

Well-Paid Bureaucrats

Five years ago, we divided the total Ontario students in 1997 by the number of school board employees earning \$100,000+ in 1998. This year, we repeated the exercise, using total enrolment in 2001 and number of WPB's in 2003. Although total enrolment increased by only about 2.5% over the four-year period, the number of WPB's more than doubled – rising from 377 in 1997 to 779 five years later. While there were roughly 5,550 students per well-paid bureaucrat (WPB) in 97/98, this time there were only about 2765 students per WPB. The boards are ranked from worst to best: Kenora CDSB has most WPB's per student; Bluewater DSB, with no WPB's, has least. (All Ontario school boards are included in the calculations but, due to space constraints, only the major Anglophone boards are shown.)

School Board	Enrol Change	WPB Change	Kids/ WPBs
Kenora CDSB	+120	+1	664
Superior North CDSB	-247	0	935
Northeastern CDSB	NA	+3	1027
Superior-Greenstone DSB	-857	+2	1064
Rainy River DSB	-204	+2	1227
Keewatin-Patricia DSB	-1053	+4	1283
Algoma DSB	-2656	+5	1311
Bruce-Grey CDSB	NA	+3	1332
Ontario North East DSB	-1783	+3	1355
Northwest CDSB	+1560	+1	1541
Trillium Lakelands DSB	+113	+12	1604
Wellington CDSB	+822	+3	1664
Huron-Perth CDSB	+139	+2	1746
Renfrew County CDSB	-46	+2	1829
St. Clair CDSB	-863	+2	1878
Niagara DSB	+1100	+19	1905
York CDSB	+5398	+15	1975
Nipissing-Parry Sound CDSB	-29	-1	1999
York Region DSB	+17107	+30	2010
Toronto DSB	-5235	+67	2122
Dufferin-Peel CDSB	+7116	+24	2201
Simcoe Muskoka CDSB	+3324	+6	2209
Brant Haldimand-Norfolk CDSB	NA	+5	2242
Waterloo Region DSB	+4023	+19	2276
Halton CDSB	+2975	+6	2296
Huron-Superior CDSB	-292	+2	2540
Halton DSB	+2013	+12	2562
Sundbury CDSB	NA	+3	2657
Ottawa Carleton DSB	+2729	+23	2669
PROVINCE	+55,000	+402	2765
Grand Erie DSB	-1133	+10	2735
London CDSB	+251	+1	2837
Thunder Bay CDSB	-187	0	2895

Rainbow DSB	-1757	+3	2944
Peter Vic N C CDSB	+1853	+4	2974
Lakehead DSB	-1673	+1	2974
Eastern Ontario CDSB	+1809	+2	2982
Renfrew County DSB	-967	0	3150
Ottawa-Carleton CDSB	+3146	+7	3192
Waterloo CDSB	+751	+6	3470
Hastings & PE DSB	-1214	+5	3478
Algonquin & Lakeshore CDSB	+706	+3	3499
Upper Canada DSB	-2036	+2	3518
Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB	-286	+3	3601
Greater Essex County DSB	+2317	+1	3653
Hamilton Wentworth CDSB	+2389	+5	3825
Upper Grand DSB	+769	+8	3875
Toronto CDSB	-2784	+7	4067
Avon Maitland DSB	-737	+3	4161
Lambton Kent DSB	-3087	-2	4284
Durham CDSB	+949	0	4440
Hamilton-Wentworth DSB	+423	+12	4597
Durham DSB	+1448	+5	4796
Near North DSB	-1805	+1	4799
Niagara CDSB	+829	-1	5005
Limestone DSB	-1050	-2	5094
Simcoe County DSB	+6098	+9	5128
Peel DSB	+21781	+11	5184
Thames Valley DSB	+603	+1	5807
Windsor-Essex CDSB	+532	-2	7080
Bluewater DSB	-1794	-1	NA