

## Education and Skills Development

The education and skills development of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians are priorities for our government. This is highlighted by the ongoing work of the Premier's Task Force on Educational Outcomes.

Budget 2017 focuses on supporting residents through all stages of their lives to acquire the necessary skills to secure and create employment.

### Early Childhood Education

Budget 2017 provides new and ongoing investments in children, child care operators, families and early childhood educators.

Commitments include:

- \$2 million to be added to the base amount of \$12.5 million to broaden the eligibility for the Child Care Subsidy Program, which will reduce costs for low to middle income families.
- \$1.3 million increase to the Early Learning and Child Care Supplement.

### K-12 Education


Budget 2017 provides new and ongoing supports for education and educational environments.

Commitments include:


- \$53.8 million for new schools, school extensions and school repairs and maintenance.
- Over \$13 million annually for full-day Kindergarten across the province.
- An increase of \$500,000 to provide additional student assistant hours to further support the Inclusive Education Initiative.
- \$100,000 to support completion of the mandate of the Premier's Task Force on Improving Educational Outcomes.

### Ongoing Education and Community Investment

- The \$652,500 operating grant will be restored for 2017-18 and added to the \$10.7 million funding for the Provincial Information and Library Resources Board.
- \$75,000 increase for the T.I. Murphy Centre bringing the total support to \$791,400 to support the implementation of a General Educational Development Program.

 **\$14.5 million**  
for the **Child Care Subsidy Program**

 **\$1.3 million**  
for **Early Childhood Education**

 **\$100,000**  
**Premier's Task Force on Improving Educational Outcomes**

## Post-Secondary Education

Budget 2017 provides significant support for accessible and affordable public post-secondary education in Newfoundland and Labrador. This includes:

- More than \$316 million for the operating grant for Memorial University, which is the highest public investment as a percentage of a university's general operating revenues of any university in Canada.
- More than \$89.1 million to fund the operations of College of the North Atlantic and its 17 campuses throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.
- \$68 million of the collective investment in Memorial University and College of the North Atlantic is allocated to maintain the existing tuition freeze.

## Skills Development

Budget 2017 provides funding for programs and services that maintain the province's skilled workforce and prepare Newfoundlanders and Labradorians for emerging and future labour demands. This includes:

- More than \$110 million from the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Labour Market Development Agreement to provide employment and training programs.
- More than \$14.1 million in provincial funding, with another \$4 million from the Federal Government, for employment preparation and maintenance programs, including those to assist persons with disabilities.

- Over \$7.6 million from the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Job Fund Agreement to help Newfoundlanders and Labradorians find and secure stable employment.
- Approximately \$6.7 million for student employment programs which enable employers to hire high school and post-secondary students.

## Supporting Immigration

Our government will invest \$2.2 million in provincial funding, in addition to \$1.5 million in federal funding to implement the Immigration Action Plan. The plan will support engagement and collaboration initiatives, including partnering with stakeholders to increase immigration by 50 per cent and welcoming approximately 1,700 immigrants annually by 2022.

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