

## Did you know? Facts on public education in NS 2011

- Currently NS has the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest per student funding in Canada, just above PEI.  
NS: \$9285/pupil; PEI: \$8690/pupil; Canadian average: \$10,179/pupil.  
(SOURCE: Statistics Canada – *Total expenditures per student in public elementary and secondary schools, Canada, provinces and territories, 2002/2003 to 2008/2009 in constant 2002 dollars*)
- Public education in NS was only 9% of the total budget in 2009
- From 1999-2001- \$97 million was removed from the education budget  
(SOURCE: NS Department of Education Statistics, NS Department of Finance 2008-2009 Estimates Supplementary Detail, and Statistics Canada)
- From 1990-2001- 973 teachers were removed from public schools. However, from 2001-2011- 314 teachers were added to the system  
(SOURCE: Department of Education Statistics)
- 21% of NS students are recognized as requiring additional supports
- NS has the lowest per capita deficit in Canada (\$214); two provinces have no deficit (NF,SK) and the next closest is BC with \$374.  
(SOURCE: Pre-Budget Consultation 2011 documentation – Finance Minister Graham Steele)
- According to the 2009 PISA results, 2009 NS students have performed the best they've ever done.
- Seven in ten Nova Scotians believe funding of the public school system should be increased.  
(SOURCE: NSTU's 2010 Nova Scotia Education Issues Survey conducted by

the Corporate Research Associates from October 5 to 20, 2010.)

- A status quo in education funding is a loss as inflation is higher in education and that the Hogg formula already supports declining enrollment.  
This is demonstrated in Cape Breton, where roughly 150 teachers were removed in the last five years due to a decrease in enrollment and that as we hire new teachers, there is substantial savings to the system as the teachers receive a lower salary on the pay scale and the Department receives this differential.