

2013 PLATFORM

**INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE,  
IMPROVING PUBLIC EDUCATION**

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## **KEY PRIORITY**

Improving learning conditions  
for our children



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# IMPROVE LEARNING CONDITIONS FOR OUR CHILDREN

## Commitment

- ▶ Provide students with the classroom support they need
  - ▶ Hire new teachers, teaching assistants, librarians, and counsellors
  - ▶ Additional focus on students with special needs, Aboriginal and ESL students
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## Cost

- ▶ \$75 million in 2013/14
- ▶ \$90 million in 2014/15
- ▶ \$100 million in 2015/16

## **KEY PRIORITY**

Take practical steps to improve  
childcare and early learning



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# CHILDCARE AND EARLY LEARNING

## Commitment

- ▶ Reduce fees for existing licensed infant and toddler care by 20 percent, saving families an average of \$2,000 per year
- ▶ Increase spaces
- ▶ Invest in early learning and childcare through an Early Years Innovation Fund created by redirecting the BC Training and Education Savings Grant Program

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## Cost

- ▶ \$10 million in 2013/14
- ▶ \$30 million in 2014/15
- ▶ \$60 million in 2015/16

# SUPPORT THE PRESERVATION OF FIRST NATION LANGUAGES

## Commitment

- ▶ Renew support for First Peoples' heritage, language, and culture
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## Cost

- ▶ \$1 million in 2013/14
- ▶ \$1 million in 2014/15
- ▶ \$2 million in 2015/16

# TAKE REAL AND MEANINGFUL ACTION ON BULLYING

## Commitment

- ▶ Create province-wide standards for school codes of conduct
- ▶ Ensure that students are respected and policy exists to deal effectively with homophobia, racism, sexism, transphobia, and other forms of systemic discrimination

# PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Commitment

- ▶ Restore provincial support for the BC Program for Awareness and Learning of Science (Science World)

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## Cost

- ▶ \$1 million in 2013/14
- ▶ \$1 million in 2014/15
- ▶ \$1 million in 2015/16



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- ▶ Replace the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) test with improved assessment tools resulting from consultation with parents, teachers and school boards

# SUMMARY COST TABLE

(\$millions)	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
Improve classroom learning conditions	75	90	100
Early learning and childcare	10	30	60
First Nations languages	1	1	2
Support for science literacy	1	1	1
<b>TOTAL: INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>163</b>

# PLATFORM TOTAL

	(\$millions)	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
Total revenue/reallocations		311	733	988
Sustainable Economy and New Jobs		(87)	(172)	(226)
Investing in our Future		(87)	(122)	(163)
<b>Remaining platform revenue</b>		<b>137</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>599</b>

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ONE PRACTICAL STEP AT A TIME



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