



# 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 13, 2023

## 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 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.

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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 \$1,553,908 from 2021-22 and received \$633,490 for the 2022-23 school year. Grand Erie only utilized \$625,516 of these funds and the unspent funds, totaling \$1,561,882, will be deferred to support eligible expenses for rural schools in the 2023-24 school year.

## Additional Information

The information below summarizes how the Grand Erie District School Board utilized this funding for the 2022-23 school year.

Description	Budget	Actual	Variance
To support maintenance and operation costs at Grand Erie DSB's rural schools.	\$1,553,908	\$0	\$1,553,908
Distribution to all schools on Ministry list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support schools in:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Field trips (\$11,069)</li> <li>○ Investment in technology (\$15,823)</li> <li>○ Programming (\$558,711)</li> <li>○ Improving Support Services (\$39,913)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	\$633,490	\$625,516	\$7,974
<b>Total Allocated</b>	<b>\$2,187,398</b>	<b>\$625,516</b>	<b>\$1,561,882</b>

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	1,958
Boston Public School	2,461
Burford District Elementary School	2,768
Caledonia Centennial Public School	1,880
Courtland Public School	2,371
Delhi Public School	2,235
Glen Morris Central Public School	3,334
Hagersville Elementary School	2,314
Houghton Public School	1,896
J. L. Mitchener Public School	2,671
Jarvis Public School	2,207
Lakewood Elementary School	2,174
Langton School	1,124
Mt. Pleasant School	2,485
Oakland-Scotland Public School	3,376
Oneida Central Public School	1,931
Onondaga-Brant Public School	2,377
Port Rowan Public School	2,246
Rainham Central School	2,496
River Heights School	500
Seneca Central Public School	3,009
St. George-German Public School	1,611
Teeterville Public School	2,154
Walpole North Elementary School	2,438
Walsh Public School	1,011
Waterford Public School	1,805
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56,831</b>

SECONDARY	
Cayuga Secondary School	2,841
Delhi District Secondary School	2,978
Dunnville Secondary School	3,181
Hagersville Secondary School	3,338
McKinnon Park Secondary School	3,324
Simcoe Composite School	3,169
Valley Heights Secondary School	3,391
Waterford District High School	1,970
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,191</b>

CLASSROOM TEACHERS	
Cayuga Secondary School	127,563
Delhi District Secondary School	52,116
Dunnville Secondary School	104,233
Paris District High School	34,744
Valley Heights Secondary School	104,233
Waterford District High School	52,117
e-Learning	69,489
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>544,495</b>