The following presentation is designed to provide an update on our government's plan to deliver results for Ontarians.

Included in our presentation is a local component to update residents on our progress in Sault Ste. Marie.
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Our four-year plan will build a province that brings out the best in our citizens and attracts the best talent from around the world.

Our plan will support strong public schools, ensure universal public health care and grow our economy to build a high quality of life.

Our plan for education ensures that children in the all important early grades can read, write and perform math. We are committed to delivering quality public education and building a well-educated, highly skilled, productive workforce that can attract new investment and high-paying jobs.
Overview

Our plan for health care has two main objectives: shorten wait times for key medical services and improve access to family doctors and nurse practitioners. By delivering these results, we will improve the quality of health care Ontarians expect and deserve. We will also ensure our health care system is prepared for the enormous challenge ahead, as aging baby boomers begin to place unprecedented demands on our health care system.

In the 1960s, when many of our social programs began, we had eight working age people for every senior; eight people generating wealth for every person who reached the age where they needed a greater level of health care. In 2004, we have five working age people for every senior. By 2030, we will have three working age people for every senior.
Overview

We need to ensure that those three, many now in school, are educated and trained to their maximum potential.

Real progress starts with a sound fiscal plan. Our government inherited a structural deficit of $5.5 billion and we have chosen to manage this fiscal challenge pragmatically and responsibly by balancing the budget over the course of our mandate.

Our first Budget in May, 2004 laid out a four-year strategy to achieve a balanced budget through a responsible combination of cost containment measures, revenue generation and economic growth initiatives.
Presently, it takes 13 cents of every tax dollar the provincial government receives to pay interest on the province's $126 billion debt and that amount will continue to rise unless we take the necessary steps to tackle the annual deficit.

However, we should be optimistic about Ontario's future and certainly about our future here in Sault Ste. Marie, because our plan is addressing our financial issues and delivering results.
Our Commitment to the Future of Medicare Act, 2004, affirms the principle of universal public health care, but we must transform the focus of the system from illness care to health care.

It also means encouraging Ontarians to stay healthy, so that they can be productive workers and active citizens. By keeping as many Ontarians as healthy as possible, they will require less care throughout their lives.
The next step is to improve the capacity of community and public health services, thereby reducing the pressure on hospitals, which provide the most expensive type of care.

To modernize our health care system and ensure that medically necessary and clinically effective services are more readily available, we have established the following targets and made a number of important investments.
Reducing Wait Times: Nov 17/04

- $107 million to reduce wait times
- $50 million for equipment replacement (9 new MRI/CT sites by 2005-2006 - 4 sites completed)
- $5 million for increased MRI hours of operation in hospitals
- $10 million for education, innovation and other efficiency initiatives
- $10 million for improved access to cancer treatment
- $4 million for 7,850 additional cardiac procedures this year (36,000 additional per year by 2006-2007)
- $14.5 million for 680 additional hip and knee joint replacements this year (2,340 additional per year by 2006-2007)
Health Care

- $1.5 million for 2000 additional cataract surgeries this year (9000 additional per year by 2006-2007)
- $5 million for information technology, development of a wait list registry and methods to prioritize patients
- $7 million for the physician resource component of increasing volumes, such as:
  a) costs for pre-operative physician assessment and care
  b) anesthetist’s costs
  c) surgeon’s costs
  d) post-operative physician care
Health Care

Hospitals:

We are committed to working with our hospitals to establish long-term stable funding.

Sault Area Hospital:

2003/04 - $385 million to address Ontario hospital deficits

2003/04 - $91,602,400m + $2,625,000m = $94,227,400

2003/04 - $5.8m deficit

2004/05 - $469.5 million additional funding to base budgets ($11.3 billion)

2004/05 - $91,602,400m + $1,520,300 = $93,122,700
Health Care

July 3/04 ------ $660,000 for additional nurses ($25m)
Feb 10/04 ---- $972,000 for diagnostic medical equipment ($130m)
July 26/04 ---- $1,520,300 for SAH operations ($469.5)
Aug 25/04 ---- $153,007 for midwifery ($7m increase to $37m)
Sept 10/04 --- $605,416 for facility maintenance ($60m)
Oct 7/04 ------ $153,300 for long-term care ($191m)
Nov 17/04 --- $29 million to move people no longer requiring acute care out of hospitals and into appropriate care settings including long-term care homes
Health Care

