



Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF)

For the 2017-2018 school year, the Ministry of Education invested an additional \$20 million through the Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF) as an enhancement to the Grants for Student Needs (GSN). The funding is to improve education for students from rural communities and is based on local needs. This funding can be used for:

- Improving programming and support services in rural schools;
- Continuing the operation of rural schools; or
- Enhancing student transportation

RCDSB received \$441,002 to improve education in our rural schools. The funds the Board received were allocated to provide support in the following areas:

Improving Programming and Support Services - \$381,000

Central Public School, MacKenzie Community School (secondary), Madawaska Valley District High School, Opeongo District High School, Renfrew Collegiate Intermediate School, and Whitney Public School received funding for the purpose of staffing to support improved programming.

Enhancing Student Transportation - \$60,002

This portion of the RNEF was distributed between Admaston Public School, Beachburg Public School, Central Public School, MacKenzie Community School (secondary), Madawaska Valley District High School, McNab Public School, Opeongo District High School, Palmer Rapids Public School, Pine View Public School, Queen Elizabeth Public School, Renfrew Collegiate Intermediate School, Rockwood Public School, Sherwood public School, and Whitney Public School to supplement student transportation for program enrichment.