

THE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP
Champions of Public Education Across Canada

Annual Report

July 2008 - June 2009



Message from the Chair and the President



A message from Claude Lamoureux, O.C.
Chair, Board of Directors
The Learning Partnership



A Message from Veronica Lacey
President and CEO
The Learning Partnership

The Learning Partnership is grateful for the support of all of our stakeholders. Thanks to your investment, The Learning Partnership has been able to extend its outreach over the last five years, enabling us to impact thousands of students, parents and educators on a national level.

Innovative programs are the driving force behind the work of The Learning Partnership. Our programs give children the chance to reach their full potential, helping them succeed in school and in life.

Policy & Research plays an integral role in the work we do. From the delivery of credible and timely research, to the development and evaluation of all our programs, to informing and influencing public opinion and encouraging discussion amongst our stakeholders, Policy & Research continues to lay the foundation upon which all other activities are built.

Executive leadership is critical for success in this globally competitive and complex environment. The Learning Partnership's ground-breaking work in building leadership and management capacity among our publicly funded educational leaders is benefitting the system in extraordinary ways.

Engaging Canadians in discussions on public education is essential if we are to ensure our publicly funded education system is the best it can be. Each year we connect with Canadians across the country through roundtables, conferences and Tribute Events. Whether we are recognizing Champions of Public Education or extraordinary student achievement, our events are a showcase of what is best about public education in Canada.

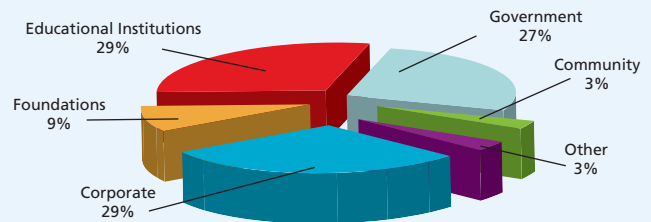
Thank you for your ongoing support. The commitment of our partners from business, education, government and the community will help us reach our goal of making Canada's public education system the best in the world.

The Learning Partnership Funding (Year ending June 30th, 2009)

Through its many development activities, The Learning Partnership received a total of \$6.0 million in cash and donations in kind in 2009. The total revenue includes \$4,662,000 of project funding and \$1,343,750 in contributions to the operating fund.

Assets	2009	2008
Current Assets	7,049,418	7,216,897
Capital Assets	77,617	91,605
	\$7,127,035	\$7,308,502
Liabilities & Net Assets		
Liabilities	414,968	453,835
Deferred Contributions	4,591,081	5,081,604
Net Assets	2,120,986	1,773,063
	\$7,127,035	\$7,308,502

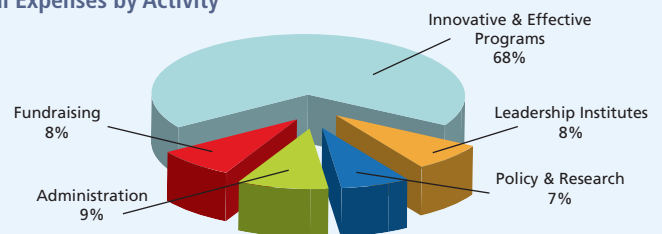
Total Funding Sources



Corporate	– \$1,772,921
Foundations	– \$541,896
Educational Institutions	– \$1,717,086
Government	– \$1,622,296
Community	– \$159,008
Other	– \$192,543



Total Expenses by Activity



Innovative & Effective Programs	– \$3,822,852
Executive Leadership	– \$440,591
Policy & Research	– \$409,759
Administration	– \$534,336
Fundraising	– \$450,289

Copies of the audited financial statement may be obtained on request through The Learning Partnership at 416.440.5100

The Learning Partnership programs

INNOVATIVE & EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS

- Change Your Future
- Entrepreneurial Adventure
- I³ - Investigate! Invent! Innovate!
- Passport to Prosperity
- Round Table on Technology
 - Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Leadership Institute
 - National Technology Innovation Awards
- Take Our Kids to Work™
- Turning Points
- Welcome to Kindergarten™

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

- Canada's Outstanding Principals™
- National Academy of Canada's Outstanding Principals
- Ontario Directors of Education Institute on Leadership and Strategic Impact
- Ontario Supervisory Officer Executive Program on Leadership and Management

POLICY & RESEARCH

- Progress Reports: The Quality of Public Education in Canada
 - Early Childhood Education
 - Measuring Student Success
 - Students-at-Risk
 - Demographic Changes in Canada and Their Impact on Public Education

