

Chapter 16: Final Thoughts

There were a wide variety of educational indicators provided in this report. Many aspects of the educational system were discussed. These indicators ranged from demographic information, such as student enrolment and number of teachers to student performance on provincial assessments.

Overall, there are some key trends highlighted in Indicators 2009/10. Some of these include:

- Provincial funding to the Department of Education has continued to increase reaching a record \$1.3 billion investment this year.
- While student enrolment continues to decline, it is slowing. Current projections suggest the enrolment decline will continue to slow with a decrease of 1.0% between the 2013/14 and 2014/15 school years.
- While student enrolment is declining, the number of teachers working in the province's schools has remained fairly stable.

Students continue to perform at a similar level as the previous year as demonstrated in the results of the public examinations and criterion referenced tests. The high school graduation rate has continued to increase and the drop-out rate has continued to decrease.

