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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairpersons and Directors of Education
- All Catholic District School Boards

FROM: Patrick J. Daly, President

SUBJECT: **2017 Annual Report of the Auditor General of Ontario**

Today the 2017 Annual Report of the Auditor General was released after being tabled in the Ontario Legislature. Of particular note in the report is the acknowledgement that school boards are experiencing “added financial pressures because of the increase in sick days by their employees,” and that “salary costs paid to school board employees while they were off sick increased by 32% from \$32.3 million in 2011/12 to \$42.7 million in the 2015/16 school year.”

As you know, this important matter was given high priority in OCSTA’s 2017 Finance Brief noting a recommendation that adequate provincial funding be provided to address provincial absenteeism trends at school boards and the costs associated with these trends.

The report also examines and comments on teacher performance appraisals, allocation of resources, and board implementation of operational improvement recommendations.

For your reference the link to the report and the statement from the Minister of Education follows:

[2017 Annual Report of the Auditor General \(Education Section\)](#)
[2017 Annual Report of the Auditor General \(full report\)](#)
[Statement From Minister Hunter on Auditor General's Report](#)