Group Health Centre:

$25.9 Million Dollar four year funding contract signed after nearly 5 years without a contract

• An 18% increase from the previous funding contract

• For a third consecutive year the Group Health Centre has won a national best practice award at the Ontario Hospital Association Convention in Toronto

• Our government is working to develop 150 family health teams in Ontario modeled on the principles of the Group Health Centre

• The new funding contract will assist in physician recruitment

• $744,500 in funding to promote reduction of vascular disease
Health Care

Public Health Units / Algoma Health Unit:

May 28/04 - Increasing the provincial share of public health funding from 50% to 75% by 2007

$273 million for public health in 2004 – 2005

$469 million for public health by 2007 – 2008

AHU •$3.68m 2003-2004 •$4.03m 2004-2005
•$4.72m 2005-2006 •$5.24m 2006-2007
•$7.06m 2007-2008

June 1/04 - Launched a 3 year plan for a new Ontario Health Protection and Promotion Agency to better respond to public health threats such as, SARS and West Nile
Health Care

Immunization Programs:

July 2/04 - $156 million for three new vaccines to prevent chicken pox, meningitis and pneumococcal disease

The program will be fully implemented by January 1, 2005 and save parents more than $600 per child

• $1,345,182 (estimated funding for Sault and area to 2007)
• $198,869 - 2005
• $646,062 - 2006
• $500,251 - 2007
Health Care

Long-Term Care:

May 11/04 - $531 million investment for long-term care and a comprehensive strategy to protect seniors

$191m 2003-2004 / $340m 2004-2005

Oct 7/04 - $191 million
(Sault Ste. Marie Funding $1,294,594)

• $812,064 F.J. Davey Home
• $153,300 SAH
• $149,559 Extendicare Van Daele
• $119,446 Extendicare Tendercare
• $60,225 Finnish Resthome
Health Care

Other LTC initiatives:

• Completed a full review of long-term care homes from Dec /03 to March /04
• Ensure a minimum of two baths per week (Jan 1/05)
• Ensure a dietician approved meal plan (Jan 1/05)
• Ensure access to a registered nurse 24/7 (Feb 1/05)
• Increased the comfort allowance by 3.57% for clothes, glasses, hearing aids and medication for low-income seniors for the first time in 20 years
Other LTC initiatives:

- Introduced a MOHLTC – hotline # 1-866-434-0144 to more easily allow for the reporting of suspected abuse as well as introduced a whistleblower protection policy for complaints.
- Re-instated the policy of allowing couples to live together even if they require different levels of care.
- We have begun surprise inspections of long-term care facilities with poor track records (www.health.gov.on.ca).
Health Care

Home Care:

We agree with Roy Romanow that home care is the “next essential service”

July 13/04 • $73.2 million for Ontario Community Care Access Center's bringing the total investment to $1.3 billion in home care

• $1,407,339 million for Algoma Community Care Access Centre

• Largest increase for homecare in more than a decade

• 21,400 more Ontarians served 2003-2004 growing to 95,700 by 2006-2007
Health Care

Mental Health:

July 16/04 • $65 million increase for mental health services in 2004-2005 for a total of $463 million (increasing to $120 million by 2007-2008 for a total of $583 million)
• $25 million for children’s mental health 2004 -2005
• First investment in community mental health in 12 years

$647,161 for Sault Ste. Marie and area mental health providers

$589,970  SAH
$50,113  Canadian Mental Health
$29,452  Algoma Health Unit
$2,155  Phoenix Rising Non-Profit Homes
$1,384  Phoenix Rising Women’s Centre
$1,087  Women in Crisis
Health Care

Physician Supply:

- Under-serviced communities rose from 60 to 140 in the past 10 yrs
- The Ontario Medical Association (OMA) estimates that nearly 1 million Ontarians do not have a family doctor
- In 2003-2004, 2500 undergraduate medical training positions were filled in Ontario (an increase of nearly 30% from previous years)
  - The first new medical school built in Ontario in 30 years is being built in Northern Ontario (NOMS)
    - $95.3 million for the development of NOMS
    - $32.9 million for capital construction
    - $62.4 million for operating over 3 years
Health Care

