WESTERN QUEBEC SCHOOL BOARD
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2002

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To the Commissioners of Western Quebec School Board

The enclosed financial statement summaries are in accordance with the financial report of the Western Quebec School Board submitted to the Ministry of Education for the year ended June 30, 2002, and in which I have expressed, at that date, the opinion reproduced on the following auditors' report.

Certified General Accountant

October 15, 2002

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Commissioners of the WESTERN QUEBEC SCHOOL BOARD

I have audited the financial report of the Western Quebec School Board for the period ended June 30, 2002 which is presented as per the Ministry of Education requirements. These financial statements are the responsability of the School Board. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

My audit was made in accordance with the auditors' mandate defined by the Ministry of Education and with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion,

- the School Board has conducted its operations in accordance with the legislation and rules mentioned in the aforesaid mandate including budgetary rules, guidelines and instructions expressed by the Ministry of Education, having financial incidence;
- the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the School Board as at June 30, 2002, as well as the results of its operations and the changes in financial position, for the year ended that date, in accordance with the accounting standards and practices generally accepted for School Boards described in the Manuel de normalisation de la comptabilité scolaire.

In accordance with the mandate defined by the Ministry of Education, I have completed four questionnaires: three of these were with regard to audit of student's attendance and one with regard to the normative and statutory guidelines applicable to school boards.

Certified General Accountant

BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2002

ASSETS	2002	2001
Cash	\$ 326 134	\$ 337 244
Grants receivable - note 2 Taxes receivable Other receivables Inventory Capital assets Other assets	7 899 257 1 308 664 2 861 509 54 791 69 511 748 333 201 \$ 82 295 304	27 535 562 1 103 319 2 918 890 69 070 68 862 927 166 884 \$ 100 993 896
LIABILITIES		
Short term loans - note 3 Deferred revenue Accounts payable Long term debt - note 4 Other liabilities	\$ 4 974 809 592 831 5 402 312 721 105 483 876 12 174 933	\$ 24 956 500 410 268 5 001 613 326 260 418 667 31 113 308
CAPITAL		
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	1 329 728	1 334 297
CAPITAL EQUITY	68 790 643	68 546 291
	70 120 371	69 880 588
	\$ <u>82 295 304</u>	\$ <u>100 993 896</u>

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

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

		<u>:</u>	2002		<u>3</u>	2001
REVENUE						
Taxation \$ Grants - note 2 School fees Tenant lieu of taxes Other general revenue Specific revenue		502 522 603 151	7 777 080 364 210 650 9 681	48 1	002 745	342 423 695
	ϵ	4 07	6 762	63	990	586
EXPENDITURE						
Educational activities	29	643	926	27	636	644
Support to educational activities	9	052	918	8	225	583
Auxiliary activities	7	136	711	6	827	714
Administration activities	4	515	107	3	862	060
Building and equipment activities	_	306		6	386	622
Other activities	3	574	128	4	501	566
Capital investment	_3	073	804	5	581	<u> 366</u>
	<u>63</u>	303	368	63	021	555
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE	\$	77	3 394	\$ <u>_</u>	9	69 031

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ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

	2002	<u>2001</u>
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 1 334 297	\$ 599 965
CURRENT YEAR OPERATIONS AFFECTING PRIOR YEARS		
Financial statements analysis by the M.E.Q. Tax modifications Other modifications	237 668 (1 619) (<u>1 014 012</u>)	247 750 26 164 (<u>508 613</u>)
RESTATED BALANCE	556 334	365 266
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE	773 394	969 031
ENDING BALANCE	\$ <u>1 329 728</u>	\$ <u>1 334 297</u>

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

CAPITAL EQUITY

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

	2002	2001	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$	68 546 291 \$	66
ADDITIONS OF INVESTMENTS	2 421 516	1 991 500	
VARIATION ON LONG TERM DEBT	(1 282 050)	200 031	
VARIATION OF THE MUNICIPAL EVALUATION	272 700	884 093	
ANNUAL REDUCTION OF INVESTMENTS	(<u>1 167 814</u>)	(<u>1 073 784</u>)	
ENDING BALANCE	\$	<u>68 790 643</u> \$	<u>68</u>

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2002

1. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

The financial statements are prepared accordingly to accounting practices prescribed by the Ministry of Education for the School Boards. Those accounting practices differ with generally accepted accounting principles. The principal accounting practices which are different and have a significant financial incidence, are as follows:

a) Revenues and expenditures

The accrual basis of accounting has been used to account for revenues and expenditures except for tenant lieu of taxes and interest on long term debt.

