

# A HUGE STEP Forward



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As American anthropologist, Margaret Mead, once said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

Well, “change the world” may sometimes be an overstatement, but without a doubt our small group of thoughtful, committed VHA families have certainly made their mark.

Just about one year ago, we set out on an ambitious adventure with some very ambitious goals. After many one-year-at-a-time lease extensions, VHA was finally able to secure an eight-year lease from the Vancouver School Board, with approval to replace the portables and improve the rest of the school.

Of course, a renovation project on this scale would cost a lot of money, \$2.5 million, in fact. Well, our small group of thoughtful, committed volunteers took to the streets, and so far have secured pledges in excess of \$2.4 million ... over 95% of our goal! We still have a distance to go, but we can see the finish line.

As you can imagine, this project requires several concurrent courses of action. While we have been fundraising, another committee has been working with our project manager and architect to design the new campus and apply for a development permit from the City of Vancouver. And, while the city’s process is notoriously long



and drawn-out, we are getting closer to our goal every day.

But perhaps the most exciting news to share is VHA’s growth in enrolment. The past several years had seen a gradual decline, but this year we are happy to report an increase of more than ten percent. This success is due largely to the efforts of our marketing committee and our parent ambassadors.

All of this progress, of course, is built on the reputation of our exceptional Judaic Studies program, our top-ranked General Studies program, and our strong focus on Middot/Character, (our Middot Minders are the talk of the town)!

So, this year has been marked by exceptional progress on every front, and your board of directors will continue to plan and work for success and will be sharing more good news in the coming months.

Thank you for partnering with us.

