

Newfoundland Teacher Allocations Announced “Despite fewer students will invest more” says Minister

The Newfoundland government will invest \$6.4 million in 2007 in teaching positions.

Boards will have 137 teachers above the current teacher allocation model to distribute to schools.

An additional 25 teachers will be funded to support a new Mathematics Strategy and 13 new positions to address increased needs in growth areas.

“Despite fewer students,” says Education Minister Joan Burke, “we will make an annualized investment of \$24 million to maintain the current level of teachers and create new positions for the upcoming school year.”

This year, a **Grade 3 class size cap** of 25 will be implemented. There is already a cap of 25 for K-2.

The coming year will be a period of transition while a new method of allocating teachers is determined.

The government also launched an \$11.3 million, three-year initiative to improve **K-12 achievement in mathematics**. It includes a focus on professional development and resources for teachers; a focus on the nature and amount of curriculum covered and a review of textbooks.

Parent Support. This strategy also supports a need identified by the provincial Skills Task Force to enable students to gain a solid foundation for skilled trades and technical training at the post-secondary level.

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Bill 20

- Expanded Mandate of Boards
- Change of Name to Boards of Education
- Achievement Contracts
- Superintendents of Achievement
- Parent and Student Appeals
- Administrative Directives
- School Fees

Bill 21

- Teacher Employment Registry/Employers List
- Teacher Discipline Notification and Online Registry
- Reporting Requirements

Bill 22

- Mandatory Code of Conduct
- Provincial Funding Announcement Change
- Changes to the Operations to School District Businesses
- Ministry Reimbursement to Students
- Personal Education Numbers

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