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Ontario's Learning Resource Fund

How Your Schools Can Leverage New Funding to Shrink the Reading Gap

Too many Ontario students still aren't reading at grade level, and boards are often left to close that gap without dedicated resources and funding to do it.

That just changed.

> *"No skill is more important in the first few years of school than learning to read."*
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> – The Ontario Human Rights Commission, 2022

The Funding Pathway

Ontario's 2026-27 Core Education Funding is made up of six funds, among them is the **Learning Resource Fund (LRF)**. Within the LRF sits a brand-new allocation this year: the **Targeted Learning Allocation**, created specifically to support reading and math achievement.

There you'll find the **Reading Intervention Licences and Supports** component. The Ministry describes it as supporting "reading intervention licences for programs to help struggling readers... and supports including staff training."

Core Education Funding → Learning Resource Fund (LRF) → NEW Targeted Learning Allocation → NEW Reading Intervention Licences & Supports → Programs & Staff Training

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For school boards, this creates a **dedicated funding pathway for reading intervention licences, staff training and related supports,** covered together, rather than requiring boards to find separate funding sources for each element. Halifax Learning online clinic is an authorized provider and must be referred to families by their school. Offering real teacher interactive sessions that can be accessed from anywhere, at any time, for this reading intervention.

This isn't a grant your board has to apply for or compete to receive. It's already part of your board's 2026–27 Core Education allocation, within a dedicated Targeted Learning envelope.

The Reading Intervention Licences and Supports component is calculated using a base amount of $100,000, plus $2.54 per student. The key decision left is how to spend this funding.

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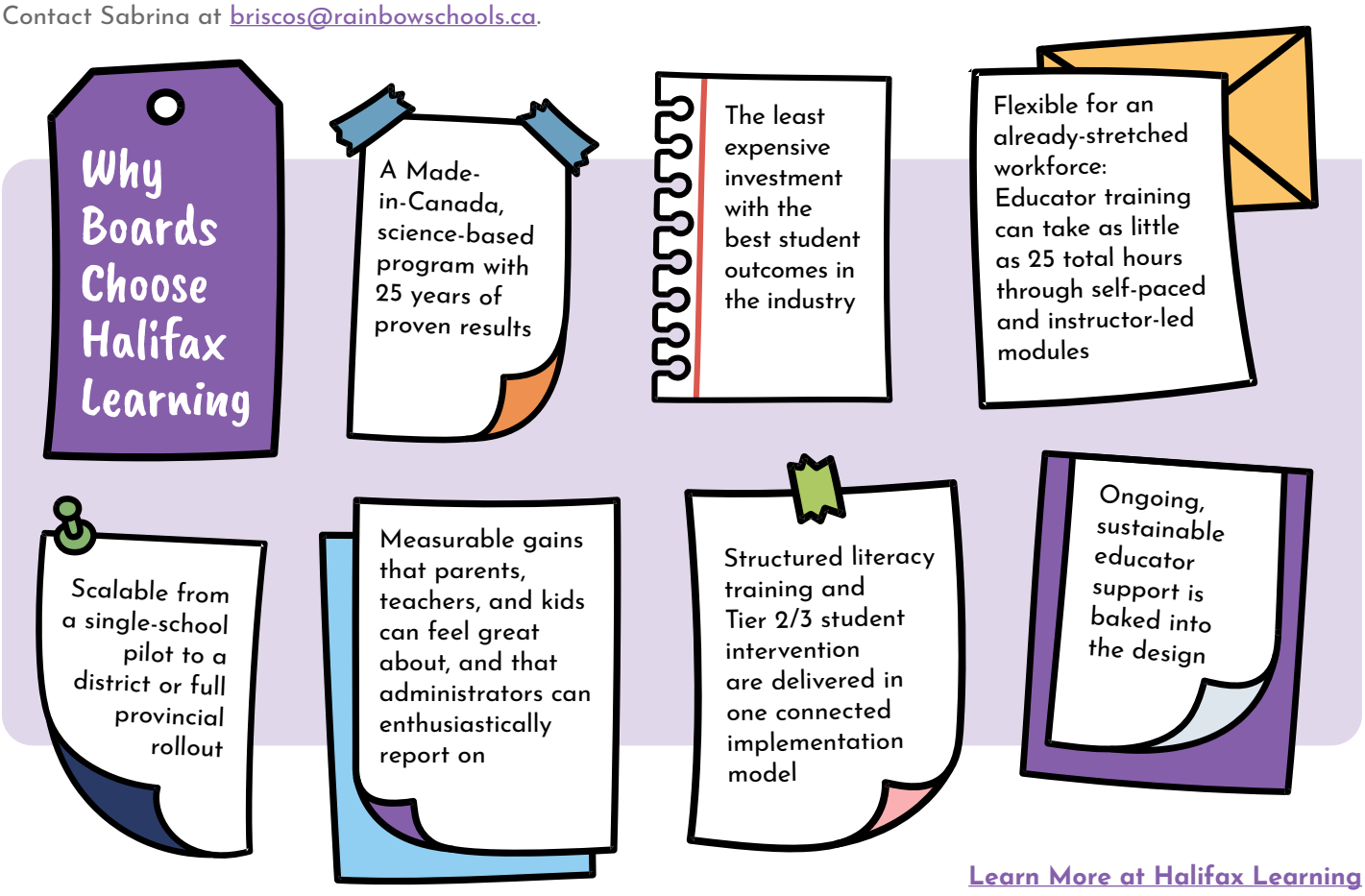
The Solution at Hand

Funding is only half the equation. The other half is finding a program worth investing in, one that's evidence-based, Ontario classroom-tested, and already vetted and cleared for procurement.

The good news is that Halifax Learning is exactly that: an established, authorized provider within Ontario's Learning Resource Fund, backed by 25 years of results, including work already underway in several Ontario schools.

Sabrina Briscoe, an educator with Ontario's Rainbow District School Board, knows first-hand how impactful Halifax Learning's teacher training and classroom implementation can be. In 2023, she and her colleagues brought Halifax Learning's methods, resources, and coaching to their district's Intensive Support Programs. Many students have since gained as many as four reading levels.

Want to hear how everything worked, directly from an educator who's experienced it?
Contact Sabrina at briscos@rainbowschools.ca.



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Proof in a Province Wide Implementation: Nova Scotia Case Study

Nova Scotia needed a partner who could train its province-wide teaching workforce in the science of reading, support classroom implementation, and sustain the change over time.

In 2025, Halifax Learning and the Province of Nova Scotia embarked on a multi-year plan to achieve that goal. Nova Scotia is showing what can happen when a province gets behind its educators. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and Regional Centres for Education are working together to bring structured literacy training to teachers across the province, from urban centres to rural and remote communities. It's an exciting example for other provinces looking to reach more educators through a shared, province-wide approach.

Halifax Learning and Nova Scotia educators quickly got to work. Within Year 1, hundreds of teachers were trained, the structured literacy program was in place in **every elementary school serving P-2 students, with a planned rollout of grades 3-6 and 7-12 in Nova Scotia,** and the kids are already reaping the rewards.

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Bring it All Together: Close the Gap in Your Schools

Ontario's Learning Resource Fund gives your board a direct path to finance both reading intervention and staff training within a single, connected model. Better yet – there's an approved program available that delivers that all with fantastic results.

Let's talk about what that could look like for your schools.

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