

EDUCATION RESOLUTIONS  
NOVA SCOTIA LIBERAL PARTY  
2010 – 2013

**SOUTH SHORE-ST. MARGARET'S  
EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS** one of the most fundamental obligations of any society is to prepare its young people to lead prosperous and productive lives as adults; and

**WHEREAS** the Liberal Party believes it is essential to focus on the outcomes of the education system;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Liberal Party adopt a comprehensive, integrated continuum of programs, services and supports from birth to adulthood which offers multiple pathways to success by:

- creating an emphasis on learning as a joint venture between families and education systems with **both** accepting responsibility;
- taking action to implement the findings from the Early Years 3 Study;
- removing the barriers to operating community schools;
- partnering with Public Health around health promotion (i.e. physical activity, nutrition and mental health);
- partnering with federal, provincial and municipal governments (i.e. environment, justice, community services, recreation);
- broadening the range of options that we offer young people through meaningful career and vocational education programs; and
- placing greater emphasis on high quality career guidance and counseling.

CENTRAL NOVA  
EDUCATION

WHEREAS the Liberal Caucus currently advocates for a local, daily nutritious snack for all school age children as part of the 20/20 plan; and

WHEREAS there is a need to restructure the education system to place literacy and numeracy as the premiere outcome for students;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Nova Scotia Liberal Party believes that the education of the whole student includes both physical and mental stimulation. Physical stimulation includes daily physical activity and a daily nutritious snack. Mental stimulation includes literacy, numeracy, and information literacy.

**CAPE BRETON CANSO  
EDUCATION**

WHEREAS the current NDP government has imposed across the board cuts on school boards across the province in an unsuccessful attempt to eliminate its deficit.

WHEREAS these unacceptable cuts have resulted in reductions in programs and services at the school level.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a Liberal government would do the following:

1. Do a comprehensive review of administration in the Department of Education and at the school board level with a view to creating the most efficient and cost effective administration for the delivery of educational services and programs in Nova Scotia.
2. Do a comprehensive review of the current per student funding formula with a view to creating a funding formula that funds programs and needs and not student numbers.
3. Do a comprehensive review of the manner in which programs are delivered to students to determine in what ways including new and innovative ways, programs and services can continue to be delivered to students in all communities throughout Nova Scotia.

**South Shore Policy Resolution 2011  
Education – Cradle to Career**

**WHEREAS** one of the most fundamental obligations of any society is to prepare its young people to lead prosperous and productive lives as adults;

**WHEREAS** the current Government has taken an approach of budget cuts and one-size-fits-all ;

**WHEREAS** the Liberal Party believes it is essential to focus on the outcomes of the education system;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Liberal Party will conduct a review and rethinking of Nova Scotia's current education system, and adopt a comprehensive integrated continuum of programs, services and supports from early childhood to early adulthood which offers multiple pathways to success.

- Review the current approach to inclusion to ensure that students needs are being met
- Place a greater emphasis on early child development and early intervention programs
- Redefining what it means to be a "community school"
- Partnering with Public Health around health promotion i.e. physical activity, nutrition and mental health
- Partnering with Municipalities in planning – environment, transportation and recreation.
- Broaden the range of options that we offer young people through meaningful career and vocational education programs
- Greater emphasis on high quality career guidance and counseling

**HALIFAX WEST**

Enhancement of the Curriculum in Educational Institutions in Nova Scotia - Halifax West

**WHEREAS** the continued advancement of both the social and economic well being of Nova Scotia is fundamental for the future prosperity of our province; and

**WHEREAS** Nova Scotia has a provincial curriculum that is developed and administered by the Department of Education; and

**WHEREAS** our province has a network of world-class post secondary institutions;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Nova Scotia government should promote the continued development of an informed, well-educated and productive population through:

- the promotion of critical thinking through all levels of education from primary to post secondary;
- the inclusion of civics education in the public education system;
- the introduction of financial literacy, in all forms, and at all levels, of the public education system as well as post secondary institutions;
- the promotion of effective life skills education ( time management, organizational skills, public speaking and presentation skills) within our P-12 educational institutions;
- effective literacy programs which ensure the highest standard of reading and composition in our public school system;
- an expansion of co-op programs in our schools and post secondary institutions to ensure greater opportunities for students to interact with business, government and not-for profit organizations; and
- promoting the effective use of Nova Scotia post secondary institutions in the development of public policy and technical support; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** minimum standards and targets be developed for all of the above.

## EDUCATION

### Introducing Additional Languages in Public Schools

Whereas the government is taking steps to increase the rate of immigration in Nova Scotia, in part to help build a sustainable population; and

Whereas when immigrants have the opportunity and the support to preserve their heritage and cultural traditions they are more likely to stay in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas in a globally connected world, every student in Nova Scotia should have the chance to study the language and culture of other societies;

Be It Resolved that the Nova Scotia Liberal Party urge the Government of Nova Scotia to increase the options of additional language classes (Arabic, Mandarin, Spanish, etc) in the public school curriculum in circumstances where there exists student demand and availability of trained instructors.

## YOUTH

Vision of a better society for Youth in Nova Scotia

Whereas Nova Scotia communities are struggling with the loss of employment and a rise of social difficulties that are causing a strain on the well being of the community; and

Whereas families are struggling to find affordable programs for their children after school and during the summer season; and

Whereas these same youth struggle to find a niche and creativity in their life and education;

Therefore Be it Resolved that the Nova Scotia Liberal Party urge the next Liberal government to create an inter-departmental committee between the Department of Education and the Department Health and Health Promotion to develop publically funded after school programs where youth can develop and work in areas that they enjoy.

Be it further resolved that this same committee develop publically focused summer programs, where the students spend time in the areas of life that interest them.

**CAPE BRETON CANSO  
Education**

**WHEREAS** the current NDP government has imposed budget cuts on the Nova Scotia Education system;

**WHEREAS** in imposing those budget cuts on the Nova Scotia education system, the current NDP government has given little or no guidance to the province's school board and has showed little concern for the delivery of education programs to the students of Nova Scotia;

**WHEREAS** the current NDP government has missed an opportunity to seek to attract and retain Nova Scotia's post-secondary students in the province;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a Nova Scotia Liberal government will conduct a comprehensive program review of the public school programming in the Province of Nova Scotia and, using the findings of that review, give clear and consistent budgetary and programming directions to the school boards of Nova Scotia with a view to insuring the consistent delivery of excellent public school programs throughout the Province of Nova Scotia;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a Nova Scotia Liberal government will put forward a comprehensive program of tax incentives and other supports to allow Nova Scotia's post-secondary graduates to continue residing in the Province of Nova Scotia following the completion of their education.