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Students Commend the Government for Investments in Housing, Mental Health, and University Funding

Fredericton, NB - On Tuesday March 19th, 2024, the Government of New Brunswick (GNB) announced an investment of 12.7 million to increase the supply of post-secondary housing in New Brunswick. The government also announced a permanent 2.6% increase to the operating grant and an additional 1.5% based on enrollment. We also saw investments of 7 million for mental health and addictions service offerings which will be beneficial to students and 785,000 towards StudyNB programming. The New Brunswick Student Alliance (NBSA) commends the Government for recognizing that investing in post-secondary education will create a sustainable future for the leaders of tomorrow.

“We are delighted to see the necessary investments into bettering the lives of students through housing, mental health, operational funding and more. This support will help incoming students transition into university, ensure better access to mental health resources, and find better housing options. This is a promising step towards a more affordable and supportive post-secondary experience for students.” says Emily Boucher, Chair of the New Brunswick Student Alliance.

Any progress towards more affordable, accessible, and supportive post-secondary education is encouraging—I am encouraged to have seen some progress today. says Alivia Warr, Vice-chair of the New Brunswick Students Alliance.

In our advocacy document released in 2023, we shared indepthly on the many challenges students have been facing. Adequate housing, substantial funding for universities, and accessible mental health resources all play a vital role in ensuring students feel safe and are able to meet their needs in pursuit of quality education.

“The latter supports and investments are reflective of dedicated advocacy by our board and members, we are proud to see our voices reflected at the decision-making tables and we look forward to steady and permanent investments that will create more student

success stories and develop spaces for them to thrive.” Says Sydona Chandon Executive Director of the New Brunswick Students Alliance.