TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026

Public Session: 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

A. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY
S. Barnett

B. CALL TO ORDER/NOTING OF MEMBER ABSENCES
S. Barnett

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
S. Barnett

D. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST RE: AGENDA
S. Barnett

E. REGIONAL INTERNAL STATUS REPORT
A. Etherington

F. 7- MONTH SPECIFIED PROCEDURES REPORT
N. Westlake

G. EVALUATION OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS
N. Westlake

H. APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS
N. Westlake

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 5:30 p.m

INTERNAL AUDIT TEAM
West of Central Region

MEMO

TO: District School Board of Niagara Audit Committee
FROM: Andrea Eltherington, Regional Internal Audit Manager
DATE: June 9, 2026
SUBJECT: Regional Internal Audit Status Report – Open Committee Session

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This memorandum will serve to update the Audit Committee of the Regional Internal Audit Team's (RIAT) work since November 11, 2025.

A. RIAT Staffing

Brad Sisson joined the RIAT on January 19, 2026. Brad joins the team after 5 years of working at KPMG supporting the South Region RIAT.

B. 2026-2027 Audit Plan Proposal

Attached for your consideration is the proposed 2026-2027 regional internal audit plan for your approval and recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

INTERNAL AUDIT TEAM
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TO: District School Board of Niagara Audit Committee
FROM: Andrea Eltherington, Regional Internal Audit Manager
DATE: June 9, 2026
SUBJECT: 2026-2027 Internal Audit Plan

Background

This report is to inform you of the process to determine the audit projects proposed for the 2026-2027 internal audit plan.

School Boards routinely manage risks that present themselves from a variety of sources:

- A hacker gains access to confidential employee and/or student data;
- Pandemic response and readiness;
- EQAO scores are dropping sharply year over year; and
- Cash is misplaced from a fundraising event.

Through funding provided by the Ministry of Education, internal audit resources have been made available to school boards to complete approximately two audits each year to independently assess the quality of risk mitigation strategies that school boards have implemented to manage the keys risks they face. IIA standard 9.4 requires the establishment of a risk-based audit plan to determine priorities of the internal audit activities and ensure consistency with the organization objectives and identified strategic risks.

The following audit was identified from the risk assessment discussion with the Associate Director of Education, Corporate Services on March 25, 2026 to discuss risk areas for the Board.

The Associate Director of Education, Corporate Services and the Director of Education confirm that the audits identified during this assessment remain relevant and therefore propose the following audit plan for approval by the Audit Committee.

Audit Project Proposed For 2026-2027

1. **Key risk documentation and ranking for one department**
   DSBN has been developing a strategic risk register and would like to roll this out to all departments. This project will develop a key risk register and rank the risks for one sample department that can then be used as a model for all other departments in the Board. This project will have 4 steps:
   - Identifying and documenting key risks through stakeholder interviews;
   - Developing a structured risk inventory;
   - Assessing and ranking risks; and
   - Validating results with management.

   The scope of this audit addresses all risks identified in one department.

2. **Audit Follow-up Reviews**
   Audit follow-up testing of the following areas continues throughout the period as evidence is provided that management action plans have been implemented.
   i. Back-up and Disaster recovery
   ii. Continuing Education
   iii. Electronic Records Management
   iv. Human Resources
   v. IT Security Controls
   vi. Privacy

7-Month Specified Procedures Report

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

BACKGROUND:

The District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) is required each year to hire external auditors to complete specified auditing procedures on our financial records for the 7-month period ending March 31, 2026. Our external auditors, KPMG LLP were appointed by the DSBN to complete the specified audit procedures. Attached is the 7-month specified procedures report issued by our external auditors.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

"That the 7-month specified procedures report for the period ending March 31, 2026 be received."

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Veld, Associate Director of Education, Corporate Services
Nicky Westlake, Controller of Finance

June 9, 2026

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ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT WITH RESPECT TO THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 TO MARCH 31, 2026

To the Ministry of Education

Responsibilities of the District School Board of Niagara (Engaging Party)

The Board has acknowledged that the agreed-upon procedures are appropriate for the purpose of the engagement.

The Board is responsible for the subject matter on which the agreed-upon procedures are performed.

Practitioner's Responsibilities

We have conducted the agreed-upon procedures engagement in accordance with the Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4400, Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagements.

An agreed-upon procedures engagement involves our performing the procedures that have been agreed with the Board and reporting the findings, which are the factual results of the agreed-upon procedures performed.

We make no representation regarding the appropriateness of the agreed-upon procedures.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement is not an assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or an assurance conclusion.

Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported.

Professional Ethics and Quality Management

We have complied with relevant ethical requirements, including those pertaining to independence, in Canada.

Our firm applies Canadian Standard on Quality Management 1, which requires the firm to design, implement and operate a system of quality management, including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Procedures and Findings

As requested by the District School Board of Niagara ("the Board"), we have performed the following procedures for the period from September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 ("the period").

I. Schedules 19 and 20 of EFIS of the Board

We have obtained Schedules 19 and 20 of EFIS from the Board and performed the following:

1. With respect to Column A.1, we performed the following at March 31, 2026:
   a. We obtained a summary of the trial balance (or general ledger) at March 31, 2026 of the Board and agreed the subtotals to Column A.1 of Schedules 19 and 20 and found them to be in agreement.
   b. We agreed the following 5 items (assets/ liabilities/ accumulated surplus/ (deficit)/ revenues/ expenses) over $1,000,000 from the summary referred to in (1) a) above, to the general ledger and found them to agree.

