

THE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP
Champions of Public Education Across Canada

2006 ANNUAL REPORT



encouraging the future of youth

The Learning Partnership

is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to championing a strong public education system in Canada with its partners through innovative programs, credible research, policy initiatives and public engagement of Canadians.





A Message From The Chair

Peter T. McInenly, Q.C.

*No man is an island.
It takes a village.
Many hands make light work.*

Choose whichever maxim you prefer. It is the “partnership” factor in The Learning Partnership that makes the organization work.

There have been many successes over the past years and 2006 was no exception. From the flagship *Take our Kids to Work* to the youngest program *Welcome to Kindergarten* to our latest research and policy venture on demographics, the work and support goes far beyond TLP’s own offices.

We cannot and do not do it alone.

The research study, *Demographic Changes in Canada and Their Impact on Public Education*, was conducted by The Learning Partnership with funding from TD Bank Financial Group, The Margaret and Wallace McCain Family Foundation, CD Howe Institute, Canadian Council on Learning and Power Corporation.

Welcome to Kindergarten operates with the support of the John and Judy Bragg Family Foundation, LiteracyNow, Ontario Trillium Foundation, TD Bank Financial Group, The Calgary Foundation, The McCain Foundation and the governments of British Columbia, Ontario and New Brunswick.

But you don’t have to be a major corporation, government or philanthropic foundation to make a difference. *Take our Kids to Work* counts on the support of employers across Canada no matter how large or small. Grade 9 students learn about the world of work as they join their parents and others at workplaces as varied as national insurance

company headquarters to the freelance writers supplying those companies from home offices.

We also rely on many other individuals who not only contribute financially, but who also volunteer their time to mentor, make presentations and inspire today’s students.

In addition, we count on the contributions of our board and committee members who give so much to the governance of The Learning Partnership. They bring experience, thoughtfulness and dedication to the table as we chart the course for the coming year.

And, of course, the outstanding staff of The Learning Partnership moves all of these efforts forward with consistently high results.

The Learning Partnership is the vital link that brings together students, teachers, schools, school boards and business, government and labour. No other organization brings together as many people with as many positive outcomes for public education. Why do so many hands join in? Because the results are worth it. A strong publicly-funded education system is a crucial part of our country’s fabric and a cornerstone of a prosperous society.

We thank you all for joining us.

Peter T. McInenly, Q.C.
Chair, Board of Directors





A Message From The President

Veronica Lacey

At The Learning Partnership, we are privileged to be able to work with educators who teach students from JK to Grade 12 as well as colleges and universities in communities right across the country. We are also privileged to be able to partner with community leaders, families and contributors who give so much of their time, talent and generous financial support to advance our mission.

As champions of public education, we at The Learning Partnership want to ensure that every student strives for their own personal excellence and are ready for the opportunities that await them.

2006 is a testimonial that we are reaching this goal – through innovative programs, credible research and policy and engagement of Canadians.

Less than four years ago, we started *Welcome to Kindergarten™* with 1,200 families in Toronto. In 2006, more than 20,000 French and English families in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and New Brunswick have benefited from this program – and last fall, we hosted *Let the Learning Begin*, an interactive bilingual workshop for families in North Bay.

In 2006, over 250 Calgary students hosted their first *Invention Convention* and we were able to offer more students and teachers in more cities with the opportunity to participate in *Entrepreneurial Adventure*.

Even *Take Our Kids to Work™*, our first program, reached new heights. Grade 9 students across the country – in communities and work places large and small – were given the opportunity to job shadow with their parents, neighbours, volunteers and people like you. And those opportunities expanded to include opportunities with Premiers, Ministers, and Mayors from across the country – even the Prime Minister and Chief Justice participated this past year.

With these opportunities comes further expansion and growth in communities across the country. Over

this past year, we hired program managers and established community advisory boards and program committees – in Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, North Bay, Toronto, Fredericton and Halifax.

We released our study, *Demographic Changes in Canada and Their Impact on Public Education*, which maps the demographic challenges, explores current and future trends, and focuses on policy and planning challenges for federal, provincial and territorial jurisdictions and school boards.

This study has provided us with the opportunity to host roundtable discussions in cities across the country with community leaders and experts, to share our findings and begin to prepare some highly critical findings which will be part of a national public policy document.

