



Provincial Budget 2018 Education Highlights March 2018

On Tuesday, March 27 the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced **\$6.955 million** in new monies to support the initial implementation phase of the Premier's Task Force recommendations:

This includes funding for:

- The initiation of a 3-year pilot/implementation of a **new resourcing model for schools**, with full implementation by year three in all schools. In the first year:
 - 40 pilot schools will be identified, pilot to start September 2018
 - 20.5 Reading Specialists will be allocated for the pilot schools
 - 13.5 additional units for Learning Resource Teachers (LRTs) will be allocated for the pilot schools
 - 51 Teaching and Learning Assistant positions will be allocated for the pilot schools

There will also be:

- \$500,000 for **Learning Resources**
- \$1.9 million to support **Professional Learning** for teachers
- \$40,000 for **teacher bursaries** (k-6) to upgrade math training

Also announced in the budget:

- No change to the current teacher allocation model/ class size caps
- Overall reduction of 30 teaching units due to the decline in student enrolment and application of the current allocation model.

While the NLTA welcomes the 3-year plan for a new resourcing model for schools, **we had also advocated for:**

- A class size reduction strategy
- A reinstatement of the cuts to the administrative allocation
- Increases to allocations for guidance counsellors and educational psychologists