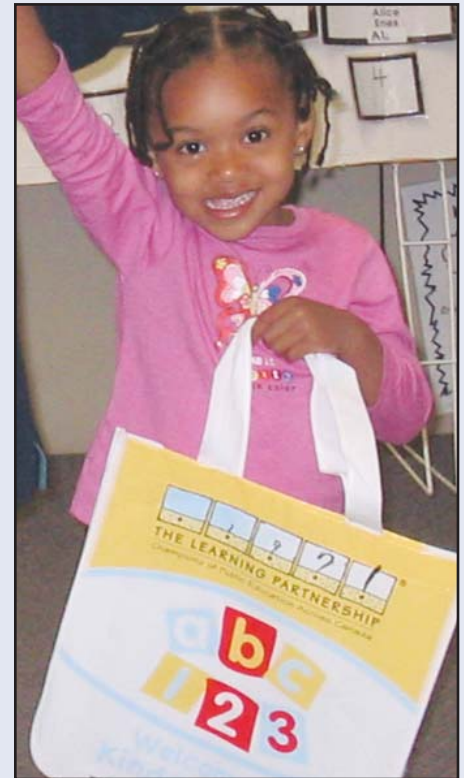
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- National Dialogue on Resilience in Youth (2008)
- Turning the Corner – From Risk to Resilience: National Roundtables on Resilience and Youth (2008)
- Let the Learning Begin – An Interactive Learning Conference for Parents and Children (2006-2009)

CELEBRATIONS OF LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION

Tribute Dinner & Luncheon Celebrations

- Vancouver, March 4th, 2009
- Toronto, May 9th, 2009



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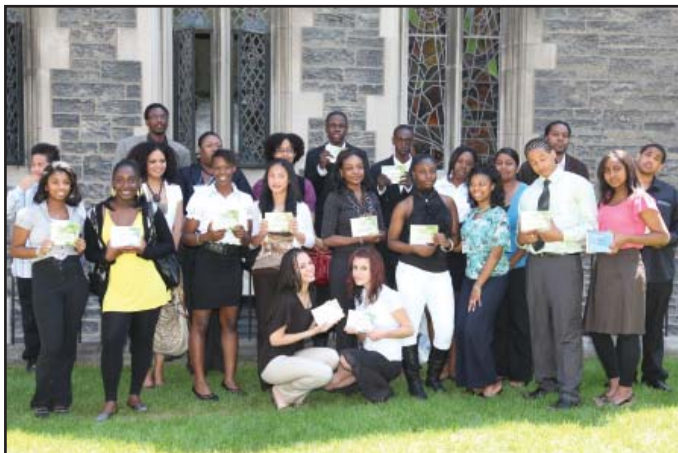
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Change Your Future

Change Your Future is an innovative educational mentorship program designed to increase the odds of success in school by providing students with the necessary support to stay in school and to plan their futures. This year 480 students from 24 Ontario schools participated in this year's program. The annual awards, this past May, paid tribute to the top performers in the program who were consistent in their achievements and personal growth. In addition, The Learning Partnership now provides students of the CYF program the opportunity to apply for post-secondary scholarships.



2009 *Change Your Future* student award winners.

Entrepreneurial Adventure

Entrepreneurial Adventure is a program designed to instill an entrepreneurial spirit in children from K-grade 12. Together with business volunteers, students turn great ideas into reality through successful ventures. Now in its 14th year, the EA program has mentored over 27,000 students since its inception. In 2009, students participated in 98 ventures in Calgary, Ottawa, Brantford, Toronto, Halifax and Fredericton. Through the *BMO National Student Innovation Awards*, ten groups of students from across the country were celebrated - in categories of: teamwork, enterprising spirit, impact on school or community, originality and judge's choice.



BMO National Student Innovation Award Winners.

I³ – Investigate! Invent! Innovate!

I³ – Investigate! Invent! Innovate! is an integrated science and technology program for elementary school students in grades seven and eight. The goal of *I³* is to instill passion in all students for learning about science, mathematics and technology. This year over 6,000 students from 63 schools in 13 boards joined in the fun. The program culminates with the Invention Convention, an opportunity for students to showcase the projects to the public. This year, the Invention Convention was held in St. John's, Calgary, Edmonton and Toronto.



I³ students explain their invention to Monica Samper, President, Imperial Oil Foundation.

Passport to Prosperity

Passport to Prosperity is an initiative of the Ontario Ministry of Education delivered by The Learning Partnership in the GTA. It gives students exposure to different careers and prepares them for the critical transition from classroom to the world of work. The program facilitates work experiences, career talks, workplace tours, job shadowing opportunities, apprenticeship and cooperative education placements. This year, the team expanded to six people, working with ten school boards, connecting thousands of teachers, students and employers. It also welcomed an extraordinary 360 new employers to the Employer Registry, which is an online site that links employers who provide learning opportunities to students.