We need to remain committed to learning, and at the same time, remind Canadians – our teachers, our youth and their parents – that our public education system is stronger than ever. As we enter our 15th year, I am delighted to tell you that we will be engaging even more Canadians.

Together, with your continued support, The Learning Partnership will continue to engage children, families and educators – community by community – and ensure our young people's education is exciting and challenging.

The work we accomplished, the minds we inspired and the partnerships we developed are results of the response we are receiving from educators who invite us into their schools and from those who contribute in many other ways. We thank you for your partnerships and for your shared commitment to our mission.

Veronica Lacey
President and Chief Executive Officer

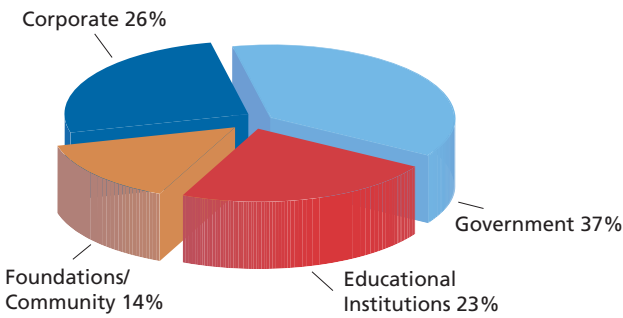


FUNDING

Through its many development activities, The Learning Partnership realized more than \$4.7 million in cash and donations in kind in 2006. The total revenue includes \$3,445,291 of project funding and \$1,332,500 in contributions to the operating fund.

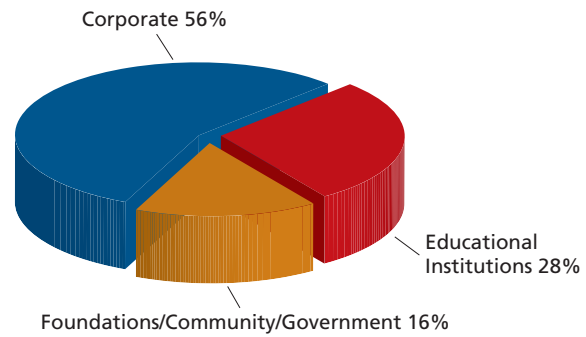
Project Funding Sources

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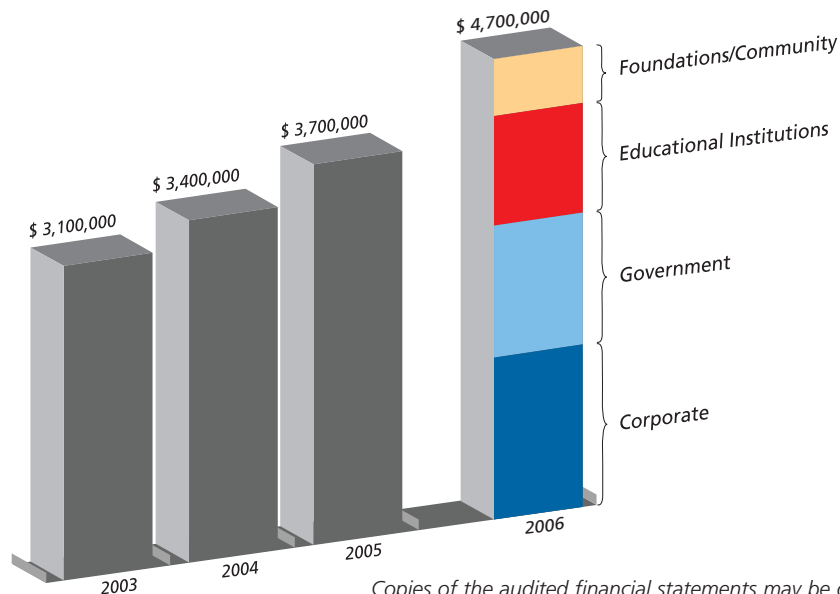


Operating Funding Sources

\$1,332,500



Total Funding Sources



Copies of the audited financial statements may be obtained on request through The Learning Partnership at (416) 440-5100.



Demographics Project

The purpose of The Learning Partnership's project is to engage communities across the country in a discussion about the impact of these population changes on education and to develop policy options for governments and communities.

