



		BC Liberals	NDP	Greens
Early Childhood Education		<p>Work with the federal government to expand childcare spaces.</p> <p>\$352.5 million more in childcare funding to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create 5,000 new spaces this year; up to 13,000 by 2020. • \$90 million for operating expenses. • \$120 million/year for Child Care Subsidy. • Keep BC Early Childhood Tax Benefit for families with kids under six. 	<p>Bring in \$10 a day child care, build additional spaces across the province.</p>	<p>Invest \$495 million next year, up to \$1.38 billion in 2020/21, for an early childhood education program to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 hours free per week for three and four year olds; • Free daycare for working parents of children under three; • Up to \$500/month for stay-at-home parents with children under three.
Funding	Public K-12	<p>Funding review looking specifically at rural and growing school districts.</p> <p>Maintain \$9 million Rural Education Enhancement Fund during funding review.</p> <p>Restart the Rural Education Advisory Council with new mandate.</p> <p>Provide \$228 million for enrolment increases.</p> <p>\$54 million to eliminate bus fees and keep rural schools open.</p> <p>Ensure all new elementary schools receive playground funding.</p>	<p>Review the funding formula.</p> <p>\$30 million/year for school supplies.</p> <p>Create a playground capital fund.</p> <p>Supports and resources for learning coding in the classroom, and expanding digital arts, technology and trades education.</p>	<p>Review the funding formula.</p> <p>2017/18 \$220 million increase, rising to \$1.46 billion in 2020/21.</p>



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Funding	Post-Secondary	<p>Finish the \$3 billion redirection to skills training for in-demand jobs by 2024.</p> <p>Invest nearly \$6 billion in education and training in 2017</p> <p>Provide \$5 million over 2017-19 to fund rural teacher retention programs. Add 400 more seats to B.C.'s medical programs by 2025.</p> <p>Train 500 more nurses annually by 2022.</p> <p>Train and place 100 more nurse practitioners across B.C.</p>	<p>Additional \$100 million to tech-related post-secondary programs.</p> <p>Partner with postsecondary institutions to train designers, engineers and tradespeople to use B.C. wood.</p>	<p>Establish post-secondary funding task force on making education more relevant, accessible, and affordable. Report due July 2018.</p>
	Capital Projects	<p>Invest over \$2 billion by 2020 for schools, including \$217 million for Surrey.</p> <p>Create Richmond Project Office for building and upgrading Richmond schools over the next three years.</p> <p>Complete seismic upgrading.</p> <p>Invest \$2.6 billion in post-secondary capital spending for new and renewed infrastructure.</p>	<p>Use B.C. wood where possible.</p> <p>Replace Surrey portables with new schools.</p> <p>Work with local governments, First Nations and communities to build and upgrade schools.</p> <p>Speed up the seismic upgrade program.</p> <p>Invest in schools' energy efficiency and lighting upgrades, putting savings back into schools.</p> <p>Create innovation centres across B.C. with universities and tech sector.</p>	<p>Revisit capital investment plan to determine whether it meets party priorities on school construction and seismic upgrading.</p>



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Funding	<i>Private Schools</i>	Will continue private school funding.	Will continue private school funding.	Will continue private school funding.
Teachers		<p>Negotiate another six-year teachers' contract.</p> <p>Implement class size and composition agreement with the BC Teachers' Federation.</p>	Work with school districts to implement new curriculum and provide new technology, lab equipment, learning material and professional development for teachers.	Invest \$140 million over three years in training teachers in the new curriculum.
Student Debt		<p>Lower the student loan interest rate to prime.</p> <p>An additional \$10 million commitment to open textbook program.</p> <p>Rural student-teacher loan forgiveness program to attract and retain teachers.</p> <p>Maintain the 2% cap on tuition and fee increases.</p> <p>Create a single point of entry for B.C. postsecondary applications, cutting down on application fees.</p> <p>Exclude assets for students not living with their parents or spouse on loan eligibility assessment.</p> <p>Provide tuition half-off for Canadian Armed Forces veterans.</p>	<p>Remove interest from all current and future BC student loans.</p> <p>Provide a \$1,000 completion grant for post-secondary graduates.</p> <p>Eliminate fees for Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language.</p> <p>Keep tuition cap.</p> <p>Continue the UPass.</p> <p>Create a new graduate scholarship program with initial \$50 million over two years investment.</p>	<p>Implement needs-based grants for postsecondary students.</p> <p>Offer graduates tax forgiveness eligibility for up to five years.</p> <p>\$10 million per year for adult education upgrading and language training.</p>



