



NEWS RELEASE

Monday, June 2, 2003

CKLAG REPORT SHOWS ANNUAL SAVINGS OF \$1.9 MILLION

In the Annual Report for 2002 the Chatham-Kent Lambton Administrators Group (CKLAG) outlines its collaborative efforts, which have resulted in estimated savings of over **\$1.9 million dollars**. Under the leadership of the CEO's and CAO's of CKLAG, and the administrators who form the sub-committees, several major initiatives have resulted in substantial savings to the taxpayers and residents of this geographical area of Chatham-Kent and Lambton-Sarnia. .

The CKLAG consortium was initiated in 1998, following the amalgamation of the Lambton school boards with their counterparts in Chatham-Kent, providing an opportunity to merge the former Lambton Administrators Group (LAG) with the Kent Area Administrators Group (KAAG). Their combined purchasing power is used as a lever to negotiate the best prices, whether that be in consumables, services, benefit packages or banking arrangements.

Current members of CKLAG include the Lambton Kent District School Board, St. Clair Catholic District School Board, Municipality of Chatham-Kent, City of Sarnia, County of Lambton, Lambton Hospitals Group, Chatham-Kent Health Alliance, St. Clair College – Chatham-Kent Campus and Lambton College, as well as associate members.

For more information about CKLAG, view the web-site at **www.cklag.org**, or contact:

Paul De Sadeleer, Chair – CKLAG	Erie Ann Lernout
Director of Education	CKLAG Executive Coordinator
Lambton Kent District School Board	(519) 352-4237
(519) 336-1500, Ext. 297, 1-800-754-7125	e-mail: elernout@netrover.com