Yours truly,

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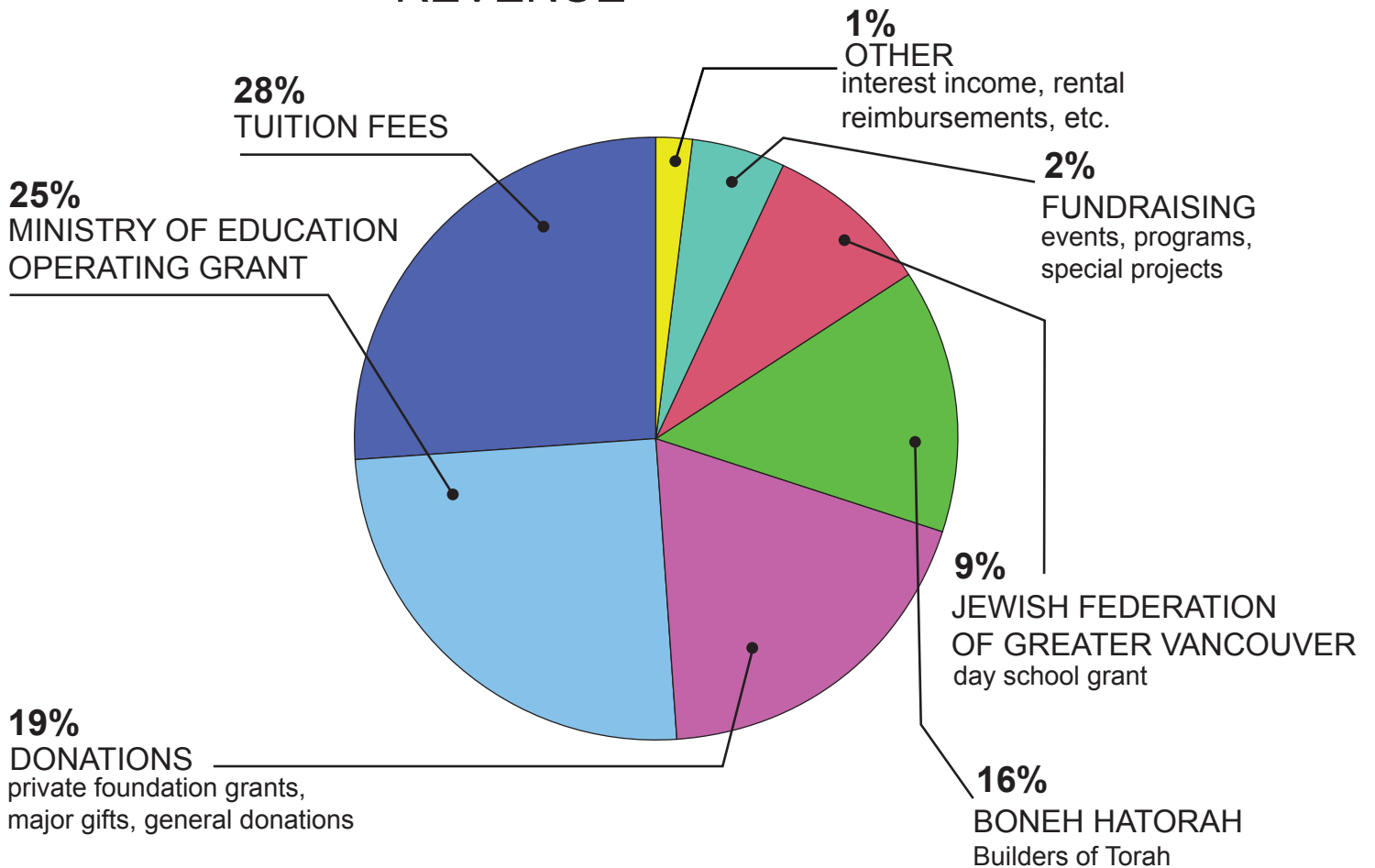
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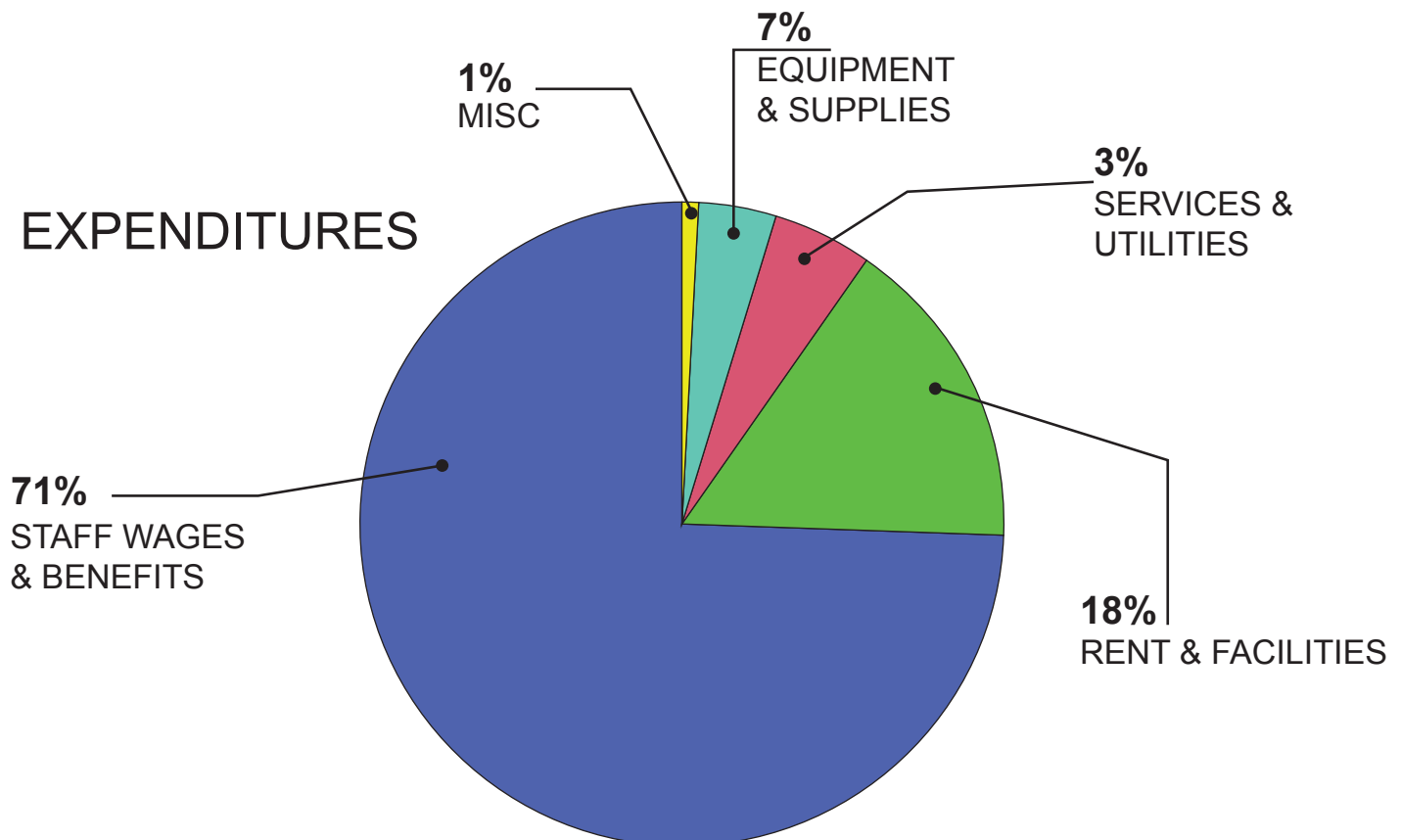
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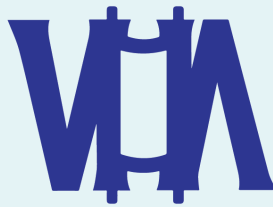
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