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GOVERNMENT KEEPING SASKATCHEWAN STRONG BY INVESTING IN STUDENT SUCCESS

The Government of Saskatchewan has put student success and safety at the top of its priority list by increasing its overall investment in Education by 7.8 per cent to a total of \$2.2 billion. This includes \$391.4 million for capital investments.

“Our government remains committed to putting students first by continuing to invest in keeping our education system strong,” Education Minister Don Morgan said. “Though challenges exist, we are increasing our investment in Education by \$157.4 million over last year and we are adapting to a new and growing province by investing in infrastructure and putting dollars into the classrooms where they are needed.”

The government’s investment in infrastructure includes:

- \$310.5 million, an increase of \$153.1 million for the 18 Joint-use Schools being built on nine sites;
- \$33.4 million, an increase of \$6.4 million, or 24 per cent, for preventative maintenance and renewal;
- \$4.6 million for emergency building repairs;
- \$41.9 million for ongoing capital projects including schools in St. Brieux, Langenburg, Gravelbourg, and Martensville as well as École Connaught, Sacred Heart and the new Mâdawêyatitân Centre replacing Scott Collegiate in Regina; and
- \$1.0 million for school facility assessments.

The government remains committed to supporting early education and child care across the province, including the creation of 810 new child care spaces that are being developed as part of the 18 new elementary schools currently under construction on nine joint-use sites in Saskatoon, Regina, Warman and Martensville.

In order to meet the needs of a growing and diverse province, the ministry’s 2016-17 Budget increases funding for classroom supports by \$4.0 million. Government is providing \$288 million to school divisions for supports for learning funding in the 2016-17 school year. This funding includes supports for students with intensive needs, students in vulnerable circumstances and students who require English as an additional language support. In addition, \$5.4 million of school operating funding is being targeted to support Syrian refugee students.

Having students reach their full potential in the classroom continues to be a priority.



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"We remain committed to working with our sector partners to achieve the goals set out in the Plan for Growth and the Education Sector Strategic Plan, including improving achievements in reading and leading the country in graduation rates by 2020," Morgan said.

Funding for Youth at High Risk facilities is also increasing by \$600,000 over last year, to help address salary and enrolment pressures, for a total investment of \$5.8 million.

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