Account #	***Account Name***		***Balance at 3/31/2026***
00100	*Grants Leg, Student Needs*	*$*	*(351,943,646)*
11000	*Sal & Wgs, Regular Service*	*$*	*421,319,998*
88000	*F/A, Buildings (40yr)*	*$*	*880,784,876*
89424	*Accum Amort F/A, Buildings (40yr)*	*$*	*(466,051,386)*
96700	*Deferred Capital Contributions*	*$*	*(503,566,112)*

2. If applicable, we obtained the entry to reverse any amounts recorded during the seven-month period for school generated funds. We agreed the entry to supporting documentation and agreed to Column A.2 on Schedule 19 and 20.

   Not applicable – no Column A.2 adjustments

3. If applicable, we obtained the entry to reverse any amounts recorded during the seven-month period for subsidiaries. We agreed the entry to supporting documentation and Schedule 19 and 20. (Column A.3).

   Not applicable – no Column A.3 adjustments

4. We obtained a summary of the Column B.1 adjustments on Schedules 19 and 20, if any, to reverse entries over $1,000,000 which recorded receivables and payables at August 31, 2025 and were not reversed in the Board's general ledger during the subsequent period. We randomly selected 20% of the entries (a minimum of 5), agreed them to the supporting documentation and verified the amount was included in the summary of the entries. We agreed the summary of the entries to Column B.1 of Schedule 19 "Consolidated Statement of Financial Position", and Schedule 20 "Revenues and Expenses", as applicable.

   Not applicable – no Column B.1 adjustments

5. We obtained a summary of Column B.2 accrual adjustments on Schedules 19 and 20, if any, for adjustments over $1,000,000 related to the period prior to March 31, 2026. We randomly selected 20% of the entries (a minimum of 5), agreed them to the supporting documentation and verified the amount included in the summary of the entries related to the period prior to March 31, 2026. We agreed the summary of the entries to Column B.2 of Schedule 19 "Consolidated Statement of Financial Position", and Schedule 20 "Revenues and Expenses", as applicable.

   Not applicable – no Column B.2 adjustments

6. With respect to Column B.3 adjustments made to accrue the Ontario Financing Authority (OFA) loan interest, we recalculated the accrued amount and agreed to the adjustment on column B.3 of Schedule 19 and 20.
7. We obtained supporting documentation for any Column C.1 adjustments made to reclassify Ministry Revenue between the various categories on Schedule 20 “Revenue”. We agreed 2 entries to the supporting documentation.

   Not applicable – No Column C.1 adjustments

8. With respect to the revenue recorded for municipal taxes over $1,000,000, we performed the following:
   a. With respect to the tax revenue for the period from September 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025:

      We agreed the 2025 municipal tax revenue to the most current supporting documentation, for example, the latest calendar year taxes from the municipality (for a maximum of two municipalities) and recalculated the revenue for the period by subtracting the amount included in revenue in the August 31, 2025 audited financial statements (being 62% of the 2025 tax revenue as included in Schedule 11A, line 4.2 of EFIS for the year ended August 31, 2025) from the total 2025 tax revenues (based on most current information).

Municipality		***2025 Calendar Revenue***
St. Catharines	*$*	*30,243,226*
Grimsby	*$*	*8,597,953*

   b. With respect to the tax revenue for the period from January 1, 2026:

      We agreed the estimated 2026 municipal tax revenue to the most current supporting documentation, for example, the latest calendar year estimate of taxes from the municipality. We recalculated the estimated 2026 municipal tax revenue for the period using 25% of the estimated 2026 tax revenue. If current information regarding estimated 2026 tax revenue is unavailable, then the 2026 tax revenue for the period was estimated using 2026 tax revenue as included in Schedule 11A, 25% of the sum of lines 14.2.3, 14.2.7, 14.2.8 and 14.2.9 of the Revised Estimates for the year ending August 31, 2026.

      As the current information regarding estimated 2026 tax revenue was unavailable, we recalculated the tax revenue for the period by using the 2026 tax revenue as included in schedule 11A of the Revised Estimates for the year ending August 31, 2026

c. We agreed the 2025 supplementary taxes and write offs (for a maximum of two municipalities) to supporting documentation and recalculated the revenue for the period by subtracting the amount included in line 3.4 in Schedule 9 of the 2024-2025 financial statements.

Municipality	***Supplementary Taxes***		***Tax Write-Offs***
St. Catharines	*514,133*	*$*	*(626,942)*
Grimsby	*24,187*	*$*	*(31,929)*

d. If an amount greater than $1,000,000 was reported on line 3.4, Column C.2 of Schedule 20 “Revenue”, we asked management for the supporting listing that totaled the amount on line 3.4. We calculated the difference between the 2026 supplementary taxes and write-offs based on most current information, and 2025 supplementary taxes and write-offs and agreed to the amounts on the listing (for a maximum of two municipalities).

Municipality	***2026 Supplementary Taxes***		***2026 Tax Write-Offs***
St. Catharines	*510,000.00*	*$*	*630,000.00*
Grimsby	*78,765.45*	*$*	*31,096.77*
Municipality	***2025 Supplementary Taxes***		***2025 Tax Write-Offs***
St. Catharines	*514,132.56*	*$*	*626,941.76*
Grimsby	*24,187.40*	*$*	*31,929.29*

e. We agreed the total of 8a), 8b), 8c) and 8d), above to Local Taxation (line 3.5) in Column E on Schedule 20 “Revenue” after the adjustment, if any, in Column C.2. We agreed the adjustment amount to Schedule 19, “Consolidated Statement of Financial Position” Column C.2, line 1.4 or line 2.3.

9. We verified the calculation of the allocation of tuition revenues to the period using the prescribed methodology in accordance with the section of the “Instructions for Reporting at March 31, 2026 Balances for Provincial Consolidation Reporting Purposes” titled “Column C.3 – Fees Revenue”, prorated on the related number of school days. We agreed the adjustment, if over $1,000,000, made to reflect this calculation in Schedule 20 “Revenue”, and Schedule 19 “Consolidated Statement of Financial Position” in Column C.3.