The latest census data show Canada becoming an increasingly urbanized country with growth to be determined largely by immigration. It also reports significant increases in the Aboriginal population.

An Environics poll released by TLP in September 2006 shows that while more than half of Canadians (53%) identify immigration as having the greatest impact on Canada's public education system. There is less appreciation for the impact that rural population shifts and the growth of Aboriginal communities are having on public schools across Canada.

An accompanying discussion paper prepared by TLP urged further investigation and put forward findings from *Demographic Changes in Canada and Their Impact on Public Education*, a major research paper on the topic that explores current and future trends and provides policy and planning challenges for federal, provincial and territorial jurisdictions and school boards. The project has also included a series of pan-Canadian consultations and discussions about regional issues with an aim to developing a Pan-Canadian approach to the demographic change as it relates to public education.

Progress Report on Early Childhood Education

The background research paper for the third *Progress Report on the Quality of Public Education in Canada* was completed in 2006. Authored by Gillian Doherty of the Department of Family Relations and Applied Nutrition at the University of Guelph, the paper examines the early learning readiness of young pre-school children.

The paper points to the crucial role school-readiness plays in a child's optimal success at school and as a determinant of future employability, earning potential and physical and mental health.

Nevertheless, studies across Canada have found that 25 to 30 per cent of children in the general population lack readiness in school at age five. The problem is not lack of sufficient evidence-based information, but a failure of practice to keep pace with knowledge. Problems to be addressed include high rates of child poverty, the lack of service coordination, the disconnect between the need for child care that promotes development, and a lack of access to quality services.

The research paper was presented at the TLP *Early Years Conference* in January 2007. The final *Progress Report* will be published in the Fall of 2007.

National Dialogue on Students at Risk

A National Dialogue on Students at Risk took place in Vancouver in February 2006. More than 250 participants, including representatives of government, business, as well as students, educators and the community came together to talk about students at risk and possible solutions to address the problem.

While most Canadian students are doing quite well in international tests, many are not making the grade, and achievement gap that should be a concern for all Canadians. The OECD has found that nations, such as Canada, that reduce the gap between students who succeed and those at risk of failure tend to achieve sustained economic success and a relatively high quality of life.

The National Dialogue steering committee is working on options for follow-up.



PROGRAMS

Change Your Future

Change Your Future is an innovative school-based education program designed to boost opportunities for success in school. It provides students with diverse backgrounds in Grades 7 to 11, with the necessary support to stay in school and plan their futures.

Highlights of 2006: 480 students from 24 secondary schools across the GTA participated. Fifty students were invited to U of T's Faculty of Medicine 14-week Saturday tutorial session. More than 200 students visited post-secondary campuses and community partnered business sites during the March break.

Creative Arts Learning Partnership

This project provides professional development for teachers of Grades 3 to 8 in the performing and visual arts. Teachers learn how to integrate the arts into classroom programs to motivate and stimulate learning. They are offered the theory and the experience by attending a professional performance or an exhibit.

Highlights of 2006: More than 125 teachers from six GTA school boards participated in programs offered by nine arts organization partners.

Entrepreneurial Adventure

Entrepreneurial Adventure pairs Kindergarten to Grade 12 classes with a business partner who assists in developing and operating a venture.

Highlights of 2006: In its 10th year, the program expanded further with a doubling of participants in Calgary and Ottawa. Pilots were launched in Halifax, Listowel, North Bay and Simcoe. In all, more than 2,225 students benefited.

I³- Investigate! Invent! Innovate!

I³ - Investigate! Invent! Innovate! is an integrated science and technology program for elementary school students in Grades 7 and 8. The goal of I³ is to instill passion in all students for learning about

science, mathematics and technology and to foster entrepreneurial spirit. The program culminates each year with an Invention Convention.

Highlights of 2006: Delivered in five cities through 35 schools to more than 2,200 students. Professional development workshops for teachers were well attended and student participation for Invention Conventions in Toronto and Calgary doubled.

ICT Leadership Institute

The Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Leadership Institute provides school and system leaders with the knowledge and skills they need to lead the effective use of ICT to improve student achievement and engagement in learning.

Highlights of 2006: 52 school and system leaders participated in the first two day institute, which included discussions on new educational technology and practices in Ontario schools.

