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At its regular board meeting of Thursday, August 15, 2013, the KDSB Board of Directors addressed the following issues:

- Approved a revised housing services policy regarding the business & governance processes of the Not for Profit (NFP) Municipal Housing Corporations with which the KDSB has formal relationships and oversight responsibilities. The policy will cover purchasing processes, property management contracts, NFP board honoraria and conflict of interest rules.
- Reviewed 2013 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter operating reports for Ontario Works, Asset Management (Social Housing), Early Learning & Child Care, Administrative, Board & Program Support and EMS-Land Ambulance. All services are operating within budget.
- Board reviewed a Preliminary 2014 Budget. It is expected that there will be local tax levy increase of less than 1% for the 2014 Budget year barring any significant unforeseen circumstances.
- In 2014, the Province of Ontario will be reviewing the funding levels and mechanisms for early learning, child care and Ontario Works with implementation in 2015.
- Board was informed that the province will be moving forward with the implementation of Best Start Child & Family Centres in September 2014. The program is being expanded by the Ministry of Education and it is expected to be a local & regional partnership between KDSB, school boards and the children's services partners.

Barry Baltessen, Chair

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