Not applicable – No Column C.3 Fees Revenues

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10. With respect to salaries and benefits earned for the period we obtained the payroll paid and payroll earned during the period from the Board, and performed the following:

    a. We obtained a listing of the general ledger entries and agreed the following amounts paid to the payroll journal, selecting from different employee groups, a maximum of 5 entries.

Employee Group	*Pay period*		*Total for account*
Teachers	*October 10/15, 2025*	*$*	*8,011,352.58*
Support	*21-Nov-25*	*$*	*1,154,116*
Support	*26-Sep-25*	*$*	*246,240*
Teaching	*24-Oct-25*	*$*	*92,827*
Supply	*15-Oct-25*	*$*	*241,402*

    b. We recalculated the salaries and benefits earned during the period for staff using the annual pay and prescribed methodology in accordance with the section of the "Instructions for Reporting at March 31, 2026 Balances for Provincial Consolidation Reporting Purposes" titled "Column C.4 – Salaried and Wages and Employee Benefits" and found no differences above $1,000,000.

    c. We recalculated the difference between payroll earned above and the amount recorded in the Board's general ledger. We agreed any differences to the adjustments recorded on lines 11.1 (Salaries & Wages) and 11.2 (Employee Benefits), Column C.4 of Schedule 20 and lines 1.7 (for an accounts receivable, Accounts Receivable - Other) and 2.8 (for a liability, Other Accrued Payable and Liability) of Column C.4 of Schedule 19.

11. We obtained the calculation of the vacation pay accruals for any amounts over $1,000,000 and performed the following:

    a. We obtained the supporting documentation for the 2 employee groups with the largest vacation pay accruals.

       No vacation accruals over $1,000,000

    b. We agreed a sample of the following 5 employees (allocated between the employee groups) to the records of vacation days outstanding, and the payroll rate. We recalculated the accrued vacation pay for those 5 employees.

       No vacation accruals over $1,000,000

    c. We agreed the adjustment to Column C.5 on Schedule 19, "Consolidated Statement of Financial Position" and Schedule 20 "Expenses".

       No vacation accruals over $1,000,000

12. We verified the mathematical accuracy of the prorated calculation of the employee future benefits liability and related expense adjustment, using the 2025-2026 estimates provided in the actuarial assessment at August 31, 2025 and found no differences. If 2025-2026 estimates are not provided in the August 31, 2025 assessment, verify if the board has used 2024-2025 expenses as the basis for prorating. We agreed the total employee future benefits liability to the total in Column E, after the required adjustment to Column C.6, on

Schedule 19, “Consolidated Statement of Financial Position”, line 2.20. We agreed the adjustment to expenses to the total in Column C.6 on Schedule 20, “Expenses”.

13. We performed the following with respect to any other adjustments over $1,000,000 provided by the Board:

    a. We obtained a summary of the other adjustment entries included in Column C.7 which related to the period prior to March 31, 2026 and required adjustment in Schedule 19 and 20.

       N/A, no adjustment is identified.

    b. We randomly selected 20% of the entries provided in a) above (a minimum of 5) over $1,000,000 as detailed below and compared to the supporting documentation. We verified the amount related to the period prior to March 31, 2026 was included in the summary of entries.

       Not Applicable – no items to test

    c. We recalculated the summary of entries which required adjustment and agreed the adjustment to Column C.7 on Schedule 19 and 20. We ensured that the entries balanced between Schedule 20, “Revenues and Expenses” and Schedule 19, “Consolidated Statement of Financial Position”.

       Not Applicable – no items to test

    d. We enquired whether any statement of financial position items, which are historically adjusted in the General Ledger at August 31 each year, were considered and included in the adjustments provided in a). (Note that items to be considered include accrued liabilities, receivables, interest on sinking fund assets, etc.)

       We have confirmed with the client that there is no adjustment needed for Column C.7

    e. We enquired whether any items, historically included in the General Ledger as a net amount during the year and restated to report as gross revenue and expenses at August 31 each year, were considered and included in the adjustments provided in a). (Note that items to be considered include special projects, federal government grants, capital projects, etc.)

       We have confirmed with the client that there is no adjustment needed for Column C.7

14. With respect to the School Generated Funds, we obtained the amounts included in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position in the audited financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2025, agreed to supporting documentation and Schedule 19, “Consolidated Statement of Financial Position” in Column G.

15. With respect to the Subsidiaries, we obtained the amounts included in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position in the audited financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2025, agreed to supporting documentation and agreed to the Schedule 19, “Consolidated Statement of Financial Position” Column H.

    Not applicable – no subsidiaries

II. Schedules 21C and 21G

1. We obtained a summary of the trial balance (or general ledger) of the board at March 31, 2026 and agreed line 1.9 (Employer Health Tax (EHT) accounts payable) of Schedule 21C (Inter-Entity Accounts Payable) to the general ledger.
2. We obtained a summary of the trial balance (or general ledger) of the board at March 31, 2026 and agreed line 6 (EHT expense) of Schedule 21G (Inter-Entity Expenses), to the general ledger.

III. Schedule 20SUP

1. We requested a list of externally restricted endowments held in perpetuity from the school board and agreed the total balance in dollars to the total balance in dollars reported on Schedule 20SUP, Tab 11 column 2 line 4.
2. We selected the externally restricted endowment held in perpetuity with the highest balance and all endowments with a balance greater than or equal to $1,000,000.
   a. We confirmed the accuracy of the endowment balance by agreeing the endowment bequest document that lays out the restriction for boards on the use of the endowment principal to the amount recorded in Schedule 20SUP, Tab 11, Column 2. Where the externally restricted endowment held in perpetuity allows for multiple donors to contribute after the establishment of the fund, we vouched the initial balance to an endowment bequest document or other equally binding legal document. For subsequent contributions, we obtained a listing of deposits. We ensured the total of the listing is included in the balance of the externally restricted endowment held in perpetuity.
   b. We confirmed that the endowment bequest document or the equally binding legal document lays out the perpetually held nature and purpose of the endowment.

