

Investing in Education

\$17 Million additional investments in frontline services and supports for families will ensure Island children are on the right path to success through their K-12 education. Early childhood education is one of the biggest indicators of future success – this budget builds on Prince Edward Island’s position as a national leader.

NEW FRONTLINE POSITIONS to support students in the classroom

- **19 new teachers**, above the 27 introduced in 2017.
- **25 new frontline supports**, including EAL and education assistant positions which are in addition to the 41 introduced in December 2017.
- **32 new education assistant** positions to support students with special needs.
- **8 literacy coaches** to improve early literacy.

Enhanced supports through the SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY ACTION PLAN

- 2 additional school psychologists
- 2 assistive technology facilitators
- 2 intervention support teachers
- Funding for 50 private psych-ed assessments to reduce the wait list

400 CHILDCARE SPACES

Up to **400 new childcare spaces** will reduce wait lists and make it easier for Island families to access care.

CHILDCARE SUBSIDIES

An additional **\$1.2 million in child care subsidies** will reduce the financial burden for Island families.

Increase in wages grid for early years centres, taking effect July 1, supports our passionate and knowledgeable early childhood educators with a further commitment to review later in the year.

School-age autism grants
will be expanded to help Island families access
after-school tutoring and summer programs

