# Interim Financial statements of Advanced Education Savings Plan (Unaudited) For the six-month period ended September 30, 2023

Notification:
The Interim Financial Statements have not been reviewed nor audited by the Plan's external auditors.

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# **Statements of financial position**

September 30, 2023 and March 31, 2023 (All amounts in Canadian dollars)

Assets Cash and cash equivalents Investments – at fair value Due from the Legacy Education Savings Plan Due from the Fund Manager – Global Growth Assets Inc. Grants receivable Interest receivable	Notes 7 4 4	2023 \$ (unaudited) 1,468,846 3,994,696 39,137 2,119 9,951 30,822	2023 \$ (audited) 1,352,674 4,231,818 23,691 645 12,416 30,469
Liabilities Accounts payable Net assets attributable to subscribers and beneficiaries  Net assets attributable to subscribers and beneficiaries represented by Subscriber contributions Accumulated government grants Unrealized depreciation of investments Accumulated and undistributed investment income and realized gains on investments	5	4,327 5,541,244 4,307,975 1,275,979 (671,330) 628,620 5,541,244	4,368 5,647,345 4,241,786 1,260,702 (466,834) 611,691 5,647,345

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Directors of Global Educational Trust Foundation and Global Growth Assets Inc.

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Kevin Bavelaar Director

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**Statements of comprehensive loss (unaudited)** 

For the six months ended September 30,2023 and 2022 (All amounts in Canadian dollars)

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
Revenue		(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Interest income for educational assistance payments		63,632	` 59,537´
Realized (losses) on disposal of investments		(37,404)	46
Change in unrealized depreciation on investments		(204,496)	(334,192)
		(178,268)	(274,609)
Expenses			
Administration fees		66,639	65,639
Other charges		1,474	26,722
Auditcosts		25,286	1,754
Expenses absorbed by Plan Manager	4	(93,399)	(94,115)
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Decrease in net assets attributable to subscribers and beneficiaries from operations		(178,268)	(274,609)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# **Advanced Education Savings Plan**

Statements of changes in net assets attributable to subscribers and beneficiaries (unaudited)

For the six months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

(All amounts are in Canadian dollars)

Notes	2023 \$	2022
Net assets attributable to subscribers and beneficiaries, beginning of year	5,647,346	5,864,036
Decrease in net assets attributable to subscribers and beneficiaries from operations	(178,268)	(274,609)
Increase in net assets attributable to subscribers and beneficiaries Subscriber contributions received net of fees	238,187	226,279
Government grants received (paid) Canada Education Savings Grants (CESG) Canada Learning Bond (CLB)	57,090 (180)	47,997 8,900 457
Quebec Education Savings Incentive (QESI) Saskatchewan Advantage Grant for Education Savings (SAGES) British Columbia Training and Education Savings Grant (BCTESG)	(187) - -	(300) 1,200
Income on grants Í Income on subscriber contributions	(1,100) (2,090)	(7,403) (5,168)
Decrease in net assets attributable to subscribers and beneficiaries Return of subscriber contributions Educational assistance payments	(171,998)	(327,234)
Government grants	(47,556)	(82,302)
Net assets attributable to subscribers and beneficiaries, end of period	5,541,244	5,451,853

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**Statements of cash flows (unaudited)** 

For the six months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 (Allamounts in Canadian dollars)

Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Operating activities		
Decrease in net assets attributable to subscribers		(274 (00)
and beneficiaries from operations	(178,267)	(274,609)
Adjustment for		
Realized gains and (losses) on	27.404	(46)
disposal of investments	37,404	(46)
Change in unrealized depreciation on investments	204 406	224 102
	204,496	334,192
Increase in receivable from Legacy Education Savings Plan	(15,446)	76,674
(Decrease) increase in due from Global Growth Assets Inc.	(1,474)	(1,754)
Decrease in grant receivable	2,465	2,922
Increase in interest receivable	(353)	(3,108)
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable	(41)	32,697
Purchase of investments	(777,292)	(1,565,021)
Proceeds from the sale and maturity of investments	772,516	1,529,807
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Financing activities		
Subscriber contributions received 5	238,187	226,279
Subscriber contributions paid 5	(171,998)	(327,234)
Government grants received (prepaid)	9,165	(24,048)
Income on grants received	(2,090)	(7,403)
Income on subscriber contributions received	(1,100)	(5,168)
	72,164	137,574
(December 1) Territorial and analysis of the least	4444	(5.000)
(Decrease) Increase in cash and cash equivalents	116,172	(5,820) 1,052,333
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year  Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	1,352,674 1,468,846	1,032,333
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Operating activities		
Interest received	63,279	56,429
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Advanced Education Savings Plan Schedule of investment portfolio (unaudited) As at September 30, 2023 (All amounts in Canadian dollars)

	Par value \$	Cost \$	Fair value \$
Subscriber contributions invested (57.2%)	ş	ş	Ą
Government Securities (16.4%)			
Canada Housing Trust 1.25% June 15,2026	310,000	309,135	282,308
Canada Housing Trust 1.8% December 15,2024	300,000	310,590	288,342
Government of Canada 2.750% December 1,2048	395,000	486,016	324,485
		1,105,741	895,135
Provincial Securities (18.0%)			
Province of Ontario 1.550% November 01,2029	90,000	75,637	75,406
Province of Ontario 2.800% June 2,2048	425,000	451,271	298,826
Province of Ontario 3.75% June 6,2032	350,000	336,098	324,503
Province of Ontario 5.600% June 2,2035	185,000	242,611	197,029
Province of Quebec 2.3% September 1,2029	100,000	101,164	88,059
		1,206,781	983,823
Municipal Securities (2.1%)			
Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia 2.5% April 19, 2026	120,000	113,628	112,978
Financial Institution Securities (10.09/)		113,628	112,978
Financial Institution Securities (10.9%)  Pank of Montreal 2 190% March 1 2028	25,000	24,832	22,866
Bank of Montreal 3.190% March 1,2028  Bank of Nova Scotia 2.100% February 2.2028	25,000	24,632	22,806
Bank of Nova Scotia 3.100% February 2,2028  Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 3.300% May 26,2025	50,000	51,727	48,271
CPPIB Capital Inc. 1.950% September 30,2029	400,000	398,484	343,852
Fortified Trust 1.964% October 23,2026	5,000	5,000	4,467
Fortified Trust 2.558% March 23,2024	5,000	5,000	4,928
Fortified Trust 3.76% June 23,2025	10,000	9,999	9,640
Great-West Lifeco Inc. 6.670% March 21,2033	20,000	25,739	21,193
HSBC Bank Canada 3.403% March 24,2025	10,000	9,956	9,674
Manulife Bank of Canada 1.536% September 14, 2026	25,000	25,000	22,276
Royal Bank of Canada 3.369% September 29,2025	25,000	25,000	23,849
Toronto-Dominion Bank 3.226% July 24,2024	50,000	51,554	49,100
Wells Fargo & Company 3.184% February 8,2024	10,000	10,679	9,910
		667,611	592,832
Corporate Securities (6.4%)	•		
407 International Inc. 3.600% May 21,2047	25,000	24,097	19,133
Altalink LP 3.399% June 6,2024	25,000	25,488	24,650
Bell Canada 3.800% August 21,2028	25,000	24,516	23,046
Canadian National Railway 3.950% September 22,2045	25,000	25,665	20,376
Canadian National Resources 3.550% June 3,2024	15,000	16,117	14,794
Enbridge Gas Inc. 3.510% November 29,2047	25,000	23,403	18,490
Enbridge Pipelines Inc. 4.130% August 9,2046	5,000	4,679	3,767
Greater Toronto Airports Authority 2.750% October 17,2039	30,000	29,959	21,845
Honda Canada Finance Inc. 2.500% June 4,2024	45,000	47,387	44,091
McDonald's Corp. 3.125% March 4,2025	15,000	14,660	14,491
NAV Canada 3.293% March 30,2048	25,000	24,194	18,437
Nestle Holdings Inc. 2.192% January 26, 2029	25,000	24,999	21,576
Rogers Communications Inc. 3.650% March 31,2027	20,000	22,340	18,587
Telus Corp. 3.750% March 10,2026	10,000	9,968	9,561
Toronto Hydro Corporation 2.52% 25 August, 2026	25,000	26,254	23,160
Transcanada Bindinas Itd. 2.000% September 18.2020	25,000	25,331	23,803
Transcanada Pipelines Ltd. 3.000% September 18,2029 TWDC Enterprises 18 Corp 2.758% October 7,2024	10,000 20,000	9,971	8,600 10,422
TWDC Litter prises 18 Corp 2.738% October 7,2024	20,000	19,583 398,611	19,433 347,840
Exchange Traded Funds (3.4%)	•	330,011	347,040
BMO S&P 500 Index ETF	1,418	74,516	90,270
iShares Core MSCI U.S. Quality Dividend Index ETF	347	8,211	8,876
iShares Core S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF	2,897	85,290	89,923
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Total Subscriber Contributions invested	•	3,660,389	3,121,677
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# Schedule of investment portfolio (unaudited) As at September 30, 2023

