Implementing Lifelong Learning from the Early Years to Post-Secondary
Budget 2015 investments continue to support learning and development through a series of investments in programs and services.

Early Childhood Learning
Budget 2015 allocates $45.7 million to continue the implementation of the Caring for Our Future strategy, representing a $3.2 million increase over last year and the third consecutive year of funding increases. Investments under this strategy include:

- $17.3 million for the Child Care Service Subsidy.
- $10.7 million for the newly implemented Operating Grant Program.
- $6.5 million for Early Learning and Child Care Supplement.
- $2 million for the Inclusion Supports Program.
- $1.8 million for the Child Care Capacity Initiative.
- $1 million for the Family Child Care Initiative.
- $500,000 for the Workplace Training Program.
- Planning for a new high school in Paradise.
- Modular classrooms for Villanova Junior High, Holy Trinity Elementary, Riverside Elementary and St. Bernard’s Elementary.
- School extension projects at Villanova Junior High, Riverside Elementary, St. Peter’s Elementary.
- An assessment for future classroom needs in Conception Bay South.
- Teacher housing in Rigolet and Nain.

Full-Day Kindergarten
More than $10.5 million to continue implementation of full-day Kindergarten beginning in September 2016. Implementing full-day Kindergarten is an investment in the early learning and development of children and supports the province’s Early Learning Strategy, Learning from the Start.

Strengthening K-12 School Infrastructure
Budget 2015 includes $95 million for school infrastructure projects, which include:

- Over $8.2 million for:
  - New intermediate schools for the Witless Bay/Mobile area and Paradise.
- Over $8.2 million for:
  - Planning for a new high school in Paradise.
- Modular classrooms for Villanova Junior High, Holy Trinity Elementary, Riverside Elementary and St. Bernard’s Elementary.
- School extension projects at Villanova Junior High, Riverside Elementary, St. Peter’s Elementary.
- An assessment for future classroom needs in Conception Bay South.
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Post-Secondary Education
Budget 2015 includes investments that are focused on continuing to develop a highly-skilled, well-educated workforce.

Loans to Grants
$12.6 million towards the elimination of provincial student loans and replacement of these loans with up front non-repayable grants.

Apprenticeship Renewal
Approximately $20 million in Budget 2015 will go towards skilled trade development and a variety of initiatives to revitalize the apprenticeship system.
Memorial University
The Provincial Government will continue to support a tuition freeze for Canadian undergraduate students.

College of the North Atlantic
The Provincial Government will continue to support a tuition freeze for students at College of the North Atlantic.

Population Growth Strategy
$500,000 for the implementation of the Population Growth Strategy, which is designed to help increase the province’s population.