

Policy Report Card

Government of Ontario

Term: Fall 2016

| Policy | Comments | Grade |
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| Business Growth Initiative - scaling up programs | The programs target funds towards scaling up activities and opportunities with high-growth potential. Still, there is no clear measurement for success in place. | A- |
| Renewed math strategy | The strategy devotes significant resources toward professional development and increased math instruction. However, it does not address issues in the curriculum or inadequate math training of teachers <i>before</i> they begin teaching. | B |
| Creating 100,000 new childcare spaces | The policy directly tackles the lack of available spaces. As the province with the highest childcare costs, affordability concerns should have been addressed. | B |
| Relief on electricity bills | The rebate does not address the issue of continually increasing prices. A solution that improves efficiency to bring costs down is not provided. | C |
| Increasing the land transfer tax refund | The initiative fails to counteract housing price inflation. By reducing the after-tax price of a home, the policy may stimulate demand, causing prices to increase even further. | C |
| Grade Average | | B- |

A = Excellent policy • B = Good policy, needs adjustment
 C = Policy needs significant redesign • D = Eliminate policy