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- **Student well-being teams** will expand this fall to the Colonel Gray, Souris, Morell, and Bluefield families of schools and écoles François-Buote, La-Belle-Cloche, and St.-Augustin. **More than 1,500 direct support** contacts have been made with students and families from these teams in Westisle and Montague already.
- A **new Mobile Mental Health Response Team** will support Islanders in need of acute care 24/7.
- **New frontline positions** at the Prince County Hospital and the Hillsborough Hospital.
- **\$175,000** commitment to CMHA for Island-wide peer support programs.
- Work will advance on the **new Mental Health Campus** to replace the Hillsborough Hospital, including a **new Forensic Mental Health Unit**.
- Enhanced partnership with Canadian Mental Health Association to provide **new housing supports** to Islanders with mental health challenges.
- Additional funding for mental health supports at **post-secondary institutions**.
- Support for a **new doctorate of psychology program at UPEI** will help educate and retain psychologists in our province.
- **Disability Support Program** will be expanded to include mental health supports.

INCREASE OF \$32 MILLION

An increase of \$32.48 million (4.8%) to sustain and build on the Island's provincial health system.

The Government of Prince Edward Island knows that access to quality healthcare is a top priority for Islanders. That's why this budget includes significant new investments in frontline services – supporting our dedicated health professionals – in communities across our province.

100 New Long-Term Care beds over the next two years will address wait times for Islanders and their families in partnership with our community care providers.

