

# Education Action Plan

## Responsive Teaching and Learning



### Primary-Elementary Initiative



### **What is the Education Action Plan?**

This is the multi-year plan to implement the 82 recommendations of a 2017 Premier's Task Force on Educational Outcomes. Within five years, all of the recommendations will be completed or substantially underway.

As part of this action plan, the primary-elementary initiative was begun in order to address a number of the recommendations concerning K-6 classrooms.

Selected recommendations will be introduced in all K-6 classrooms over a three year period. The final group of schools with student populations including K-6 students will enter the initiative in the Fall 2020.

### **Why phase in this approach?**

These new approaches are guided by the Responsive Teaching and Learning Policy. Feedback is gathered during each phase of the initiative and refinement of roles and procedures continues as implementation continues.

### **Will there be new curriculum?**

There is no new curriculum specifically associated with the initiative, but as new curriculum is released for K-6 in provincial schools, it will also be implemented in these schools.

# What new staff members might I see in my child's school?

All schools with K-6 populations will have a teacher assume the new role of school-based reading specialist. Depending on the size of your school, there may be one or more teaching and learning assistants joining the school staff. These individuals may or may not be in your child's classroom.

## What will a teaching and learning assistant do?

If there is a teaching and learning assistant in your child's classroom, they will support classroom instruction for all learners under the direction of the classroom teacher.

## What will a reading specialist do?

A reading specialist will work with other educators to support reading instruction in your child's school. They may work with teachers and small groups of students. The reading specialist will be a leader in promoting a reading culture within the school.