      We obtained a Last Will and Testament to support nature and purpose of endowment
3. We agreed the externally restricted endowment held in perpetuity reported on Schedule 20SUP, Tab 11, Column 2 was included on Schedule 19 on the line corresponding to the line indicated on Schedule 20SUP, Tab 11, Column 3.

IV. Schedule 22

1. We obtained a detailed listing of tangible capital assets by asset class and agreed totals to corresponding columns by asset class in Schedule 22 of EFIS – "Tangible Capital Asset Continuity".

2. We conducted the following procedures with respect to additions to buildings (40 years) and land for the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026:

   a. From the detailed listing of tangible capital assets for the 7-month period supporting the data in Schedule 22, we selected a sample of 7 additions (5 buildings and 2 land) as follows:

   Building

Asset ID Number	***Asset Name (Building)***	***Total Addition Value***	
432	*Edith Cavell PS*	*$*	*176,795*
495	*Fitch Street PS*	*$*	*2,350,657*
1149	*Quaker Road PS*	*$*	*423,143*
5101	*Thundering Heights PS*	*$*	*2,447,519*
410	*E L Crossley SS*	*$*	*631,942*

   Land

Asset ID Number	***Asset Name (Building)***	***Total Addition Value***	
8079	*Thorold East Elementary (Rolling Meadows)*	*$*	*9,700,403*
8078	*Welland-Thorold Elementary (Fairgrounds)*	*$*	*8,653,837*

   b. We selected one cost component included in each addition selected in a) and agreed the cost to specific documentation as follows:

   Building

Asset Name	***Selected amount***		***Supporting Documentation***
Edith Cavell PS	*$*	*1,015,477.03*	*Invoice net of HST rebate*
Fitch Street PS	*$*	*196,346.27*	*Invoice net of HST rebate*
Quaker Road PS	*$*	*347,431.61*	*Invoice net of HST rebate*
Thundering Heights PS	*$*	*88,491.79*	*Invoice net of HST rebate*
E L Crossley SS	*$*	*134,449.31*	*Invoice net of HST rebate*

   Land

Asset Name	***Selected amount***		***Supporting Documentation***
Thorold East Elementary (Rolling Meadows)	*$*	*1,015,477.03*	*Invoice net of HST rebate*
Welland-Thorold Elementary (Fairgrounds)	*$*	*196,346.27*	*Invoice net of HST rebate*

c. For the sample selected in b) we determined that the items were recorded in accordance with the "District School Board & School Authority Tangible Capital Assets Provincial Accounting Policies & Implementation Guide" release 17 or subsequent release, if applicable (recorded in the 40-year building category and meeting the capitalization threshold of $10,000 or recorded in the land category with a capitalization threshold of nil for new land assets, and $10,000 for betterments).

3. We conducted the following procedures with respect to Construction in Progress (CIP) 40 year building assets:

   a. From the detailed listing of tangible capital assets for the 7-month period we selected 2 additions to CIP as follows:

Asset ID Number	***Asset Name***	***Total Addition Value***
2978	*Centennial SS*	*$ 3,454,139.00*
2767	*Eastdale SS*	*$ 3,619,470.00*

   b. We selected one cost component included in each addition selected in a) and agreed the costs to specific documentation as follows:

Asset ID Number	***Asset Name***	***Selected Amount***	***Supporting Documentation***
2978	*Centennial SS*	*$ 496,277.36*	*Invoice net of HST rebate*
2767	*Eastdale SS*	*$ 529,695.29*	*Invoice net of HST rebate*

   c. For the sample selected in b) we determined that the items were recorded in accordance with the "District School Board & School Authority Tangible Capital Assets Provincial Accounting Policies & Implementation Guide" release 17 or subsequent release, if applicable (recorded in the Construction in Progress- 40 year building category and meeting the capitalization threshold of $10,000).

   d. We selected one item from CIP that was transferred into an in-service asset class and performed the following:

Asset ID Number	***Asset Name***	***Selected Amount***	***Supporting Documentation***
5101	*Thundering Heights PS*	*$ 20,412,671.00*	*Certificate of Completion*

   e. We traced the related project to an authorized completion certificate or equivalent.

4. We conducted the following procedure with respect to amortization of buildings (40 years):

   a. From the detailed listing of tangible capital assets for the 7-month period we selected a sample of 5 amortization expenses as follows:

Asset Name	***Asset ID***		***Amount***
Applewood PS	*1277*	*$*	*61,565*
A K Wigg PS	*4*	*$*	*73,051*
Central - Livingston	*240*	*$*	*99,749*
Bridgeview PS	*5102*	*$*	*51,451*
Burleigh Hill PS	*167*	*$*	*70,397*

   b. We recalculated the amortization and agreed to the amortization reported in the detailed listing of tangible capital assets for the 7-month period for the assets selected.

5. We conducted the following with respect to disposals of buildings (40 years) and land:

   a. From the detailed listing of tangible capital assets for the 7-month period we selected a sample of 3 disposals as follows:

      Not Applicable – no disposals of buildings and land during period

   b. We agreed the proceeds of disposition for the items selected in a) above to supporting documentation (indicate the supporting documentation - i.e., Agreement of Purchase and Sale).\

      No items select in a) above

   c. We recalculated the gain/loss on disposal for the items selected in a) above and agreed to the gain/(loss) on disposal for that asset to the board's data.

      No items select in a) above

V. Schedule 22A

1. We obtained a detailed listing of assets held for sale by asset class and agreed totals to corresponding columns by asset class in Schedule 22A of EFIS – "Assets Held for Sale Continuity".

