

## Health care got a big boost this year.

And your taxes are lower today.

### BETTER HEALTH CARE

*“Saskatchewan’s health budget will increase by \$195 million. Every penny will go to improve health services for people.”*

- \$1.9 billion for health – largest investment ever
- Shorter waiting times for surgery
- Better cancer treatment and women’s health services
- 12% increase for District Health Boards
- Better nursing home and health facilities
- More home care and community services
- Medical equipment ready for Year 2000
- Fair, improved working conditions for nurses and other health professionals

### LOWER TAXES

*“The Education and Health Tax is cut from 7% to 6%.”*

- Taxes for families reduced *every year* since 1995
- E&H Tax cut from 9% to 6% in three years
- Provincial income tax paid by average family down over 10% since 1995
- More tax cuts, as affordable

### LESS DEBT

*“We promised to pay down debt to reduce the mortgage on our children’s future. And we have.”*

- Six straight balanced budgets
- Balanced budget record second to none
- \$3.4 billion in debt paid off since 1994

## A balanced, common-sense approach.

Better services. Lower taxes. Less debt.

**It adds up for your family.**

### OTHER BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

*“Families, neighbours and communities – building our future together, the Saskatchewan way.”*

#### Jobs and Prosperity

- Continued diversification in agriculture, resources, local economic development, R&D, small business
- Targeted tax strategy for jobs and growth

#### Education and Training

- \$550 million to improve K-12 schools
- Nearly \$300 million for post-secondary education
- \$206 million for training and employment programs
- Total investment over \$1 billion – largest ever

#### Roads and Highways

- Funding up 40% in four years
- Plus 18% more for municipalities over last year

#### Families and Communities

- \$67 million Action Plan for Children – up 26% over last year
- More funding for justice, police, courts and corrections for safer communities
- Building Independence strategy – 1,800 families off social assistance in the last year

## WE’RE MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER.

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