

# Progress in Education

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## Education Investments Overall

- Government is reinvesting \$65 million to support 117 actions to improve student learning in the classroom.
- To date, government has reinvested \$38 million to improve the learning environment for students and improve the teaching environment for teachers.

## More teachers and more professionals supporting teachers, students

- Previous cuts to education resulted in 300 fewer teachers (net) in classrooms. Government's reinvestment has resulted in funding for 381 more teachers in the first two years.
- 52 math mentors are being funded.
- 53 reading recovery teachers are in classrooms.
- An additional \$1.5 million is being invested in the Special Needs Support Grant for children with complex needs.
- Introduced student support grant funding of \$2.1 million: \$5000 per school, plus \$1 per student.
- Ratios have improved in:
  - o guidance from 1 to 639 to 1 to 570
  - o school psychology, from 1 to 1818, to 1 to 1682
  - o speech language pathology from 1 to 1510 to 1 to 1480

## Smaller classes

- Government has invested \$16.25 million to reduce class sizes in elementary. (P-4)

## Math and Literacy

- Government has invested almost \$10 million in math and literacy (mentors and reading recovery teachers).
- Funding was also provided to school boards for pilots in early math intervention and for nine specialists.

## Teacher advice and involvement

- More than 400 lead P-3 teachers were trained as leads on the streamlined curriculum.
- 4200 responded to a survey on the action plan, and more participated in 30 focus groups.
- Teachers have participated in focus groups on the code of conduct and homework.
- Teachers and administrators are being provided with ongoing professional development to support action plan priorities.