

Rural and Northern Education Funding

On June 28, 2017 (Memo 2017:B09), the Ministry of Education announced a Rural and Northern Education supplement of \$20 million as an enhancement of the Grants for Student Needs (GSN). This was part of a plan to strengthen rural and northern education.

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 online learning through tablets or Wi-Fi.

School boards are to utilize the funding allocated to the Board based on a preliminary school list from the Ministry. The list is comprised of schools in which at least half of the 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.

Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board utilized 2021-22 in-year funding of \$99,437. This funding was utilized to improve programming and support services in rural schools.

Elementary School	Total
Holy Name Catholic Elementary School	\$6,758
Our Lady of Annunciation Catholic Elementary School	\$3,218
St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School	\$4,827
St. John the Baptist Catholic Elementary School	\$3,862
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Elementary School	\$4,505
St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School	\$36,525
St. Mary Catholic Elementary School	\$3,218
St. William Catholic Elementary School	\$36,524
Total	\$99,437