



Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board

Rural Education Strategy Report

2003-2004



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In August 2003 the Ministry of Education, in response to the Education Equality Task Force, 2002 report and Dr. Downey's report of Rural Education Strategy, unveiled Ontario's new Rural Education Strategy which responds directly to the needs of small and distant schools in rural and northern communities. The funding under the Rural Education Strategy is designed to help ensure that school boards have the resources they need to provide a high-quality and safe learning environment in their small rural and distant schools.

Through the new strategy, a total of \$119 million was allocated in the 2003-2004 school year - \$69 million in annual funding previously allocated to small schools and \$50 million in new funding announced in March 2003. The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board received a Distant School Allocation of approximately \$1,020,793 under the new Rural Education Strategy which resulted in \$438,212 in additional funding as compared to the previous Small Schools Grant.

The funding approach under the Rural Education Strategy identifies eligible schools for each district school board, based on distance from other schools in the same panel of the board.



A “distant elementary school” is located 8 or more kilometres by road from all other elementary schools of the board. A “distant secondary school” is located at least 32 kilometres by road from other secondary schools of the board. Based on the above definitions of distant schools, the following Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board schools are deemed to be eligible schools under the Rural Education Strategy:

Elementary

St. Patrick’s, Kinkora

St. Mary’s, Hesson

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Mt. Carmel

St. Mary’s, Goderich

St. Boniface Zurich

Holy Name of Mary, St. Mary’s

St. Joseph’s, Kingsbridge

St. Joseph’s, Clinton

Sacred Heart, Wingham

Secondary

St. Michael, Stratford

St. Anne’s, Clinton

The following Schedule outlines the estimated grant revenue and expenditures for these schools as well as the other schools operated by the Board. As indicated the distant school allocation of \$1,020,793 was used to support the expenditures specific to those schools. These would include additional staffing and resource costs that are over and above the amounts that are included the basic foundation grant. The Board is confident that the additional the Rural Education Strategy resources allocated to the eligible distant schools will help ensure that those schools have the necessary resources to provide a high-quality education.



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	# of Students	Col. 1 Grant Revenue Allocation before Flexibility & Distance Funding	Col. 2 Expenditure Allocation	Col. 3 Difference before Flexibility & Distance Funding (Col. 2 - Col.1)	Col. 4 Distance Allocation	Col. 5 Difference before Flexibility Funding (Col. 3 + Col.4)	Col. 6 Flexibility Funding	Col. 7 Net (Col. 5 + Col.6)
Distant Schools								
St. Patrick's, Kinkora	167.00	940,190	1,055,370	(115,180)	24,751	(90,429)	41,316	(49,113)
Holy Name of Mary, St. Mary's	326.50	1,889,021	1,994,550	(105,530)	41,826	(63,704)	78,084	14,380
St. Mary's, Hesson	129.50	788,659	950,052	(161,393)	168,853	7,460	37,193	44,653
St. Joseph's, Kingsbridge	68.50	459,516	654,796	(195,280)	216,126	20,846	25,634	46,480
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Mt. Carmel	165.00	932,546	970,781	(38,235)	62,203	23,968	38,005	61,973
St. Joseph's, Clinton	111.50	731,806	899,792	(167,985)	27,025	(140,960)	35,226	(105,734)
Precious Blood, Exeter	161.50	981,100	1,100,035	(118,935)	64,477	(54,458)	43,065	(11,393)
St. Mary's, Goderich	337.50	2,046,095	2,082,688	(36,593)	47,345	10,752	81,534	92,286
Sacred Heart, Wingham	124.50	727,201	862,775	(135,575)	170,024	34,449	33,776	68,225
St. Boniface, Zurich	194.00	1,126,317	1,221,556	(95,240)	24,584	(70,656)	47,822	(22,834)
St. Michael Catholic Secondary, Stratford	986.50	6,389,306	6,521,800	(132,494)	103,206	(29,288)	255,319	226,031
St. Anne's Catholic Secondary, Clinton	666.88	4,353,379	4,983,818	(630,438)	70,373	(560,065)	195,111	(364,954)
	3,438.88	21,365,136	23,298,014	(1,932,878)	1,020,793	(912,085)	912,085	(0)
Other Schools								
St. Patricks, Dublin	101.50	592,657	650,219	(57,562)	-	(57,562)	30,069	(27,493)
St. Columban, St. Columban	144.00	864,717	944,106	(79,389)	-	(79,389)	43,660	(35,729)
Jeanne Sauve, Stratford	234.00	1,334,439	1,379,073	(44,634)	-	(44,634)	63,774	19,140
St. Ambrose, Stratford	333.00	1,927,291	2,067,502	(140,210)	-	(140,210)	95,610	(44,600)
St. Joseph's, Stratford	70.00	475,606	581,131	(105,525)	-	(105,525)	26,874	(78,651)
St. Aloysius, Stratford	380.50	2,224,594	2,265,976	(41,382)	-	(41,382)	104,789	63,407
St. James, Seaforth	218.00	1,279,733	1,317,399	(37,667)	-	(37,667)	60,922	23,255
	1,481.00	8,699,038	9,205,406	(506,369)	-	(506,369)	425,698	(80,671)
	4,919.88	30,064,174	32,503,421	(2,439,247)	1,020,793	(1,418,454)	1,337,783	(80,670)
Consultants/Co-ordinators		523,689	547,776	(24,087)	-	(24,087)	22,546	(1,542)
Administration		1,745,498	1,826,388	(80,890)	-	(80,890)	75,171	(5,719)
Transportation		4,136,779	4,203,838	(67,059)	-	(67,059)	173,023	105,964
Total Other		6,405,966	6,578,002	(172,036)	-	(172,036)	270,739	98,702
Total	4,919.88	36,470,140	39,081,423	(2,611,283)	1,020,793	(1,590,490)	1,608,522	18,032