(All amounts in Canadian dollars)

	Par value	Cost	Fair value
	\$	\$	\$
Government Grants invested (15.8%)			
Government Securities (4.6%)			
Canada Housing Trust 1.25% June 15,2026	95,000	94,882	86,514
Canada Housing Trust 1.8% December 15,2024	75,000	77,648	72,086
Government of Canada 2.750% December 1,2048	115,000	143,206	94,470
		315,736	253,070
Provincial Securities 5.0(%)			
Province of Ontario 1.550% November 01,2029	25,000	21,010	20,946
Province of Ontario 2.800% June 2,2048	115,000	122,351	80,859
Province of Ontario 3.75% June 6,2032	100,000	96,028	92,715
Province of Ontario 5.600% June 2,2035	50,000	65,571	53,251
Province of Quebec 2.3% September 1,2029	30,000	30,349 335,309	26,418
Municipal Securities (0.5%)		333,309	274,189
Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia 2.5% April 19, 2026	30,000	28,407	28,244
Withitipal Finance Authority of British Columbia 2.3% April 13, 2020	30,000	28,407	28,244
Financial Institution Securities (3.1%)		20,107	20,211
Bank of Montreal 3.190% March 1,2028	10,000	9,993	9,146
Bank of Nova Scotia 3.100% February 2,2028	10,000	9,908	9,122
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 3.300% May 26,2025	10,000	10,345	9,654
CPPIB Capital Inc. 1.950% September 30,2029	100,000	99,621	85,963
Fortified Trust 1.964% October 23,2026	5,000	5,000	4,467
Fortified Trust 3.76% June 23,2025	5,000	5,000	4,820
Great-West Lifeco Inc. 6.670% March 21,2033	5,000	6,435	5,298
HSBC Bank Canada 3.403% March 24,2025	5,000	4,978	4,837
Manulife Bank of Canada 1.536% September 14, 2026	5,000	5,000	4,455
Royal Bank of Canada 3.369% September 29,2025	10,000	10,000	9,539
Toronto-Dominion Bank 3.226% July 24,2024	15,000	15,583	14,730
Wells Fargo & Company 3.184% February 8,2024	5,000	5,340	4,955
	•	187,203	166,986
Corporate Securities (1.5%)			
407 International Inc. 3.600% May 21,2047	5,000	4,819	3,827
Altalink LP 3.399% June 6,2024	5,000	5,098	4,930
Bell Canada 3.800% August 21,2028	5,000	4,903	4,609
Canadian National Railway 3.950% September 22,2045	5,000	5,133	4,075
Canadian National Resources Limited 3.550% June 3,2024	5,000	5,372	4,931
Enbridge Gas Inc. 3.510% November 29,2047	5,000	4,681	3,698
Greater Toronto Airports Authority 2.750% October 17,2039	5,000	4,993	3,641
Honda Canada Finance Inc. 2.500% June 4,2024	10,000	10,530	9,798
McDonald's Corporation 3.125% March 4,2025	5,000	4,887	4,830
NAV Canada 3.293% March 30,2048	5,000	4,839	3,687
Nestle Holdings Inc. 2.192% January 26, 2029	5,000	5,000	4,315
Rogers Communications Inc. 3.650% March 31,2027	5,000	5,585	4,647
Telus Corporation 3.750% March 10,2026	5,000	4,984	4,780
Toronto Hydro Corporation 2.52% 25 August, 2026	5,000	5,251	4,632
Toyota Credit Canada Inc. 2.11% February 26,2025	5,000	5,066	4,761
Transcanada Pipelines Ltd. 3.000% September 18,2029	5,000	4,985	4,300
TWDC Enterprises 18 Corporation 2.758% October 7,2024	5,000	4,896	4,858
Evehance Traded Funds (1 19/)		91,022	80,319
Exchange Traded Funds (1.1%)	447	22 400	20 456
BMO S&P 500 Index ETF iShares Core MSCLUS, Quality Dividend Index ETF	447 108	23,490	28,456 2.763
iShares Core MSCI U.S. Quality Dividend Index ETF iShares Core S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF	911	2,553 26,820	2,763 28,277
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Total Government Grants Invested		1,010,540	59,496 <b>862,304</b>
Total Government Grants invested		1,010,340	002,304
Total subscriber contributions and government grants invested (73.0%)		4,670,929	3,983,981
Cash (11.6%)		649,052	649,052
Cash equivalent (15.4%)		823,255	834,043
Total investment Portfolio (100.0%)		6,143,236	5,467,076
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Notes to the financial statements (unaudited)

