

The Rural Northern Education Fund (RNEF) is dedicated funding to improve education for students in rural and northern communities. Funding is allocated to school boards based on the number of rural students in the school board.

School boards may use the funding for rural education based on local needs, such as the following:

- improving programming and support services in rural schools (e.g. French immersion, arts education and guidance counselling)
- continuing the operation of rural schools
- enhancing student transportation options such as late bus runs and mobile online learning through tablets or Wi-Fi

During 2024-2025, the Near North District School Board invested RNEF funding towards:

- Enhanced transportation – late/team bussing - \$64,038
- Improved programming –literacy supports, technical education, elimination of triple or quadruple grade classrooms - \$1,226,845

Schools benefiting from these investments:

Almaguin Highlands Secondary School	\$333,500
Parry Sound High School	\$416,178
Northern Secondary School	\$61,700
FJ McElligott Secondary School	\$92,678
Phelps Public School	\$4,037
Argyle Public School	\$119,622
Mactier Public School	\$119,622
South River	\$71,773
Land of Lakes	\$71,773