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**JOHN YAKABUSKI, M.P.P. - RENFREW-NIPISSING-PEMBROKE**

**Question – Rural School Closures**

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**Mr. John Yakabuski (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke):** Minister, you promised to keep rural schools open and you've broken that promise. As a result of your broken promise, the Renfrew county school board in my riding has been forced to decide to close six schools, with one to be decided later this year.

You've received many letters on this subject from distraught parents and also community leaders asking for your intervention on this matter. Minister, will you address the funding shortfall and advance the necessary funds so that these vital schools, so important to those communities, can remain open?