



Grand Erie District School Board

TO: JoAnna Roberto, Ph. D., Director of Education & Secretary of the Board
FROM: Rafal Wyszynski, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer
RE: **Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF) Spending Report**
DATE: November 11, 2024

Background

The Ministry of Education provides funding through the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) that is dedicated for school boards to further improve educational opportunities for students from rural communities. Funding is allocated to school boards based on the number of rural students and two factors measuring the density of rural student enrolment in the board.

School boards must use the funding for rural education based on local needs and report publicly on how the funding is used, such as:

- Improving programming and support services in rural schools
- Continuing the operation of rural schools; or
- Enhancing student transportation options such as late bus runs and mobile e-learning through tablets or Wi-Fi.

School boards must utilize the funding allocated using a preliminary school list from the Ministry of Education. The list is comprised of schools in which at least half of their students are from rural communities. School boards are required to publicly post details of RNEF expenditures as well as those schools in which RNEF funding was spent. The report that will be posted is attached as Appendix A.

Grand Erie District School Board (Grand Erie) had unspent funds of \$1,561,882 from 2022-23 and received \$705,162 for the 2023-24 school year. Grand Erie utilized \$1,901,244 of these funds and the unspent funds, totaling \$365,800, will be deferred to support eligible expenses for rural schools in the 2024-25 school year. The table below summarizes how Grand Erie utilized this funding for the 2023-24 school year.

Description	Budget	Actual	Variance
To support maintenance and operation costs at Grand Erie's rural schools.	\$2,169,987	\$1,814,180	\$355,807
Distribution to all schools on Ministry of Education list			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support schools in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Field trips (\$6,461) ○ Investment in Technology (\$11,818) ○ Programming (\$12,079) ○ Improving Support Services (\$5,018) ○ Transportation (\$51,688) 	\$97,057	\$87,064	\$9,993
Total Allocated	\$2,267,044	\$1,901,244	\$365,800

Respectfully submitted,

Rafal Wyszynski
 Superintendent of Business & Treasurer



Appendix A

RNEF Report on Grand Erie Website

RURAL AND NORTHERN EDUCATION FUND (RNEF) SPENDING REPORT

In June 2017, the Ministry of Education announced new funding, through the Grants for Student Needs (GSN), dedicated for school boards to further improve educational opportunities for students from rural communities.

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RNEF Spending by School

ELEMENTARY	
Bloomsburg Public School	\$ 2,451
Boston Public School	\$ 2,472
Burford District Elementary School	\$ 1,872
Caledonia Centennial Public School	\$ 2,137
Courtland Public School	\$ 2,289
Delhi Public School	\$ 2,446
Glen Morris Central Public School	\$ 3,057
Hagersville Elementary School	\$ 2,573
Houghton Public School	\$ 2,337
J. L. Mitchener Public School	\$ 2,649
Jarvis Public School	\$ 2,615
Lakewood Elementary School	\$ 2,149
Langton Public School	\$ 2,283
Mapleview Elementary School	\$ 2,729
Mt. Pleasant School	\$ 2,319
Oakland-Scotland Public School	\$ 2,237
Oneida Central Public School	\$ 1,854
Onondaga-Brant Public School	\$ 2,419
Port Rowan Public School	\$ 2,378
Rainham Central School	\$ 2,500
River Heights School	\$ 429
Seneca Central Public School	\$ 3,267
St George-German Public School	\$ 2,722
Teeterville Public School	\$ 2,153
Thompson Creek Elementary School	\$ 1,989
Walpole North Elementary School	\$ 2,438
Walsh Public School	\$ 1,636
Waterford Public School	\$ 2,425
TOTAL	\$ 64,824

SECONDARY	
Cayuga Secondary School	\$ 2,891
Delhi District Secondary School	\$ 2,625
Dunnville Secondary School	\$ 3,529
Hagersville Secondary School	\$ 3,246
McKinnon Park Secondary School	\$ 3,185
Simcoe Composite School	\$ 3,205
Valley Heights Secondary School	\$ 824
Waterford District High School	\$ 2,735
TOTAL	\$ 22,239