



Grand Erie District School Board

TO: JoAnna Roberto, Ph. D., Director of Education & Secretary
FROM: Rafal Wyszynski, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer
RE: **Rural and Northern Education Fund Spending (RNEF) Report**
DATE: November 21, 2022

Background

The Ministry provides funding, through the Grants for Student Needs (GSN), dedicated for school boards to further improve educational opportunities for students from rural communities. Funding was 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.

Schools must utilize the funding allocated to the Board using a preliminary school list from the Ministry. The list is comprised of schools in which at least half of their students are from rural communities.

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 had unspent funds of \$1,120,015 from 2020-21 and received \$630,091 for the 2021-22 school year. Grand Erie only utilized \$196,198 of these funds and the unspent funds, totaling \$1,553,908, will be deferred to support eligible expenses for rural schools in the 2022-23 school year.

Additional Information

The information below summarizes how the Grand Erie District School Board utilized this funding for the 2021-22 school year.

Description	Budget	Actual	Variance
To support maintenance and operation costs at Grand Erie DSB's rural schools. / To support COVID-19 expenses for rural schools.	\$1,530,101	\$11,415	\$1,518,686
Distribution to all schools on Ministry list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support schools in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Field trips (\$42,805) ○ Investment in technology (\$15,688) ○ Programming (\$15,575) ○ Improving Support Services (\$2,033) 	\$100,000	\$76,101	\$23,899
Lab Refresh	\$120,005	\$108,682	\$11,323
Total Allocated	\$1,750,106	\$196,198	\$1,553,908

Respectfully submitted,

Rafal Wyszynski
 Superintendent of Business & Treasurer

Appendix A

RNEF Report on Grand Erie Website

RURAL AND NORTHERN EDUCATION FUND SPENDING REPORT

In June 2017, the Ministry 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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ELEMENTARY	
Bloomsburg Public School	3,345
Boston Public School	2,843
Burford District ES	1,987
Caledonia Centennial	1,655
Courtland Public School	2,431
Delhi Public School	2,385
Glen Morris Central PS	927
Hagersville Elementary School	2,078
Houghton Public School	2,469
J L Mitchener	2,608
Jarvis Public School	2,378
Lakewood ES	1,648
Langton PS	2,835
Mount Pleasant Public School	2,315
Oneida Central Public School	2,466
Onondaga-Brant	2,344
Port Rowan PS	2,374
Rainham Central	2,044
River Heights	2,047
Seneca Central Public School	3,274
St George-German	2,689
Teeterville Public School	1,992
Thompson Creek	1,944
Walpole North ES	1,251
Walsh PS	1,800
Waterford Public School	1,635
TOTAL	57,762

SECONDARY	
Cayuga SS	3,161
Delhi District SS	166
Dunnville SS	2,479
Hagersville SS	3,387
McKinnon Park SS	1,972
Simcoe Comp SS	1,832
Valley Heights SS	1,668
Waterford DHS	3,674

TOTAL	18,339
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LAB REFRESH	
Waterford DHS	13,313
Valley Heights SS	11,982
Cayuga SS	21,524
Dunnville SS	11,316
Hagersville SS	25,740
McKinnon Park SS	24,807

TOTAL	108,682
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