

Ministry of Education's Operational Review Report for the Lambton Kent District School Board

The Ministry of Education strives to promote a strong, vibrant, publicly funded education system that is focused on three goals: improved levels of student achievement, reduced gaps in student achievement, and increased levels of public confidence in the education system. As part of the plan to achieve these goals, the Ministry is conducting operational reviews of school boards to help increase system effectiveness, efficiency, transparency, and responsiveness.

The objective of the operational review is to build management capacity in the stewardship of non-academic functions of school boards. The reviews focus on governance, financial management, human resources management, and school operations and assess each board's level of adoption of leading business practices.

In order to perform an effective and consistent operational review the Ministry worked with independent consultants. The Ministry representatives visited our Board in June 2008 to conduct the review. The written report was received in August 2008.

The review found that the Board was well managed based on the fact that it has adopted a significant number of leading practices in all of the functional areas that were reviewed.