Provision for sick days accumulated during past years has not been entirely accounted for. As at June 30, 2002, a provision of \$ 33 985 has been accounted for 1 522 sick days accumulated.

All revenues are presented as is except refunds from taxes which are reduced from the expenses.

b) Capital investments

The capital investments are charged to expenditure of the year without regard on their financing except those financed by long term debt supported by the School Board. For these capital investments, the charge to expenditure represents the capital refund on long term debt.

The lands and buildings are presented at their most recent municipal evaluation and no depreciation has been recorded.

The other capital investment are presented at cost less 20% depreciation.

c) Capital equity

The long term debt financed by the Ministry of Education and their sinking funds are part of the capital equity.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2002

1. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS (FOLLOWING)

d) Prior year adjustments

To establish comparability with the financial report document demanded by the Ministry of Education, that does not present any comparative data of the revenue over expenditure statement, the prior year adjustments on the statement of the revenue and expenditure are not written as required by generally accepted accounting principles, but are strictly presented in the accumulated surplus and in the capital equity statements as well as the balance sheet.

e) Operational grant

The operational grant was put together after considering the analysis of the current financial statements prepared by the School Board. This analysis is subject to the approval of the Ministry of Education. Any modification will be recorded as a prior year adjustment to the subsequent financial statements.

2. GRANTS RECEIVABLE AND GRANTS REVENUE

	<u>Receivable</u>	Revenue
Operational grant	\$ 5 654 107	\$ 37 269 470
Perequation Transportation Debt service 906	- 109 011 129 542	2 974 670 5 096 799 1 100
Capital investment	2 006 597	2 060 235
	\$ 7 899 257	\$ <u>48 502 080</u>

3. BANK LOANS

The bank loans bear interest at prime rate. They are secured by the Ministry of Education except those to be financed by the school board.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2002

4. LONG TERM DEBT

Over the five following years, the capital refund on long term debt financed by the school board are as follow: 2003: \$ 187 550; 2004: \$ 95 844; 2005: \$ 87 542; 2006:\$ 87 542 and 2007: \$ 87 542.

5. CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

On May 11, 2000, the School Board leased premises, under an operating lease, for a period of 25 years. Under this lease, the School Board agreed to pay a basic rent of \$425 125 annually for the first 10 years. After this period, the basic rent is subject to a variation corresponding to the variation of Canada Saving Bonds interest. In addition, the School Board is required to pay operating costs temporary established to \$150 000 annually.

6. CONTINGENT LIABILITY

The Western Quebec School Board and the Ministry of Education are jointly involved in a legal proceeding by a former teacher for \$ 1 500 000. At this time there is no matter to account partially or entirely the debt.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

EXPENDITURE	2002	2001
EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES		
Pre-school education	\$ 2 008 329	\$ 1 928 809
Elementary education Secondary education Professional education Special education Adult education	12 391 420 11 164 994 977 105 2 060 929 1 041 149 29 643 926	11 434 630 10 472 679 696 306 2 133 392 970 828 27 636 644
SUPPORT TO EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES		
School administration Instructional resources Complementary activities Pedagogical services and support Consultation and animation	5 075 000 774 299 2 444 085 339 555 419 979 9 052 918	4 704 461 646 641 2 168 731 349 981 355 769 8 225 583
AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES		
Boarding allowance Student transportation Day care	1 913 5 457 660 1 677 138 7 136 711	7 078 5 405 194 1 415 442 6 827 714
ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES		
Commissioners council and committees Management activities Corporate services Professional improvement	243 166 2 575 221 1 101 548 595 172 4 515 107	233 995 2 328 771 981 164 318 130 3 862 060

WESTERN QUEBEC SCHOOL BOARD SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

EXPENDITURE (FOLLOWING)	2002	2001
BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT ACTIVITIES		
Maintenance of furniture and equipment Buildings maintenance Caretaking Energy consumption Rentals Protection and security	186 621 1 192 586 2 245 686 1 289 936 1 360 488 31 457	107 137 1 467 558 2 332 791 1 430 173 1 029 211 19 752 6 386 622
OTHER ACTIVITIES		
Interest and trustee cost Special projects Retroactivity School fees Security of employment Loan of service Extracurricular activities	1 742 712 739 900 26 421 208 547 48 464 143 163 664 921 3 574 128	2 690 987 491 757 387 817 105 509 46 210 113 782 665 504 4 501 566
CAPITAL INVESTMENT		
Construction Transformation and renovation of buildings Furniture and equipment	878 050 1 138 569 1 057 185 3 073 804	3 022 189 567 678 1 991 499 5 581 366
	\$ <u>63 303 368</u>	\$ <u>63 021 555</u>