2. We conducted the following procedures for assets held for sale with respect to additions to land and land improvements with infinite lives, and building and land improvements with finite lives, for the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026:

   a. From the detailed listing of assets held for sale for the 7-month period supporting the data in Schedule 22A, we selected a sample of 3 additions (1 land and land improvement with infinite life and 1 building and 1 land improvement with finite life (if applicable)). We ensured that the board determined the following criteria were met to transfer into assets held for sale in the September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 period as follows:

      i. *prior to the date of the financial statements, the government body, management board or an individual with the appropriate level of authority commits the government to selling the asset;*

ii. *the asset is in a condition to be sold;*

iii. *the asset is publicly seen to be for sale;*

iv. *there is an active market for the asset;*

v. *there is a plan in place for selling the asset; and*

vi. *it is reasonably anticipated that the sale to a purchaser external to the government reporting entity will be completed within one year of the financial statement date*

N/a, no additions during period

b. We selected 1 additional expenditure on assets held for sale and agreed the amount to specific documentation as follows:

N/a, no additions during period

3. We conducted the following with respect to disposals of assets held for sale:

a. From the detailed listing of assets held for sale for the 7-month period we selected a sample of 2 disposals as follows:

N/A, no disposals in the period

b. We agreed the proceeds of disposition for the items selected in a) above to supporting documentation (indicate the supporting documentation - i.e., Agreement of Purchase and Sale).

N/A, no disposals in the period

c. We recalculated the gain/loss on disposal for the items selected in a) above and agreed to the gain / (loss) on disposal for that asset to the board's data.

N/A, no disposals in the period

VI. Schedule 22ARO

1. We obtained a detailed listing of tangible capital assets with asset retirement obligations (ARO) by asset class and agreed totals to corresponding columns by asset class in Schedule 22 ARO of EFIS – "Tangible Capital Asset Continuity ARO".

2. We conducted the following procedure with respect to ARO amortization of buildings (40 years):

   a. From the detailed listing of tangible capital assets with ARO for the 7-month period we selected a sample of 5 amortization expenses as follows:

Asset name	***Asset ID#***	***Amortization amount***
A K Wigg PS	*4*	*$ 1,186*
APC/Briardale PS	*142*	*18,469*
Burleigh Hill PS	*167*	*510*
Caistor Central PS	*177*	*260*
Carleton PS	*198*	*7,025*

   b. We recalculated the amortization and agreed to the amortization reported in the detailed listing of tangible capital assets for the 7-month period for the assets selected.

3. We conducted the following procedures with respect to column 3 "ARO Liability Changes in Estimates for the Period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026":

   a. From the detailed listing of tangible capital assets for the 7-month period supporting the data in Schedule 22ARO, we selected a sample of 5 changes in estimates as follows:

Asset name	***Asset ID#***	***Amount***
Central-Livingston PS	*240*	*$ 55,250*
Garrison Road PS	*525*	*7,325*
Connaught PS	*307*	*1,451*
Ferndale PS	*488*	*39,633*
Glynn A Green PS	*505*	*25,555*

   b. We obtained the supporting documentation used to estimate the ARO liability changed for each asset selected in a) and agreed the amount to specific documentation as follows:

Asset name	***Support received***	***Amount***
Central-Livingston PS	*MoE Inflation Factor*	*$ 55,250*
Garrison Road PS	*MoE Inflation Factor*	*7,325*
Connaught PS	*MoE Inflation Factor*	*1,451*
Ferndale PS	*MoE Inflation Factor*	*39,633*
Glynn A Green PS	*MoE Inflation Factor*	*25,555*

4. We conducted the following procedures with respect to ARO liabilities incurred during the year (i.e. additions) to buildings (40 years) for the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026:

    a. From the detailed listing of tangible capital assets for the 7-month period supporting the data in Schedule 22ARO, we selected a sample of 5 additions to TCA-ARO (5 buildings) as follows:

       N/A, no ARO liabilities were incurred

    b. We selected one cost component included in each addition selected in a) and agreed the cost to specific documentation as follows:

       N/A, no ARO liabilities were incurred

    c. For the sample selected in b) we determined that the items were recorded in accordance with the "District School Board & School Authority Asset Retirement Obligations Provincial Accounting Policies & Implementation Guide" release 3 or subsequent release, if applicable (as laid out in .10 and .16 {recorded in the 40-year building category and meeting the capitalization threshold of $10,000}).

       N/A, no ARO liabilities were incurred

5. We conducted the following procedures with respect to the "disposals" in Schedule 22 – Tangible Capital Asset Continuity ARO – Gross Book Value, column 5:

    a. We obtained a listing of the amounts therein and selected 2 items from column 5 that are greater than $1,000,000 (if any):

       N/A, no disposals occurred

    b. We obtained the supporting documentation used to record the disposal for each asset selected in a) and agreed the amount to specific documentation (ex. Invoice, sale agreement) as follows:

       N/A, no disposals occurred

VII. Schedule 27

1. We conducted the following procedures with respect to the "changes in estimates" in column 5 of Schedule 27 – Asset Retirement Obligation Liability Continuity (7-Month Activity):

    a. We obtained a listing of the amounts therein and selected 2 items in column 5 that are greater than $1,000,000 (if any):

       No assets with a change in estimate greater than $1,000,000 during the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

    b. We obtained the supporting documentation used to estimate the ARO liability changed for each asset selected in a) and agreed the cost to specific documentation as follows:

       No assets with a change in estimate greater than $1,000,000 during the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

c. For the sample selected in a) we selected the largest ARO liability and reperformed the calculation using the revised inputs and supporting cost documentation.