National Technology Innovation Awards

The National Technology Innovation Awards recognize the achievements of educators at publicly funded schools, colleges and universities across Canada whose innovative approach has been instrumental in building modern learning environments for students. The Awards focus on projects that address a variety of areas including professional development, knowledge transfer, organizational learning, the needs of special education students, and blended learning environments.

Highlights of 2006: In its fourth year, the seven winners from more than 90 submissions from across the country were selected as 2006 National Technology Innovation Awards winners.

Passport to Prosperity

Passport to Prosperity is a program with Ontario's Ministry of Education to develop strategies and resources to support school-work initiatives for high school students. Employers are invited through the



PROGRAMS

class2careers.com website to provide career talks, industry tours, job shadowing, work experience, mentoring, co-op education and apprenticeships.

Highlights of 2006: TLP partnered with York Region and York Catholic District School Boards on their "Fast Track to the Workplace" Conference for Grade 12 students, with Durham District School Board on its "Getting to Work" initiative and with Dufferin-Peel Catholic and Peel District School Boards on their Mission Employable Conference. Each event aimed to provide employer connections and career information for Grade 12 students planning to enter the workplace after high school. The program's website received over 10,000 hits throughout the year.

Round Table on Technology

This initiative is intended to create and sustain a network of public and private sector partners who share an interest in improving the use of technology in business and education, and who wish to promote social and economic progress in the Greater Toronto Area.

Highlights of 2006: Three panel discussions took place in 2006, including an Internet Safety mini-summit focused on protecting children online; and a session which focused on effective strategies and practices for using multi-media resources to support learning.

Take Our Kids to Work™

Take Our Kids to Work is an annual national program that sees Grade 9 students hosted by parents, relatives or volunteers at workplaces across the country. The program supports career development by helping students connect school, the world of work and their own futures.

Highlights of 2006: 400,000 participants across Canada. Breakfast n' Learn sessions for employers were held in four cities and a nine-minute promotional video was produced.

Turning Points

Turning Points is a learning process integrating character education and literacy that provides opportunities for Grade 6 to 12 students to "read, write, and think" by focusing on self reflection and discussion with teachers and peers about their fundamental values.

Highlights of 2006: In 2006, more than 6,300 essays were submitted by students from 44 schools. In addition, a teacher recruitment conference was held in the Fall.

Welcome to Kindergarten™

The Welcome to Kindergarten program provides preparatory literacy resources and experiences to families across Canada. A *Welcome Bag* contains materials and workshop ideas to enable parents and teachers to prepare children for the start of Kindergarten in the upcoming school year.

Highlights of 2006: 12,000 families in four provinces (British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, New Brunswick) participated with 325 community agencies supporting the program. More than 600 family members participated in the first Let The Learning Begin conference in North Bay.

WOW! Words on Work

WOW! Words on Work is a women's speakers bureau which connects dynamic volunteers who visit classrooms (Grades 4 to 12) to share their career journeys and advice. The goal of the program is to increase student awareness of the career options available to them.

Highlights of 2006: More than 4,000 students from across the country viewed WOW!Cast 6 online. Moderated by CBC Newsworld's Suhana Meharchand, the presentation on Careers of the 21st century was broadcast before an audience at St. Augustine Catholic High School, York Catholic District School Board. Almost 1,400 educators and 1,155 speakers are registered on the database.



LEADERSHIP INSTITUTES

Canada's Outstanding Principals™

Canada's Outstanding Principals is a program that recognizes the unique and crucial contributions of principals in publicly funded schools and provides the selected principals with a professional development opportunity to discuss and reflect on leadership issues with distinguished leaders from the educational, social, cultural and business communities.

Highlights of 2006: 30 exceptional leaders from across the country were selected as Canada's Outstanding Principals bringing the total to 58 principals who have been inducted into The National Academy of Canada's Outstanding Principals.

The National Academy of Canada's Outstanding Principals

The National Academy of Canada's Outstanding Principals creates a learning community of outstanding principals across Canada who can share professionally, interact collegially, act as mentors to new colleagues, provide avenues for research and be sources of advice. As part of this Academy, these leading principals continue their development through an online forum with professionally-facilitated modules.

Highlights of 2006: Member Principals participated in a professional development online forum with facilitated modules and continued to act as mentors for new colleagues.



Canada's Outstanding Principals 2006 from coast to coast.

