## **Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF)**

The Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF) allocation is dedicated funding to further improve education for students from rural and northern communities based on local needs.

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. The following schools within the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board (HPCDSB) were eligible for RNEF Funding:

Holy Name of Mary School, St. Marys

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Dashwood

Precious Blood, Exeter

Sacred Heart, Wingham

St James, Seaforth

St. Anne's Catholic Secondary, Clinton

St. Boniface, Zurich

St. Columban School, St. Columban

St. Joseph's, Clinton

St. Mary's, Listowel

St. Mary's, Goderich

St. Patrick's, Dubin

St. Patrick's, Kinkora

In 2019-20, the HPCDSB spent \$445,713 of RNEF to improve education in our rural schools. The funds the Board received were allocated to provide additional supports to all eligible schools in at least one of the following areas:

Category	Description	Amount
Improved Hardware Availability	WIFI Switches	\$127,417
Improved Hardware Availability	Chromebook Replacement	\$190,229
Improved Programming or Staff Supports for Students	Literacy Teacher (1.2)	\$128,067

