



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

For the 2017-18 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 the funding is based on local needs and can be used for:

- 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 through Wi-Fi.

The ALCDSB received \$339,237 to improve education in our rural schools. The funds the Board received were allocated to provide supports in the following areas:

### **Programming – three teaching staff**

Three schools, St. Carthagh Catholic School, Tweed; Sacred Heart Catholic School, Marmora and Holy Name Catholic School, Kingston were staffed accordingly to minimize triple grades and larger class sizes.

### **Support Services – .9 secretarial staff**

Two elementary schools, Holy Name of Mary Catholic School, Marysville and St. Mary Catholic School, Read were staffed with an increased in their secretarial allocation to enhance support to the school, including the safe arrival program. St. Theresa Catholic Secondary School, Belleville received an increase in their secretarial allocation to enhance support to students and teachers.