

Helping Students Succeed in School and Get Good Jobs

Budget 2013 will:

- help students succeed in math by giving them more time to focus on fewer topics in more depth through curriculum improvements in grades Primary to 3, and double the time grade 10 students are taught math—\$3 million
- double the number of schools offering skilled trades, and introduce a new course, Manufacturing Trades 11, that will help prepare students for upcoming shipbuilding jobs—\$250,000
- expand the successful Options and Opportunities initiative into grade 9 with the Discovering Opportunities program—\$180,000
- support students in small and rural communities by tripling the number of students who can participate in courses through online virtual classrooms—\$252,000
- expand the personal development credit that allows students to get credit for leadership, languages, and the arts while helping their communities

Creating Safer, Better Schools and Opening Their Doors to Communities

Budget 2013 will:

- build new schools in Amherst, New Glasgow, south Dartmouth, Bible Hill, Bedford, and Liverpool—\$28.1 million
- improve and modernize schools in dozens of communities across the province, from Clark's Harbour to Glace Bay, from Eastern Passage to Hantsport—\$56.2 million
- improve energy efficiency in Halifax Regional School Board schools, which will save money and reduce the Board's greenhouse gases by 20 per cent—\$4 million
- give children and their families more opportunities for after-school recreational, educational, and cultural programs through the Community Use of Schools Grant—\$660,000
- create a safer environment for students who are victims of bullying through Nova Scotia's first anti-bullying plan, Speak Up—\$400,000
- expand SchoolsPlus to four more schools, giving more families, students, and seniors the ability to use services and activities at central locations—\$500,000