



Grand Erie District School Board

TO: JoAnna Roberto, Ph. D., Director of Education, CEO & Secretary of the Board
FROM: Rafal Wyszynski, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer
RE: **Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF) Spending Report**
DATE: November 10, 2025

Background

The Ministry of Education provides an allocation to school boards through its Core Education Funding that is dedicated 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 (2) 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.

School boards must utilize the funding allocated using a preliminary school list from the Ministry of Education. The list is comprised of schools in which at least half of their students are from rural communities. School 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 (Grand Erie) had unspent funds of \$365,800 from 2023-24 and received \$573,358 for the 2024-25 school year. Grand Erie utilized all \$939,158 of the available funds with no deferral into 2025-26. The table below summarizes how Grand Erie utilized this funding for the 2024-25 school year.

Description	Budget	Actual	Variance
To support maintenance and operation costs at Grand Erie's rural schools.	\$839,158	\$855,614	(\$16,456)
Distribution to all schools on Ministry of Education list			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support schools in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Field trips (\$3,705) ○ Investment in Technology (\$11,235) ○ Programming (\$30,277) ○ Improving Support Services (\$891) ○ Transportation (\$37,435) 	\$100,000	\$83,544	\$16,456
Total Allocated	\$939,158	\$939,158	\$0

Grand Erie Multi-Year Plan

This report is connected to all priorities: Learning, Well-being, and Belonging.

Respectfully submitted,

Rafal Wyszynski
Superintendent of Business & Treasurer

Appendix A

RNEF Report on Grand Erie Website

RURAL AND NORTHERN EDUCATION FUND (RNEF) SPENDING REPORT

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- \$855,614 was spent on supporting maintenance and operation costs at Grand Erie's rural schools.
- \$83,544 was spent by schools to support programming, transportation, and technology. A detailed list is provided in the tables on page 4 of the report.

