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2017 BUDGET - SKILLS THAT MATTER FOR JOBS THAT PAY



"Creating a pipeline of educated and skilled workers is one of the most important things we can do over the long-term to attract businesses to Rhode Island," Governor Raimondo.

STRENGTHENING NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS



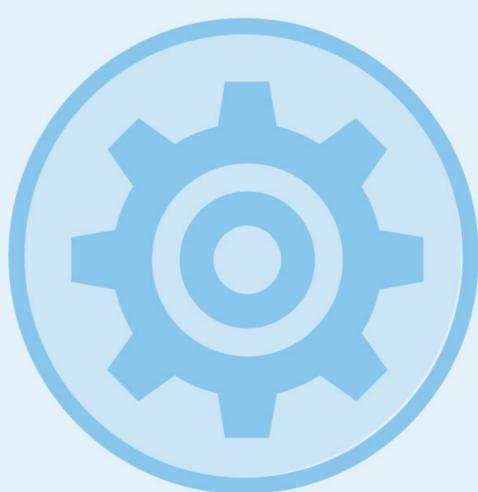
- ✓ Record investments in K-12 schools
- ✓ Expand high-quality pre-k
- ✓ Fund goal of providing Computer Science in every public school by the end of 2017
- ✓ Empower teachers to innovate in their classrooms
- ✓ Free PSATs and SATs for all 10th-11th grade public school students
- ✓ Provide, for the first time, funding for English language learner programs

MAKING COLLEGE MORE AFFORDABLE



- ✓ Free college credits for high school students through PrepareRI
- ✓ Freeze tuition at RI public colleges
- ✓ Fund last dollar college scholarships through RI's Promise
- ✓ Help STEAM college graduates pay back student loans
- ✓ Record investments in URI, RIC and CCRI

FOSTERING INNOVATION



- ✓ Fund a new innovation center to spark collaboration between businesses and research universities
- ✓ Expand the innovation voucher program to help more tech and R&D-focused small businesses grow and create jobs

MAKING IT EASIER AND CHEAPER TO DO BUSINESS



- ✓ No broad based tax increases
- ✓ Cut the unemployment insurance tax to save businesses millions annually
- ✓ Maintain the lowest corporate income tax in New England
- ✓ Cut taxes for small businesses by lowering the corporate minimum tax

CREATING OPPORTUNITY



- ✓ Investments to save lives and fight the overdose epidemic
- ✓ First home care worker's raise since 2008
- ✓ Raises for staff who provide direct care for Rhode Islanders with disabilities
- ✓ Allow working families to keep more of what they earn by expanding the EITC