



The Right **Balance** Provincial Budget 2019-20

Budget 2019-20 is ***The Right Balance*** for Saskatchewan.

Balanced budget

- Projected surplus of \$34.4M
- Sustainable plan to ensure a balanced budget this year and in years ahead

No new taxes or tax increases

- New tax credits to recognize value of volunteer emergency responders
- Personal Income Tax reductions over the past decade provide over \$610M in annual savings
- Business tax rates among the lowest in the country
- Highest small business income threshold in Canada

Investments in health care, seniors, students and classrooms, vulnerable families

- Almost \$30M more for targeted mental health/addictions funding
- Increased support for Home Care
- \$12M for a new, 72-bed long-term care facility in Meadow Lake
- Increase to student loan program serving more than 18,000 students in 2019-20
- \$10B investment in post-secondary institutions & student supports since 2007
- \$1.9B in K-12 operating funding for 2019-20, increase of \$26M
- Additional monthly funding for foster families who complete training
- Over \$660,000 increase to Alzheimer Society
- Individualized Autism funding for children under 6 increases from \$4,000 to \$6,000
- \$6.3M increase for Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability program

Focus on Safety

- Five-year \$65M Enhanced Intersection Safety Program to improve signage, sight lines, lighting and safety features like rumble strips at intersections
- Over \$60M for twinning/passing lanes
- \$1.1M for drug impaired driving detection training
- Support for rural crime initiatives and reducing gang violence

Investments in infrastructure – rural and urban

- Funding to improve almost 1,000 km of Saskatchewan highways
- Twinning/passing lanes: Hwy 6 and 39 Regina to Estevan, Hwy 7 west of Rosetown, Hwy 9 and 10 between Canora and Melville, Hwy 2 north of Moose Jaw
- \$3.3M planning and design for 3 new schools, including 2 joint-use in Regina and Moose Jaw and replacement of St Frances in Saskatoon
- Continued funding for major school consolidation projects in Rosthern and Weyburn
- Significant capital investment in health including funding to advance preconstruction design of a new Victoria Hospital in Prince Albert and for planning a new hospital in Weyburn
- SaskTel is adding 41 new cellular sites, part of a plan to add 100 new sites by 2020



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