



RURAL AND NORTHERN EDUCATION FUND (RNEF) SPENDING REPORT 2020-21

In June 2017, the Ministry announced new funding effective September 2017, through the Grants for Student Needs (GSN), dedicated for school boards to further improve education 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 school boards.

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 are to utilize the funding allocated to their Board based on 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.

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board received an in-year allocation of \$246,254, of which \$191,541 was spent; therefore, deferring \$54,713. Funding was spent on improving programming and support services in rural schools.

Our Lady of Fatima	\$ 136,457
St. Michael's (Dunnville)	\$ 55,084
Total	\$ 191,541

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