September 30, 2023 and March 31, 2023 (All amounts in Canadian dollars)

## 1. Organization and general

Advanced Education Savings Plan (the "Plan") was established on January 27, 2016. Global Educational Trust Foundation (the "Foundation") is the sponsor of the Plan. The Foundation is a not-for-profit organization, incorporated without share capital, under the laws of Canada. The Foundation retained Global Growth Assets Inc. ("GGAI") as administrator and Investment Fund Manager of the Plan. The Plan's registered place of business is 100 Mural Street, Suite 201, Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4B 1J3.

The Plan provides post-secondary education financial assistance to beneficiaries named in the Educational Assistance Payment ("EAP") Contracts. The Foundation and GGAI are under common management and control.

The Foundation has had a specimen copy of the EAP Contract approved by the Canada Revenue Agency ("CRA") such that subscribers' EAP Contracts may be submitted to CRA on the subscriber's behalf by the Foundation for registration as Registered Education Savings Plans ("RESP"). A subscriber's plan is an education savings plan and not a RESP until the applicable conditions of the Income Tax Act (Canada) (the "ITA") are met and registered.

Subscribers to the Plan enter into EAP Contracts with the Foundation. Under an EAP Contract, the subscriber purchases units in the Plan. The subscriber authorizes the Foundation to deduct fees, as outlined in the prospectus, for the purpose of providing services to the Plan. At maturity, payments are made to the beneficiary after meeting the conditions as set out in the EAP Contract. Education assistance payments are paid from the income earned on the subscriber's contributions.

The Plan's financial statements were authorized for issuance by the Board of Directors of the Foundation and GGAI on November 13, 2023.

# 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern and historical cost basis, except for certain financial assets and liabilities which have been presented at fair value at the end of each reporting period as described below.

#### a) Recognition, measurement and classification of financial instruments

The Plan classifies its investments based on both the Plan's business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Plan is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions. The Plan has not taken the option to irrevocably designate any equity securities as fair value through other comprehensive income. The contractual cash flows of the Plan's debt securities are solely principal and interest, however, these securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the objectives of the Plan's business model. Consequently, all investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Notes to the financial statements (unaudited)

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### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### a) Recognition, measurement and classification of financial instruments (continued)

Regular purchases and sales of investments are recognized on the trade date – the date on which the Plan commits to purchase or sell the investment. Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognized at fair value.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are presented in the statements of comprehensive loss.

Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is recognized in the statements of comprehensive income within dividend income when the Plan's right to receive payments is established, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the dividend will flow to the Plan, and the amount of the dividend can be measured reliably. Interest on debt securities at fair value through profit or loss is recognized at the effective interest rate in the statements of comprehensive income.

Realized gains (losses) on disposal of investments and change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments of the related investments are recognized in the statements of comprehensive loss in the period when such gains (losses) occur. The change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments is accumulated as part of the net assets attributable to subscribers and beneficiaries but is not included in the payments to beneficiaries until such gains (losses) are realized on the disposal of investments.

#### b) Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is presented in the Statements of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. No amounts have been offset in the statements of financial position.

#### c) Impairment of financial assets

The financial assets and liabilities measured at amortized cost include cash; due from the Legacy Education Savings Plan and the Fund Manager; grants receivable; interest receivable; and accounts payable.

At each reporting date, the Plan measures the loss allowance on: due from the Legacy Education Savings Plan; grants receivable; and interest receivable, at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Plan measures the loss allowance at an amount equal to the 12 month expected credit losses. Given the short-term nature of the receivables and the high credit quality, the Plan has determined that the expected credit loss allowances are not material.

Notes to the financial statements (unaudited)

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(All amounts in Canadian dollars)

### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is classified as amortized cost as described above and cash equivalents are classified as FVTPL.

#### e) Income taxes

The Plan is exempt from income taxes under Section 146.1 of the ITA.

#### f) Net assets attributable to subscribers and beneficiaries

The Net Assets Attributable to Subscribers and Beneficiaries are a financial liability resulting from a unique contract and the Plan details the composition of this liability as a note to the financial statements, according to its use (whether for subscriber contributions, EAP account, government grants).

#### g) Subscriber contributions

Subscriber contributions reflect all amounts received from the subscribers and do not include any amounts receivable on subscribed units, as subscribers may terminate their plan at any time. As the contributions are due on demand, the amounts are recorded at face value in net assets attributable to subscribers and beneficiaries. The Foundation deducts account maintenance fees, special services fees, where applicable, and insurance premiums from contributions made by subscribers in accordance with the terms of the prospectus. Refer to Note 5 for further details.

#### h) Government grants

The Federal government encourages saving for post-secondary education by providing Canada Education Savings Grants ("CESG") on RESP contributions made subsequent to 1997 for children under 18 years of age. The maximum basic CESG per child is 20% of RESP contributions of up to \$2,500 (prior to 2007, it was based on \$2,000) made on behalf of each beneficiary in a year. Effective in 2004, additional CESG can be added based on up to the first \$500 of RESP yearly contributions at a rate of 10% or 20% when there is eligibility based on family net income. The maximum lifetime CESG is \$7,200; prior to 2007, it was \$7,000. Upon maturity of an EAP Contract and fulfillment of certain criteria established by the Federal government, the CESG contributions and accumulated investment income thereon will be added to EAPs made to qualified students.

Each child born on or after January 1, 2004 will be eligible for a Canada Learning Bond ("CLB") in each year that child's family is entitled to the National Child Benefit ("NCB") supplement, up to and including the year in which the child turns 15 years of age. CLB is \$500 in the first year of entitlement and \$100 in each subsequent year that the child remains eligible for NCB supplement until the year the child turns 15 years of age. Maximum CLB payments per child total up to \$2,000.