No assets with a change in estimate greater than $1,000,000 during the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

2. We conducted the following procedures with respect to the “liabilities incurred during the period” in column 6 of Schedule 27:

   a. We obtained a listing of the amounts therein and selected 2 items from column 6 that are greater than $1,000,000 (if any):

   No liabilities incurred greater than $1,000,000 during the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

   b. We obtained the supporting documentation (ex. Survey of asbestos containing materials) used to estimate the ARO liability incurred for each asset selected in a) and agreed the cost to specific documentation as follows:

   No liabilities incurred greater than $1,000,000 during the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

   c. For the sample selected in a) we selected the largest ARO liability and reperformed the calculation using the inputs and supporting cost documentation.

   No liabilities incurred greater than $1,000,000 during the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

   d. For the sample selected for the new liability incurred, we verified that that a corresponding entry was made in Schedule 22ARO TCA-ARO-GBV column 4 “ARO – Liabilities Incurred During the 7 months”.

3. We conducted the following procedures with respect to the “accretion expense” in column 7 of Schedule 27:

   a. We obtained a listing of the amounts therein and selected 2 items from columns 7 that are greater than $1,000,000 (if any):

   No accretion incurred greater than $1,000,000 during the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

   b. For each asset associated with an accretion expense selected in a), we reperformed the calculation of the accretion expense using the inputs and supporting documentation.

   No accretion incurred greater than $1,000,000 during the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

   c. We obtained an asset-level listing of the amounts listed in column 2 (Balance at September 1, 2025) of Schedule 27 and selected all ARO liabilities greater than $10 million (if any):

   No accretion incurred greater than $1,000,000 during the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

d. For the assets listed in part c), we ensured accretion expense amounts were recorded for the corresponding asset as part of the listing in a), and noted if accretion expense was not recorded:

No accretion incurred greater than $1,000,000 during the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

For each accretion expense selected in a), we obtained the supporting documentation (ex. a contract) used to support the calculation of the accretion expense (for example timing and/or amount of cash flows):

No accretion incurred greater than $1,000,000 during the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

e. For each accretion expense selected in a), we agreed the discount rate used in the calculation of the accretion expense to the amounts provided in the Ministry of Education “OFA Effective Annual Rates” document:

No accretion incurred greater than $1,000,000 during the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

4. We conducted the following procedures with respect to the “disposals” in column 8 and “abatements” in column 9 on Schedule 27:

a. We obtained a listing of the amounts therein and selected 2 items from each of columns 8 and 9 that are greater than $1,000,000 (if any):

No disposals and abatements incurred greater than $1,000,000 during the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

b. We obtained the supporting documentation used to record the ARO liability settled for each asset selected in a) and agreed the cost to specific documentation (ex. Invoice) as follows:

No disposals and abatements incurred greater than $1,000,000 during the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

VIII. Schedule 30

1. We conducted the following procedures with respect to column 4 “Additions” tab 1-Financial Liability of Schedule 30 – Public Private Partnerships Financial Liability and Performance Obligation Continuity (7-Month Activity):

a. For any amount greater than $1,000,000, we obtained the supporting documentation (e.g. P3 contract) used to determine the addition of each asset and agreed the amount in the documentation to the entry.

No P3 amount greater than $1,000,000 during the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

b. For the amounts recorded on Schedule 30 additions column selected in a), we verified that there was a corresponding amount recorded on Schedule 22, “TCA - Non-Land rel. Public Private Partnerships (P3)” GBV and AA in the additions columns.

i. For the additions in a) we recalculated the 7-month amortization and agreed to the 7-month amortization reported for the assets.

c. For the agreements related to amounts selected in a), we verified that:

   i. The calculation using the effective interest rate method is accurate, and based on a discount rate selected in accordance with PS3160;

   ii. liabilities recognized for a user pay model have been drawn down during the year as performance obligations have been fulfilled;

   iii. that the asset cost capitalized only includes costs directly attributable to the construction of the asset based upon PS 3150

   iv. the amount recognized for the liability is the same amount as the related infrastructure asset, reduced for any prior consideration.

   No P3 amount greater than $1,000,000 during the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

2. We conducted the following procedures with respect to the "Financial Liability- Principal Payments" in column 7 of the Financial Liability tab of Schedule 30:

   a. We obtained a listing of the amounts therein and selected 2 items from column 7 that are greater than $1,000,000 (if any):

      No P3 amount greater than $1,000,000 during the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

   b. For each asset associated with a principal payment, if any, we agreed the amounts in column 7 to the backing materials/ P3 contract provided as applicable:

      No P3 amount greater than $1,000,000 during the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

   c. For amounts selected in a) we determined that the item was recorded in accordance with the ministry "District School Board & School Authority Public Private Partnerships Provincial Accounting Policies & Implementation Guide" release 1 or subsequent release, if applicable (as laid out under item .26). If no principal payments found clearly state so.

3. We conducted the following procedures with respect to column 4 "Additions" tab 2 – Performance Obligations of Schedule 30 – Public Private Partnerships Financial Liability and Performance Obligation Continuity (7-Month Activity):

   a. For any amount greater than $1,000,000, we obtained the supporting documentation (e.g. P3 contract) used to determine the addition of each asset and agreed the amount in the documentation to the entry.

      No P3 amount greater than $1,000,000 during the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

   b. For the amounts recorded on Schedule 30 additions column selected in a), we verified that there was a corresponding amount recorded on Schedule 22, "TCA - Non-Land rel. Public Private Partnerships (P3)" GBV and AA in the additions columns.

      i. For the additions in a) we recalculated the 7-month amortization and agreed to the 7-month amortization reported for the assets.

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c. For the agreements related to amounts selected in a) we verified that:

   i. the effective interest rate method has been appropriately applied to measure financial liabilities recognized, based on a discount rate selected in accordance with PS3160;

   ii. liabilities recognized for a user pay model have been drawn down during the year as performance obligations have been fulfilled;

   iii. that the asset cost capitalized only includes costs directly attributable to the construction of the asset based upon PS 3150;

   iv. the amount recognized for the liability is the same amount as the related infrastructure asset, reduced for any prior consideration.

