

# On Track

Provincial Budget 2018-19

To keep the provincial government's three-year plan for a balanced Budget **On Track**, we are:

## Controlling spending

- **Spending** forecast to be **1.4 per cent lower** than last year's budget
- **\$5M savings** by reducing the number of government-owned vehicles
- **\$19M savings** from **amalgamation** into **one health region**, while improving front-line care

## No tax rate increases

- **Low** personal and corporate income **tax rates remain** the same
- **No increases** to the Education Property Tax or Provincial Sales Tax rates
- **No** carbon tax

## Delivering high quality services for Saskatchewan people

- **Record** investment in **health care** includes:
  - **Universal** HIV drug coverage
  - **New** psychiatric facility, the Saskatchewan **Hospital** North Battleford, will open in fall
  - New **hearing loss screening program** for babies born in Saskatchewan hospitals
  - **\$2.8M** for new **autism individualized funding** benefit
- Supporting student success: **\$30M increase** in operating funding for the 2018-19 school year
- Funding **increases** for **foster families**, **caregivers** and **community-based organizations** supporting children in need of protection, at-risk families and adults with intellectual disabilities
- Funding a **new group home** in **La Ronge** for adults with intellectual disabilities

- Infrastructure to support **safety** and **growth**:
  - **Twinning** and **passing lane** projects on Highways 6, 39, 4, and 7
  - Phase 2 of the **Regina Bypass**, completion of funding for **Saskatoon North Commuter Bridge**
- **\$4.9M new funding** to help keep rural residents safe through **Rural Crime Strategy**

## *Keeping our economy strong*

- Increased **funding** for Saskatchewan Trade & Export Partnership to support **increased export activity**
- New **tax incentives** – Saskatchewan Value-added Agriculture and Saskatchewan Technology Start-up to **support investment, job creation** and **productivity**
- **Incentive** program to encourage mineral exploration, grow and **diversify our mineral sector**

## *Returning to balance in 2019-20*

- Three-year **balanced budget** plan remains **on track**
- Balance ensures long-term **sustainability** and **continued investments** in infrastructure
- Improved revenue **stability**, less dependence on resource revenue
- Third lowest **debt-to-GDP** in Canada, strong **credit ratings**

## *Budget 2018-19 keeps Saskatchewan On Track by*

- **Controlling spending**
- **Delivering high quality services for Saskatchewan people**
- **No tax rate increases**
- **Keeping our economy strong**
- **Returning to balance in 2019-20**

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