**Notes to the financial statements (unaudited)** 

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### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### h) Government grants (continued)

On March 26, 2015, the Alberta Government announced the closure of the Alberta Centennial Education Savings ("ACES") Plan Grant program and the last day to apply for the grant was July 31, 2015. For residents of Alberta, the program provided an initial ACES grant of \$500, which was paid into an RESP for every child born in Alberta on or after January 1, 2005. Additional grants of \$100 were paid into the RESPs of eligible beneficiaries when they turned 8, 11 and 14 in the year 2005 or later and (i) were attending school at that time; (ii) had a parent or guardian who was a resident of Alberta at the time of the application or at the time of the child's particular birthday; and (iii) had met minimum contribution levels required by the Government of Alberta.

For residents of Quebec, the provincial government provides the Quebec Education Savings Incentive ("QESI"), which applies to contributions made on or after February 21, 2007 into the RESP, where a child named as a beneficiary is a resident of Quebec. The basic credit is 10% of the net annual contribution to a maximum of \$250 per eligible beneficiary. The total lifetime maximum is \$3,600 per eligible beneficiary. Families within Quebec's annual income threshold may qualify up to 10% of the first \$500 in RESP contributions to a maximum of \$50 in QESI. Family income thresholds are indexed for inflation and will be revised annually by the Quebec Ministry of Revenue.

The Government of British Columbia since 2015 has introduced the new British Columbia Training and Education Savings Grant ("BCTESG") offered to each resident beneficiary born on or after January 1, 2007. After the beneficiary turns 6 years of age, the Province of British Columbia will deposit \$1,200 into the beneficiary's RESP. To qualify for the BCTESG, a subscriber must open the RESP and complete an application for the BCTESG within the following timeframes: (i) prior to August 15, 2018 for children born in 2007 and 2008, (ii) prior to August 15, 2018 for children born between January 1, 2009 and August 15, 2009 or (iii) prior to the beneficiary's ninth birthday for children born on or after August 16, 2009. The beneficiary and the custodial parent/legal guardian must be residents of British Columbia when applying for the BCTESG and the application must be made between the beneficiary's 6th and 9th birthday. No matching or additional contributions are required.

Government grants received by the Plan with respect to a beneficiary are invested by the Plan and will ultimately be paid out to the beneficiary when the beneficiary becomes entitled to receive EAP. Under various circumstances, including the case where a plan is cancelled by the subscriber, the grant must be repaid, and are accounted for as reductions of accumulated grants when repaid.

#### 3. Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make certain critical accounting estimates and use judgment that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

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# 3. Critical accounting estimates and judgements (continued)

The following discusses the most significant accounting judgements and estimates that the Plan has made in preparing the financial statements:

Classification and measurement of investments

In classifying and measuring financial instruments held by the Plan, the most significant judgment is the designation of the investment portfolio as at FVTPL. The classification provides reliable and more relevant information about the effects of transactions, the financial position and the Plan's cash flows.

#### 4. Related party transactions

- a. In consideration for administrative services received, the Plan pays the Investment Fund Manager (GGAI) administration fees of 2.35% per annum of the Plan's assets. During the period, GGAI has paid all of the expenses of the Plan. Such payments can be terminated by the Investment Fund Manager in any time without notice.
- b. The Plan's assets include \$39,137 (\$23,691 in March 31, 2023) receivable from Legacy Education Savings Plan for subscriber contributions and grants not yet allocated to the Plan and \$2,119 (\$645 in March 31, 2023) receivable from GGAI for bank charges.
- c. Special services fees paid from subscribers' contributions are remitted by the Foundation to GGAI. The fees principally relate to amounts charged for cheques returned and not honored.

#### 5. Subscriber contributions

The changes in the subscriber contributions for the period ended September 30, 2023, and year ended March 31, 2023, are as follows:

Balance, beginning year
Amount contributed by subscribers
Account maintenance fees
Insurance premiums
Special service fees
Return of subscriber contributions
Balance, end of period

2023	2023
\$	\$
4,241,786	4,310,372
240,894	526,096
_	(11,580)
(588)	(1,247)
(2,119)	(8,801)
(171,998)	(573,054)
4,307,975	4,241,786

Notes to the financial statements (unaudited)

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## 6. Capital risk management

The Plan's capital consists of the components of the net assets attributable to subscribers and beneficiaries as per the Statements of Financial Position. The Plan has obligations to return subscriber contributions upon maturity or termination as well as pay EAPs of investment income, grants and income on grants. The Plan endeavours to invest subscriber contributions and government grants received in appropriate investments while maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet subscribers' obligations.

