

**RENFREW COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
2005 - 2006 BUDGET**

**A DISTANT SCHOOL and RURAL SCHOOL GRANTS**

**Distant School Grant (formerly Small Schools Grant):**

On September 2, 2003 the Ministry of Education provided funding through the Rural Education Strategy to help school boards ensure quality education and student success in remote, rural and northern schools. This new funding replaced the old Small Schools allocation with a new Distant Schools allocation. The new allocation uses criteria of distance and enrolment to reflect different levels of need among eligible schools.

A "distant elementary school" is an elementary school that is located at least 8 kilometres by road from every other elementary school of the board. A "distant secondary school" is a secondary school that is located at least 32 kilometres by road from every other secondary school of the board.

**Rural School Grant (formerly Good Schools Grant):**

**2004/05** -- On September 22, 2004 the Ministry of Education provided funding through the Good Schools Open Initiative totalling \$520,016 for 2004-05.

Funding is provided for rural schools that are located in areas defined as "rural" by Statistics Canada

In 2004/05 this funding provided for 93% of the amount needed for a full time principal and secretary at each rural school. Boards are permitted flexibility to use these funds in ways that they believe are appropriate to strengthen programs and services

**2005/06** -- This grant, formerly named Good Schools Open, has been renamed Rural Schools Grant and now provides for 100% of the amount needed for a full time principal and secretary at each rural school. Boards are permitted flexibility to use these fund

<b>1. <u>DISTANT SCHOOL AND RURAL ALLOCATIONS</u></b>	<b><u>KM</u></b>	
McNab	13	\$ 38,346
Calabogie	27	315,967
Admaston		66,964
Cobden	14	59,640
Eganville	22	151,148
Opeongo High School		98,260
Pine View		53,763
Beachburg	12	112,323
Rockwood		10,461
Westmeath	12	102,332
Morison	25	294,098
Keys	25	80,214
Mackenzie High School	33	256,519
Killaloe	25	249,625
Palmer Rapids	30	232,929
Sherwood	25	186,293
Madawaska Valley District High School	63	116,803
<b>DISTANT SCHOOL AND RURAL SCHOOL ALLOCATIONS</b>		<b>2,425,685</b>
<b>2. Ministry Reallocation of Distant School Grant to Primary Class Size Grant (New 2005/06)</b>		<b>(121,599)</b>
<b>3. TOTAL ALLOCATION 2005/06</b>		<b>2,304,086</b>

**B. DISTANT SCHOOL and RURAL SCHOOL EXPENDITURES**

The Board has incurred additional expenditures for these distant schools which include supports for additional teachers, increased adult presence in the form of additional principals and vice-principals, and additional secretaries and to meet the operational costs of distant schools (utilities, custodial staff, supplies and regular maintenance).

The increase in administration and secretarial staffing enhances the safety and security of students by improving supervision within the school. In the elementary schools the increase in teaching staff reduces the incidence of triple grades and allows for more individual student contact time with the teacher. At the secondary level, the increase in staffing allows sections to be offered that otherwise would be unavailable due to the size of the school. More sections reduce class size and the incidence of combined courses.

ADDITIONAL COSTS OF OPERATING DISTANT SCHOOLS

Additional Staffing above Ministry Foundation Formula	\$ 2,553,199
Additional School Principals and Vice-Principals	
Additional School Secretaries	
Additional Teachers	
Additional Costs of Operating Distant School Buildings (Utilities, Custodial, Maintenance)	\$ 507,754
	<u>\$ 3,060,953</u>

**C. EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF MINISTRY FUNDING** \$ 756,867