



REPORT TO

**CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC
PLANNING AND PROPERTY
COMMITTEE**

ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT 2019-20

Be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead!
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INFORMATION REPORT		

Vision:

At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

Mission:

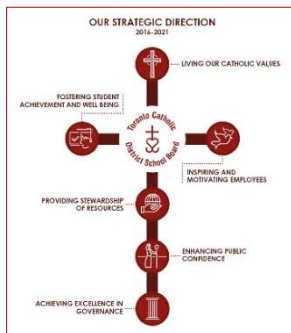
The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.

We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.

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Chief Financial Officer



A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following report updates Trustees on the Board's investment activities during fiscal year 2019-20 as required by Ontario Regulation 41/10 section 14 (1) and TCDSB Policy F.M. 08 (Effective Financial Management and Control of Operations). The Treasurer of the Board confirms that all TCDSB borrowing and investment activity for fiscal 2019/2020 conforms to both the Regulations and Board Policy.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 4 hours.

B. PURPOSE

The Ministry of Education mandates that the Treasurer of the Board report on investing and commodity hedging activity (e.g. gas contracts) once annually.

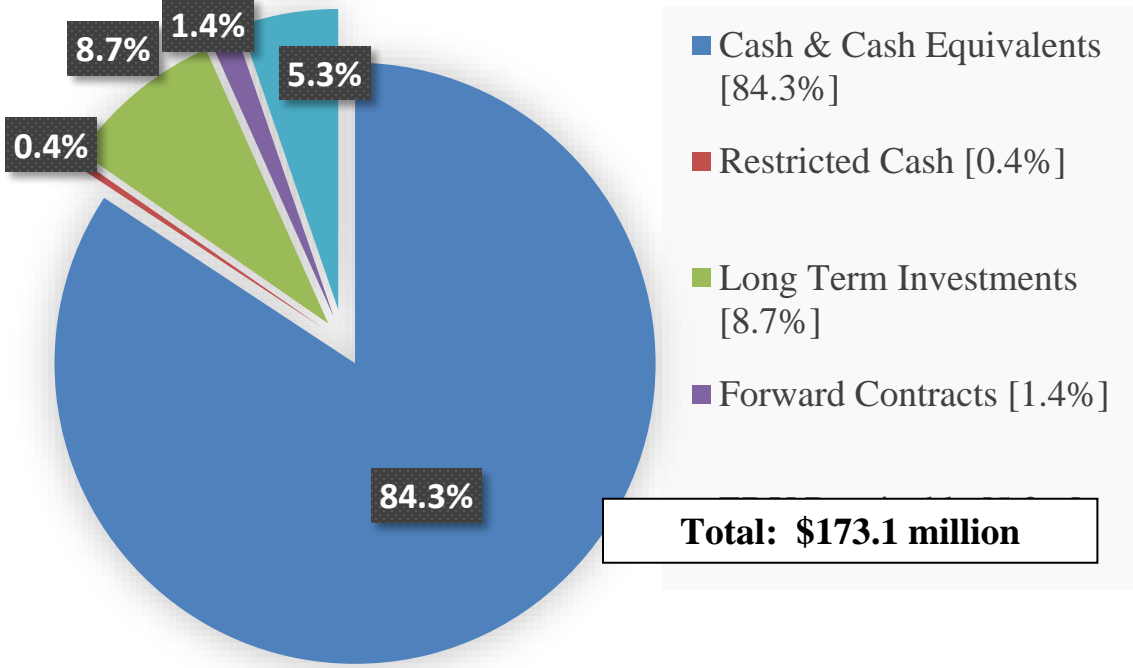
C. BACKGROUND

1. *This report fulfils a legislative requirement.* Ontario Regulation 41/10 Board Borrowing, Investing and Other Financial Matters and TCDSB Policy F.M. 08 (Effective Financial Management and Control of Operations) requires the Treasurer of the Board to present an annual investment report confirming all investment activity is within the criteria specified by the Regulation. It also requires full disclosure of any commodity price hedging agreements in respect of energy prices.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. *The Board controls a diversified portfolio relative to the legislative restrictions and its cash needs.* As of August 31, 2020, the audited financial statements of the Board listed \$145.9 million of Cash and Cash Equivalents and \$15.6 million of Investments & Restricted Cash. The Board also has forward gas contracts and a capital receivable from the Ministry of Education (EDU). Figure 1 illustrates the high-level breakdown of the Boards investment portfolio as of August 31, 2020.

Figure 1: Portfolio by Type of Investment



2. *The Board’s largest holding is in interest bearing cash investments.* Cash and Cash Equivalents are temporary short-term cashable Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GIC) investments that earned between 1 and 2.25% over the year. The Cash and Cash Equivalents balance is \$145.9M compared to \$78M last year. The difference is due primarily to EDC collections and the reduced pace of Capital and Operating spending due to COVID-19 restrictions

2. *The Board holds several specific investments.* As of August 31st 2020, Special Investments include \$15.0 million as an operating reserve, \$0.7 million of Restricted Cash held in trust for a joint school construction project, a capital revenue receivable with the Ministry of Education totalling \$9.1 million and forward contracts to purchase natural gas totalling \$2.4 million.

Figure 3 below summarizes these holdings.

Figure 3: Summary of Special Investments

Amount (\$M)	Rate	Description	Purpose
\$15	1% guaranteed, 3% actual	Long Term Investment	Operating Reserve
\$0.7	Variable	Restricted cash, in trust.	Railway lands school construction
\$9.1	1.00%	Short term EDU receivable	New school construction
\$2.4	Variable	Forward gas contracts	Mitigate variable natural gas rates

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. *Business Services staff continue to optimize the investment portfolio on behalf of the Board.* In the 2019-20 fiscal year, TCDSB earned interest revenues totalling \$2.23 million, most of which is earned on capital funds held by the Board, (i.e. Proceeds of Disposition, and Education Development Charges). Interest rates are expected to remain relatively flat during 2020/21.
2. *All investments are in accordance with legislation and policy.* As required under O. Reg. 41/10 the Treasurer of the Board confirms that all TCDSB borrowing and investment activity for fiscal 2019/20 is consistent with Ontario Regulation 41/10 and made in accordance with the investment policies and goals of the Board.

F. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

This report is for the consideration of the Board.