#### 7. Fair value of financial instruments

Fair value measurements are classified in accordance within a fair value hierarchy (i.e. Level 1,2,3). Investments measured at fair value are classified in one of three fair value hierarchy levels, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The three fair value hierarchy levels are as follows:

Level 1 – Valuation based on bid prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and

Level 3 -Significant inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The following table presents the Plan's financial instruments measured at fair value classified using the fair value hierarchy:

				2023
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets measured at fair value as of September 30, 2023				
Cash equivalents		834,043	_	834,043
Equity securities	248,565	<u> </u>	_	248,565
Fixed income securities	_	3,735,416		3,735,416
	248,565	4,569,459		4,818,024
				2023
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	·	·	·	·
Assets measured at fair value as of March 31, 2023				
Cash equivalents	_	777,583	_	777,583
Equity securities	246,702	_	_	246,702
Fixed income securities	<u> </u>	3,985,116	_	3,985,116
	246,702	4.762.699	_	5,009,401

There were no financial instruments that were transferred into or out of any Levels during the period ended September 30, 2023 and March 31, 2023.

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#### 8. Risk management

In the normal course of operations the Plan may be exposed to a variety of risks arising from financial instruments. The Plan's exposures to such risks are concentrated in its investment holdings and are liquidity risk, market risk (which includes interest rate risk, other price risk, and currency risk), and credit risk.

The Plan's risk management process includes monitoring compliance with the Plan's investment policy as outlined in the Plan's prospectus. The Plan manages the effects of these financial risks to the Plan portfolio performance by retaining and overseeing professional external portfolio advisors. The portfolio advisors regularly monitor the Plan's positions, market events and manage the investment portfolio within the constraints of the investment policy.

#### (a) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Plan may not be able to meet its obligations on time. In mitigation of these risks, the Plan retains sufficient cash and cash equivalent positions and primarily invests in securities that are traded in active markets and can be readily disposed to meet expected cash requirements. The Plan's exposure to liquidity risk is concentrated in principal repayment to subscribers and payments of EAPs. Other financial liabilities are all due within one month.

#### b) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices could affect the Plan's income or the value of the investment holdings. The Plan's portfolio advisors attempt to mitigate this risk by periodically reviewing the market conditions and the performance of the portfolio and by making necessary changes to the portfolio in accordance with the Plan's investment objectives. Management has identified three main market risk factors: interest rate risk related to the fixed income portfolio, price risk related to the equity securities and currency risk related to changes in foreign exchange rates due to ETFs listed on the Canadian marketplace with underlying exposure to US equities.

#### (i) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk of a decrease in the Plan's yield on interest-bearing investments as a result of fluctuations in market interest rates. There is an inverse relationship between changes in interest rates and changes in the fair value of fixed income securities. This risk is actively managed using duration, yield curve analysis, sector and credit selection. There is reduced risk to interest rate changes for cash and short-term investments due to their short-term nature.

The table below summarizes the Plan's exposure to interest rate risks by remaining term to maturity as at September 30, 2023 and March 31, 2023:

2023 %	2023 %
22.3	16.6
24.7	15.5
2.7	11.1
50.3	56.8
100.0	100.0

As at September 30, 2023, management estimates that if prevailing interest rates had increased or decreased by 1% the total investment portfolio value would decrease by approximately \$268,900 (\$324,200 in March 31 2023). This 1% change assumes a parallel shift in the yield curve along with all other variables held constant. In practice, the actual trading results may differ materially.

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### 8. Risk management (continued)

#### b) Market risk (continued)

#### (ii) Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, other than those arising from interest rate risk. The asset class that is most impacted by other price risks is the equity investments in exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") which represent 5.1% (4.9% in March 31, 2023) of the portfolio. The risk is managed by security selection and active management by external managers within approved investment policies and manager mandates.