Round Table on Technology National Technology Innovation Awards

Eight exceptional educators and their teams from across Canada were honoured in June at the 2009 *National Technology Innovation Awards*. This event celebrated the achievements of educators whose innovative use of technology enhanced modern, interactive learning environments for students in publicly funded schools (K-12), colleges and universities across Canada. NTIA offers the opportunity for educators to share best practices and provide tips on how to replicate the extraordinary projects in all schools, while creating a network of leading edge thinkers who set the standard for our educational system.

Take Our Kids to Work™

In its 14th year, *Take Our Kids to Work™* is The Learning Partnership's signature program; it connects young people with the world of work. *Take Our Kids to Work™* enables students to job shadow a parent, relative or volunteer host and to experience first hand some of the career options that will be available to them. Each year approximately 250,000 students participate at about 75,000 workplaces across Canada.

Turning Points

Turning Points is a writing program that encourages students from grades six – 12 to read, write, and think about their core values. Through self-reflection and discussion with teachers and peers, students are asked to submit essays about a critical turning point in their lives. Over 10,000 essays were received to be judged by a panel of over 300 judges. On Thursday May 21st, 2009 The Learning Partnership celebrated 40 students for their work at our Annual Awards Luncheon.



2009 *Turning Points* student award winner.

Welcome to Kindergarten™

The Learning Partnership's *Welcome to Kindergarten™* program provides parents with the resources to prepare their children for kindergarten. The program began five years ago in 30 schools; now reaching 80,000 families, the program is now delivered to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia. This past April, TLP introduced a WTK scrapbook to further encourage activities to do with your children.

Policy and Research - Resilience

In an attempt to understand what makes a child resilient, The Learning Partnership, together with eight provinces and territories with funding from the Canadian Council on Learning (CCL) coordinated regional roundtables across the country, culminating in the *National Dialogue on Resilience in Youth* in Winnipeg in November, 2008 where research and policy papers were presented. Going forward, TLP, would like to call for a *National Summit on Youth Resiliency*, to develop strategies and form coalitions to ensure more of our children develop the resilience they need to overcome difficult setbacks.

Executive Leadership

In every organization, leadership sets the environment for the employees to flourish and excel. The Learning Partnership is proud to offer a world class learning experience through a suite of unique courses targeted to senior leaders in public education. Partnering with the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto, TLP builds leadership and management skills among our educational leaders. This year, TLP offered a selection of programs such as the *Ontario Directors of Education Institute on Leadership and Strategic Impact program* – five two-three-day modules in a 12 month period – 27 Directors of Education participated in this executive level leadership learning experience. As well, 29 Ontario supervisory officers got a chance to learn a new leadership/management models through the *Ontario Supervisory Officer Executive Program on Leadership and Management* – a five two-and-a-half day modules.



Participants of the 2009 Ontario Directors of Education Institute on Leadership and Strategic Impact

The Learning Partnership's, *Canada's Outstanding Principals™* program celebrates its 5th year. In February 2009, 32 principals were honoured at Rotman School of Management for making a measurable difference in the lives of their students and their own local communities. These winners joined the assembly of more than 155 previous recipients and became members of the *National Academy of Canada's Outstanding Principals™*. Reflecting TLP's desire to address and recognize the impact that educational leaders can have in the aboriginal community, an Honorary Aboriginal Award was presented to Yvette Blackbird for her contribution to public education as an Aboriginal leader from an on-reserve school.



Canada's Outstanding Principals™ of 2009.

TRIBUTE EVENTS

Vancouver Tribute Luncheon

The Learning Partnership's first Vancouver Tribute Luncheon was held in Vancouver, British Columbia on March 4th, 2009 and honoured Mr. Milton Wong O.C., O.B.C. for his dedication and commitment to public education in British Columbia. The Honourable Frank McKenna P.C., O.C., Q.C., O.N.B. Deputy Chair, TD Bank Financial Group was the keynote speaker of the event, over 300 attended.



(Left to right) The Honourable Frank McKenna, P.C., O.N.B., Q.C. (keynote speaker); Milton Wong, O.C. (honouree); Veronica Lacey.

Toronto Tribute Dinner

The Learning Partnership honoured three outstanding individuals, Jim Leech, Susan LaRosa and Dr. Peter George, C.M., O.Ont., at its annual Champions of Public Education Tribute Dinner on May 9th, 2009. More than 1,100 people from business, education government, labour and the community attended the dinner. The master of ceremonies was Dean A. Connor, President of Sun Life Financial Canada.



(Left to right) - Jim Leech (honouree), Susan LaRosa (honouree), The Honourable Kathleen Wynne (guest), Veronica Lacey, Dr. Peter George, C.M., O.Ont. (honouree), Dean Connor (master of ceremonies).

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Launched in the fall of 2005, *Leaders in Learning* is an annual giving program reaching out to organizations and individuals who support the work of The Learning Partnership and who want our programs to reach as many educators, families and children across Canada.

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