12,232,822 | 25.0% |
| Amortization | \$2,669,453 | 5.3% | \$2,600,271 | 5.4% |
| Total Expenses | \$49,999,169 | 100.0% | \$48,846,233 | 100.0% |