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Assessment		Fully implement the school district reporting tool.		Develop new progress indicator.
Post-Secondary	<i>Apprenticeships/ Co-ops</i>	Make the BC Training Tax Credit program permanent to incentivize employers to hire and train apprentices.	<p>Expand tech-sector co-op programs.</p> <p>Prioritize B.C. First Nations in training and apprenticeship programs; mandate local hiring for public projects.</p> <p>Provide public sector incentives to hire and train apprentices, especially women.</p> <p>Mandate apprenticeship ratios on all government-funded projects.</p> <p>Increase credential requirements.</p>	Invest \$65 million over four years to high school and post-secondary co-op and work experience programs.
	<i>Student housing</i>	Allow post-secondary student housing construction without impacting provincial debt or credit rating.	<p>Change regulations to allow post-secondary institutions to build affordable rental housing.</p> <p>Provide student renters with \$400 renters' rebate.</p>	



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Post-secondary	Seats	<p>Match students with available post-secondary seats through coordinated management.</p> <p>Create 1,000 new seats in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.</p> <p>Create another 1,000 as first 1,000 are graduating.</p>		
Lifelong Learning		<p>Continue the Canada-BC Jobs Grant of up to \$15,000 to offset training costs in high demand occupations.</p> <p>Create Truck Logger Training Credit to help offset on the job training costs.</p>		<p>Allocate up to \$10 million/year for in-service skills training in small and medium-sized enterprises, retraining for unemployed.</p>
Indigenous education	K-12	<p>Improving First Nation student achievement gap.</p>	<p>Develop curriculum with First Nations.</p> <p>Provide support for full course offerings in Aboriginal languages.</p> <p>Implement the education Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.</p>	



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Indigenous education	<i>Post-Secondary</i>	Triple enrollment in First Nations Forestry Technical Training Program by 2019. Support partnerships between First Nations and industry to improve access to skills training, economic development opportunities.	Increase the participation of women, First Nations, and low-income people in tech.	Work with Indigenous leaders, teachers, and postsecondary institutions to support student recruitment and retention. Increase the number of Indigenous teachers, incorporate more Indigenous culture content into the curriculum.
Kids in Care		Improve graduation rates for youth in and recently from care to more than 55% by 2020.	Ensure K-12 system has the resources to help youth-in-care graduate on time. Work with post-secondary institutions to expand the tuition fee waiver, improve supports for former youth in care.	
Healthy Schools	<i>School Food</i>	\$60 million/year into healthy eating programs for vulnerable students Make BC Farmers' Food Donation Tax Credit permanent to encourage farmers, corporations to donate food to registered charities like school meal programs.		Direct \$35 million into nutrition and physical activity programs.



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Healthy schools	Drugs	<p>Work with trustees and teachers to expand drug prevention and education programs.</p> <p>Work with the federal government on drug education campaign in schools.</p>		
	Mental Health	<p>Up to \$5 million for post-secondary student mental health services.</p>	<p>New Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions will work with MCFD, Ministry of Health, municipalities, First Nations and the education and justice systems to deliver treatment early.</p> <p>Make mental health counselors available where schools identify a need.</p>	
	Bullying	<p>Cyber bullying action plan:</p> <p>Prevention through school based peer-to-peer education, family intervention programs;</p> <p>New criminal code offenses added to the Crime Victim Assistance Program.</p>		

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