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## Submission to the Senate Select Committee on School Funding

We are a small school of 27 students, 2 teachers and associated part time staff.  
We are located 25 kilometres from our nearest large town of Young.

Many of our students have limited access to technology in their homes, with a large percentage not even having access to the internet. They are falling behind their peers in the use of ICT and we would use the funds to ensure that they have access to all of the resources that students in larger centres have.

We have many students with special needs in our small school, with many parents choosing a small school for that very reason. We would increase the hours of our SLSO so that they had more individual assistance, run a Reading Recovery program and ensure all Aboriginal students were

Being so far from larger centres, our teachers rely heavily on online learning and video conferences. This money would help us to spend more time working with our other small school colleagues, visiting other schools and observing lessons in a teacher-mentor relationship.

These children already suffer from the barriers imposed by rural isolation. They are in a small school, with some limitations around working with same-aged peers. They have incredible potential and deserve to reach it.

Submitted on behalf of Murringo Public School

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