Ontario Directors of Education Institute on Leadership and Strategic Impact

The Ontario Directors of Education Institute on Leadership and Strategic Impact is a program that develops the knowledge, practical skills and strategies required for the successful education system leadership delivering education excellence.

Highlights of 2006: 25 Directors from Ontario schoolboards participated in 5 three-day modules of executive training at the Rotman School of Management.



An innovative new hair product, the De-Frizzer is showcased at the 2006 Invention Convention.



LEADERS IN LEARNING

Launched in the fall of 2005, *Leaders in Learning* is an annual giving program for organizations and individuals who care about the work of The Learning Partnership and want our programs to reach as many children as possible in schools across Canada.

Partners in Learning \$10,000+

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Board
York University

To celebrate the launch of *Leaders in Learning* and encourage other individuals to get involved on a personal basis, 10 very generous Ambassadors came forward, in 2006, to champion public education across Canada. Together the Ambassadors gave an accumulated total of \$25,000 to match gifts made to The Learning Partnership.

Ambassadors \$2,500+

Jay Bertram
Gary M. Comerford
George Fleischmann
Veronica Lacey
Claude Lamoureux
Alan N. MacGibbon
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Courtney Pratt, C.M.
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Toronto Tribute Dinner 2006.



A teacher engages her student.



LEADERS IN LEARNING *continued*

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Students at the Entrepreneurial Adventure Showcase.



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Creative Arts Learning Partnership



Prime Minister Stephen Harper greets students on Parliament Hill on November 1 as part of The Learning Partnership's Take Our Kids to Work program.

Entrepreneurial Adventure

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Gift-in-Kind:

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Turning Points
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New Brunswick Department of Education
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TD Bank Financial Group
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Gift-in-Kind:
Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario
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Words on Work
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TRIBUTE DINNERS

The Tribute Dinners honour outstanding individuals whose lifelong passion, dedication and hard work have contributed to making the Canadian public education system strong, effective and recognized the world over as one of the very best. Since its inception, more than 20 outstanding Canadians have been honoured as champions of public education by The Learning Partnership.

Toronto Tribute Dinner April 27, 2006

The Hon. Frank McKenna, Deputy Chair, TD Bank Financial Group, P.C., O.N.B., Q.C.; The Hon. Bob Rae, Former Premier of Ontario and Partner, Goodmans, P.C., O.C., O.Ont., Q.C.; and Dr. Robert (Squee) Gordon, President, Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning were honoured by more than 1,300 guests for their work in public education. Annette Verschuren, President, The Home Depot Canada was the Master of Ceremonies at the 2006 Tribute Dinner on April 27 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Western Canada Tribute Dinner February 9, 2006

Canada Tribute Dinner in Calgary, which was attended by more than 350 guests who celebrated champions of public education in Western Canada. Honourees were Dr. Emery Dосdall, Deputy Minister of Education, British Columbia; John C.S. Lau, President and CEO, Husky Energy; Dr. Colleen Klein, Children's Advocate. Co-Chaired by Lois and Doug Mitchell of Calgary, the Western Canada Tribute Dinner also featured a keynote from Tim Hearn, Chairman, President and CEO of Imperial Oil, Master of Ceremonies Ken King, President and CEO of the Calgary Flames.



2006 Toronto Tribute Dinner:

Left to right: The Hon. Bob Rae, Former Premier of Ontario, Partner, Goodmans LLP; Veronica Lacey, President and CEO, The Learning Partnership; The Hon. Frank McKenna, Deputy Chair, TD Bank Financial Group; Dr. Robert (Squee) Gordon, President, Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning; Annette Verschuren, President, The Home Depot Canada.



2006 Western Canada Tribute Dinner:

Back – left to right: Dr. Emery Dосdall, Deputy Minister of Education, British Columbia; Veronica Lacey, President and CEO, The Learning Partnership; Doug Mitchell, Co-Chair, Western Canada Tribute Dinner; Ken King, President and CEO, Calgary Flames; Timothy J. Hearn, Chairman, President and CEO, Imperial Oil Limited; Peter T. McInenly, Chair, Board of Directors, The Learning Partnership. Front – left to right: John C.S. Lau, President and CEO, Husky Energy; Dr. Colleen Klein, Children's Advocate; Lois Mitchell, Co-Chair, Western Canada Tribute Dinner.



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