



Jobs Plan: Skills That Matter

Investing in education and workforce development to give Rhode Islanders the tools to succeed in the 21st century economy

Strengthen Neighborhood Schools

- Makes record investments in PK-12 schools with more than \$40 million in new funding so all children have the opportunity to attend a high-quality public school
- Puts students' needs first by improving the funding formula with a steady approach to help all schools
 - Nearly doubles funding dedicated to students with special needs
 - Provides new funding for English language learner programs
- Invests \$1.2 million more than last year to continue expanding high-quality pre-kindergarten options for Rhode Island's youngest learners
- Invests \$1.75 million in high-quality professional development for teachers and principals
- Commits to increasing access to computer science classes

Prepare High School Students for College or a Career

- Funds free PSATs and SATs for Rhode Island high school students
- Expands P-TECH so more students can earn associate degrees in competitive fields
- Increases opportunities for access to advanced coursework, including CTE and dual language programs, to make it cheaper and easier to graduate on time
- Continues funding Prepare RI, allowing eligible students to earn college credits for free

Make College More Affordable for More Families

- Freezes tuition at URI, RIC, and CCRI through record investments in higher education (more than \$20 million in new funding)
- Puts \$2.75 million towards recruiting world-class faculty at state universities to translate research into economic development
- Continues to fund need-based RI Promise scholarships with an additional \$10 million to help students afford the costs of college
- Invests \$3.5 million in support of the new URI and RIC Joint Nursing Education Center
- Invests \$2 million for the CCRI Westerly Job Skills Training Center, which will prepare students for jobs in advanced industries in partnership with companies like Electric Boat

Stop the Brain Drain

- Expands the Wavemaker Fellowship to help STEAM graduates repay their student loans
- Continues the Ocean State Grad Grant program, which provides recent college graduates with up to \$7,000 in down payment assistance on their first home

Train Workers with 21st Century Skills

- Continues to reimagine job training with Real Jobs RI -- our employer-based workforce development initiative -- to train workers for jobs that actually exist
- Invests \$2 million in Rhode Island's TechHire initiative to connect low-income job-seekers with high-paying tech jobs through innovative training programs