



# Investing in our future

*There is nothing more important to the future of Prince Edward Island than our children and youth.*

## Supporting school children



*32 new teachers and 42 new EA positions - a total of 74 new front-line staff.*

K-12 education and early years education are receiving the single largest increase in education in over a decade with an additional investment of \$19.2 million.

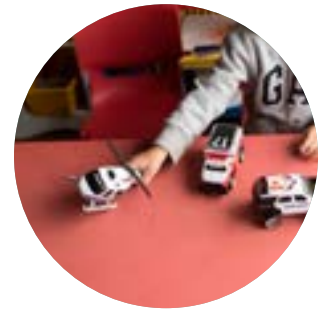
## Investment in early childhood education



*Wage increases for early childhood educators.*

Wage increases will continue for our early childhood educators, and a long-term plan will be created. Wage benefits will be extended to the Best Start Program as well.

## Off on the right path



*4-year old pre-school program.*

Resources will be committed this year to a full public engagement and assessment of what a community-based 4-year old pre-school program could look like in our province.

The full Budget Address, Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure and supporting schedules for 2019-2020 and previous years are available at: [www.PrinceEdwardIsland.ca/Budget](http://www.PrinceEdwardIsland.ca/Budget)

## Province-wide school food program

The upcoming school year will see further pilots as we work on a comprehensive initiative for Island schools and students.

## Helping post-secondary students prepare for success

UPEI, Holland College and College de l'Île will all receive a 2% increase in operating funding to allow their tuition levels to remain competitive.

## Independent Office of Children and Youth Advocate

Funding has been earmarked to develop a fully independent office with the flexibility for additional support. The budget plan includes support for a second children's lawyer, as well as more support for child protection services.