As at September 30, 2023, if underlying indices prices had increased or decreased by 1% with all other variables held constant, the portfolio amount would have increased or decreased by approximately \$1,975 (\$1,938 in March 31, 2023). In practice, the actual trading results may differ materially.

#### (iii) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Plan holds ETFs listed on the Canadian marketplace with underlying exposure to US equities denominated in \$US, which represent 2.67% (2.47% in March 31,2023) of the Total Investment Plan. The fair value of the Total Investment Plan would increase or decrease by approximately \$1,304 (\$1,251 in March 31, 2023) in response to a 1% depreciation or appreciation of the Canadian dollar currency exchange rate. In practice, the actual change may differ materially.

# c) Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the ability of the issuer of debt securities to make interest payments and repay principal and sector risk relates to the exposure to changes in a particular industrial, commercial or service sector by virtue of concentration. The Plan's portfolio comprises bonds issued or guaranteed by federal and provincial governments along with Canadian financial institutions and corporate debt instruments which constitute its most significant exposure to credit risk.

The debt securities are invested according to the standard investment restrictions and practices in National Policy 15 of the Canadian Securities Administrators. The Plan has a concentration of investments in Canadian Government and Provincial Government guaranteed bonds, which are considered by management to be high credit quality investments thereby moderating its credit risk. All of the Plan's fixed-income securities are exposed to credit risk.

As at September 30, 2023 and March 31, 2023, the Plan's credit exposure to long term debt instruments is as follows:

Bond Ratings AAAH/AAA/AAH/AAL AA/AH/A/AL BBB/BB/BBBH/BBBL

September 30, 2023 %	March 31, 2023 %
86.9	87.0
11.0	10.7
2.1	2.3
100.0	100.0

Dominion Bond Rating Service was the primary source for obtaining credit ratings. Secondary sources used include Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poor's.

#### 9. Ontario Securities Commission

On March 10, 2020, GGAI, GRESP and Sam Bouji, sole shareholder of GGAI and GRESP, entered into a settlement agreement (referred to as the agreement, settlement agreement, or the Order) with the OSC, which, among other conditions, included the following:

- GRESP shall commence the process to surrender its registration as a scholarship plan dealer and consented to the immediate suspension of its registration pending surrender and provided Staff with a signed consent to this effect;
- (ii) GGAI opened a bank account in its name, for the exclusive purpose of compensating the Underpaid Beneficiaries as described in the settlement agreement, to be held separate and apart from GGAI's own property and held by a Canadian financial institution in a designated trust account in trust for the Underpaid Beneficiaries (the Special Purpose Account); and
- (iii) Mr. Bouji paid the amount of \$190,000 to the OSC on account of costs ordered in the agreement.

GGAI shall not act as investment fund manager for any investment fund other than GIF and the Global Plans (LESP and AESP). GGAI is also prohibited from distributing units in the Global Plans with certain exceptions as noted within the Order.

Until GRESP and GGAI complete all payments to the Special Purpose Account to the satisfaction of the OSC Manager, GGAI shall not, without the prior written consent of Staff:

- (i) Reduce its capital in any manner including by redemption, re- purchase or cancellation of any of its shares;
- (ii) Reduce or repay any indebtedness to any director, officer, partner, shareholder, related company, affiliate or associate, or any other indebtedness which has been subordinated; or
- (iii) Directly or indirectly, make any payments by way of loan, advance, bonus, dividend, repayment of capital or other distribution of assets to any director, officer, partner, shareholder, related company, affiliate or associate.
- (iv) The above conditions have been met and capital controls no longer apply as of March 31, 2023

Subject to any applicable unclaimed property legislation, in the event that GGAI has used all reasonable efforts but has not been successful in locating one or more of the Underpaid Beneficiaries after five years from the date of the Order, the total amounts owing to such beneficiaries shall be donated to the charity Pathways to Education.