   No P3 amount greater than $1,000,000 during the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

4. We conducted the following procedures with respect to the “Performance Obligation-Revenue Recognized” in column 7 of the Performance Obligation tab of Schedule 30:

   a. We obtained a listing of the amounts therein and selected 2 items from column 7 that are greater than $1,000,000 (if any):

      No P3 amount greater than $1,000,000 during the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

   b. For each asset associated with a revenue recognized, if any, we agreed the amounts in column 7 to the backing materials/ P3 contract provided as applicable:

      No P3 amount greater than $1,000,000 during the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

   c. For the amounts selected in a), we determined that the items were recorded in accordance with the ministry “District School Board & School Authority Public Private Partnerships Provincial Accounting Policies & Implementation Guide” release 1 or subsequent release, if applicable (as laid out in item .30). If no revenues found, clearly state so.

IX. Schedule 32

1. We obtained a detailed listing of purchased intangibles by asset class and agreed totals to corresponding columns by asset class in Schedule 32 of EFIS – “Purchased Intangibles 7-months”.

2. We conducted the following procedures with respect to the Purchase Intangibles “transfer between asset classes” in column 4 and “accumulated amortization-transfer between asset classes” in column 12 of for the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026:

   a. From the detailed listing of purchased intangibles for the 7-month period supporting the data in Schedule 32, we selected a sample of 2 transfers greater than $1,000,000 as follows:

      No purchased intangibles transfers included in schedule 32 greater than $1,000,000

b. We agreed the transfer value for items selected in a) above, if any, to supporting documentation (indicate the supporting documentation or rationale).

   No purchased intangibles transfers included in schedule 32 greater than $1,000,000

3. We conducted the following procedures with respect to the Purchase Intangibles "additions" in column 5 of for the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026:

   a. From the detailed listing of purchased intangibles for the 7-month period supporting the data in Schedule 32, we selected a sample of 2 additions greater than $1,000,000 as follows:

      No purchased intangible additions included in schedule 32 greater than $1,000,000

   b. We selected one component included in each addition selected in a), if any, and agreed the amount to specific documentation as follows:

      No purchased intangible additions included in schedule 32 greater than $1,000,000

   c. For the sample selected in b) we determined that the items were recorded in accordance with the "District School Board & School Authority Purchased Intangibles Provincial Accounting Policies & Implementation Guide" release 1 or subsequent release, if applicable (as defined in item .01 and recognized as in items .05 and .06).

4. We conducted the following procedures with respect to the Purchase Intangibles "impairments" in column 6 and "accumulated amortization- impairments" in column 14 of for the period September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026:

   a. From the detailed listing of purchased intangibles for the 7-month period supporting the data in Schedule 32, we selected a sample of 2 impairments greater than $1,000,000 as follows:

      No purchased intangibles impairments included in schedule 32 greater than $1,000,000

   b. We agreed the impairment value for items selected in a) above, if any, to supporting documentation (indicate the supporting documentation or rationale).

   c. We recalculated the impairment for the items selected in a) above and agreed to impairment for that asset to the board's data.

   d. For the sample selected in a) we determined that the items were recorded in accordance with the "District School Board & School Authority Purchased Intangibles Provincial Accounting Policies & Implementation Guide" release 1 or subsequent release, if applicable (as laid out in items .18 and .20).

5. We conducted the following with respect to "disposals" of purchased intangibles in column 7 and "accumulated amortization- disposals" in column 15:
    a. From the detailed listing of intangibles for the 7-month period we selected a sample of 2 disposals greater than $1,000,000 as follows:

       No purchased intangibles disposals included in schedule 32 greater than $1,000,000

    b. We agreed the proceeds of disposition for the items selected in a) above, if any, to supporting documentation (indicate the supporting documentation - i.e., Agreement of Purchase and Sale).
    c. We recalculated the gain/loss on disposal for the items selected in a) above and agreed to the gain/(loss) on disposal for that asset to the board's data.
    d. For the sample selected in a) we determined that the items were recorded in accordance with the "District School Board & School Authority Purchased Intangibles Provincial Accounting Policies & Implementation Guide" release 1 or subsequent release, if applicable (as laid out in items .14 and .15).
6. We conducted the following with respect to the "transfer to financial assets" in column 8 and "accumulated amortization- transfer to financial assets" in column 16:
    a. We agreed the total PI transfers for each category on Sch 32 with the decreased gross book value in column 8 and accumulated amortization in column 16 of the asset per the supporting document.
    b. We selected a sample of 2 assets greater than $1,000,000 as follows:

       No purchased intangibles transfers included in schedule 32 greater than $1,000,000

    c. We obtained the supporting documentation used to determine the transfer amount for each asset selected in a), if any, and agreed the amount to specific documentation as follows:

       No purchased intangibles transfers included in schedule 32 greater than $1,000,000

    d. We ensured that the board determined the following criteria were met to transfer into financial assets in the September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 period as follows:
        i. prior to the financial statement date, the appropriate level of authority commits the entity to selling the asset;
        ii. the asset is in a condition to be sold;
        iii. the asset is publicly seen to be for sale;
        iv. there is an active market for the asset;
        v. there is a plan in place for selling the asset; and
        vi. it is reasonably anticipated that the sale to a purchaser external to the reporting entity will be completed within one year of the financial statement date.

7. We conducted the following procedure with respect to amortization of purchased intangibles:
    a. From the detailed listing of purchased intangibles for the 7-month period we selected a sample of 2 amortization expenses greater than $1,000,000 as follows:

       No amortization expenses greater than $1,000,000 included in schedule 32.
    b. We recalculated the amortization and agreed to the amortization reported in the detailed listing of purchased intangibles for the 7-month period for the assets selected.

This report is for use solely in connection with the consolidation of the Board financial information into the financial statements of the Province of Ontario.

