Green plan for Providing the Best K-12 Education

A Green government will:

- Respect and value teachers by allowing schools, or families of schools, more control and autonomy over their budget, their daily schedules, professional development, and the implementation of curriculum.
- Increase funding to allow more teachers and educational assistants to work directly with students.
- Hire more school counsellors to address the mental health needs of students.
- Better plan school infrastructure for expected population growth, while keeping rural schools open.
- Actually build the schools previously announced, like the planned Stratford school.
- Implement air quality monitoring in all schools and make the upgrades needed to ensure all schools have clean air.
- Provide free water safety lessons to all primary age students.
- Expand access to vaccinations in Island schools.¹
- Support and encourage play-based and project-based learning in all grades, and increase outdoor education opportunities.
- Improve opportunities for students to participate in experiential learning to increase awareness and interest in trades.
- Make sure that our schools are safe and inclusive spaces that promote diversity and the acceptance of all people.
- Allow permanent residents to vote in school board elections.

¹ See "<u>Promoting the health and wellness of Islanders</u>" under *Strong Public Healthcare*.