As a result of applying the below procedures, we found no exceptions, except as outlined below. However, these procedures do not constitute an audit of these schedules and therefore, we do not express an opinion on Schedules 19, 20, 22, 22A, Sch 22ARO, Sch 27, Sch 30, or Sch 32 of EFIS as at March 31, 2026 and for the period from September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Hamilton, Canada

May 20, 2026

Evaluation of External Auditors

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

BACKGROUND:

Per Ontario Regulation 361/10, the Audit Committee has the duty to review at least once in each fiscal year, the performance of the external auditor. In addition, the evaluation can serve to enhance the development of criteria for future tendering processes of external audit services.

Audit Committee members will be asked to complete the form and send in confidence to Controller of Finance, Nicky Westlake and if there are concerns or comments for further review, a formal report will be brought to the September Audit Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

"That Audit Committee members complete the Evaluation of External Auditors form for the 2025-26 Fiscal Year and send in confidence to Controller of Finance, Nicky Westlake by June 23, 2026."

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Veld, Associate Director of Education, Corporate Services
Nicky Westlake, Controller of Finance

June 9, 2026

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Audit Committee – Evaluation of External Auditors Performance

Purpose of the Evaluation

Per Ontario Regulation 361/10, the audit committee has the duty to review at least once in each fiscal year the performance of the external auditor. In addition, the evaluation can serve to enhance the development of criteria for future tendering processes of external audit services.

In discharging this responsibility, the audit committee should answer the following series of questions assessing the external auditors and should ask key senior school board management for their comments as well. As with all processes asking for input, the audit committee should consider the different perspectives and motivations of those having input into this evaluation process.

If you are unable to respond to a particular question, please select "N/A".

Name of Audit Committee Member Completing Evaluation					
Fiscal year	**2025-26**				
	Strongly Agree	**Agree**	**Disagree**	**Strongly Disagree**	**N/A**
Financial Reporting Process / External Audit					
1. The external auditor discussed the audit engagement terms with the audit committee through an annual engagement letter.					
2. The audit committee is satisfied with the planning and conduct of the audit, including the co-ordinated efforts with the internal auditor.					
3. The external auditor informed the audit committee of :					
a) accounting principles & emerging issues					
b) complex / unusual financial transactions					
c) material judgments and accounting estimates of the school board					
d) any departures from the accounting principles, where applicable					
4. The external auditor engaged the audit committee on all significant issues arising from the audit such as:					
a) results of the annual external audit					
b) any difficulties encountered in the course of the external auditor's work					
c) any significant changes the external auditor made to the audit plan					
d) any significant disagreements between the external auditor and management					
5. The external auditor reflected the scope of their audit, as set out in their audit plan, in the final audit report.					
6. The external auditor's report was complete, as it:					
a) identified the title of each statement that comprises the financial statements					

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
6. (Continued) The external auditor's report was complete, as:					
b) it referenced the summary of accounting policies and notes to the financial statements					
c) it distinguished between responsibilities of management and those of the external auditor					
d) it described the scope of the external auditor's examination					
e) it contained an expression of opinion or an assertion than an opinion could not be expressed					
f) the opinion indicated that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations and cash flows in accordance with the appropriate financial framework (could be qualified based on school generated funds)					
7. The resources were appropriately allocated at different stages of the audit to ensure that the audit was completed within the agreed timelines.					
Internal Controls					
8. The external auditor communicated to the audit committee the extent of their reliance on internal controls in the proposed audit plan.					
9. The external auditor provided constructive observations, implications, and recommendations in areas needing improvement, particularly with respect to the school board's internal control system over financial reporting (through management letter).					
Risk Management					
10. The external auditor informed the audit committee of any significant risks of which the audit committee was not previously aware of.					
General					
11. The external auditor met with the audit committee when requested.					
12. The audit committee is satisfied that the external auditor met with the audit committee to discuss any matters that should have been discussed throughout the year.					
13. The external auditor did not leave significant issues of concern to the audit committee unaddressed.					
14. The audit committee is satisfied that the external auditor remained independent of the school board in spite of any audit-related, or non-audit services the auditor provides to the school board.					

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
15. The audit committee is satisfied that the external auditor was not unduly influenced by management. (Assessment indicators: the external auditor communicated freely with the audit committee; the external auditor was not reluctant or hesitant to raise issues that would reflect negatively on management)					
16. From a discussion with management, the audit committee believes that the external audit team members had the experience and possessed the necessary qualifications required of external auditors.					
17. The audit fee was fair and reasonable in relation to what audit committees know about fees charged to other school boards or other similar organizations of comparable size.					
18. Overall, the external auditor met audit committee expectations.					

Have you received any specific feedback on the external auditor from school board management? If so, please provide details:

Have you received any specific feedback on the external auditor from internal audit? If so, please provide details:

Please provide any additional comments on your experience with the external auditors:

Please save this form and submit to Nicky.Westlake@dsbn.org by June 23rd, 2026.

Appointment of External Auditors

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

BACKGROUND:

Ontario Ministry of Education regulation 361/10 requires a Board's Audit Committee to make an annual recommendation to the Board on the appointment, replacement, or dismissal of the external auditor.

In 2016, the Ontario Education Collaborative Marketplace (OECM) completed an RFP for external audit services and award the contract to four external audit firms, including KPMG. This award of contract is in place until 2026.

In 2022, management met with KPMG (local office) to review proposed rates for the next five years.

KPMG continues to be one of the appointed auditors within the OECM agreement and KPMG (local office) is offering rates slightly lower than the rates available in the OECM agreement.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

"That KPMG LLP be appointed as DSBN external auditors for a one-year term commencing September 1, 2026."

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Veld, Associate Director of Education, Corporate Services
Nicky Westlake, Controller of Finance

June 9, 2026

For further information, please contact Stacy Veld, Associate Director of Education, Corporate Services.