Physician Supply:

- 56 seats opening September 2005
- 224 undergraduates within four years
- 205 post-graduates within the next eight years
- 10 new specialist training seats 2005 and 26 by 2009
- $26 million to increased the number of International Medical Graduate (IMG) by 110 seats from 90 to 200 per year
- Review: Northern Physician Retention Initiative (NPRI)
  - Under serviced Area Program (UAP)
  - Alternate Funding Plans (AFP/APP)
Health Care

Nurses and Nurse Practitioners:

• $25 million for nursing positions for 1,000 more full-time nurses
• $2 million for nurses who mentor nursing trainees completing clinical training
• $10 million for nurses in tuition support for enrolling in training at a graduate level
• $14 million to purchase 12,000 bed lifts for hospitals and long-term care facilities to improve working conditions for nurses and help prevent on the job injuries
• Doubled clinical education spaces for nurse practitioners from 75 to 150
Education

**Objective:**

To ensure we can compete in an increasingly complex global society we need a strong, vibrant, publicly funded education system that gives our children a clear competitive advantage.

We must begin with the early years, so that our children are ready to learn when they start school. By investing in public education we can develop the best educated most highly skilled workforce – one that can compete with the world for the best jobs. We also help our youth become engaged citizens who build strong caring communities.

Our government's efforts in the past year have been focused on making schools good learning environments. Children cannot reach their potential, nor can teachers provide the best teaching, in crumbling schools dealing with stressed budgets.
Education

Province-wide testing in 2002-2003 indicated that only 55% percent of Grade 6 students met the provincial standard (level 3 or above) in reading, writing and math.

Currently, an estimated 30 per cent of high school students leave school without a diploma.

To improve our education system we have moved forward on the following initiatives and made a number of important investments:

• $2.6 billion additional invested by 2007 (Rozanski’s recommended $1.8b)
• $1,100 increase in per student funding by 2007
• $2.1 billion infrastructure fund to repair crumbling schools
Education

• $854 million in increased funding for 2004-2005
• $5,549,234 ---- ADSB
• $2,322,458 ---- HSCDSB

Dec 3/03  --------$112 million Literacy Funding
            $339,541 ADSB
            $116,380 HSCDSB

May 26/04  --------$90 million Primary Class Reduction
            $435,003 ADSB
            $281,785 HSCDSB
Education

July 28/04 -------$100 million in Special Education Funding
$1,233,000 ADSB
$681,000 HSCDSB

August 17/04 ---$65 million Learning Opportunities Grant
$229,953 ADSB
$78,677 HSCDSB

Sept 22/04 ------$31 million for Rural School Funding
$1,185,911 ADSB
$203,179 HSCDSB
Education

- Class cap at 20 in JK to Grade 3 by 2007 (1300 schools this year)
- Created a Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat to improve results for students
- 15,000 JK to Grade 3 teachers have received training in literacy and math
- Introduced early screening of all kindergarten and Grade 1 students for potential learning problems (20 school boards 2004)
- Expand program choices for at-risk students:
  a) revised applied Grade 9 and 10 math curriculum
  b) locally developed credit courses for struggling students
  c) expanded co-op opportunities
Northern Ontario

- Development of the Northern Ontario Prosperity Plan to stimulate growth, create jobs and provide a better quality of life in Northern Ontario
- $256 million for highway rehabilitation and expansion
- $35 million in additional funding for Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC)
- $20 million for the Northern Ontario Grow Bonds Program to develop and expand small and medium sized businesses in Northern Ontario
- $10 million for ‘Go North’ to attract businesses to Northern Ontario
- Returned to the geographic definition of Northern Ontario for NOHFC funding
- Introduction of Northern Ontario Development Councils
Employment Growth

Sault Ste. Marie Job Growth Since October, 2003:

**Public Sector - Provincial Government Jobs (FTE’s)**

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183.5 jobs at an estimated payroll of $6.5 million
Employment Growth

Private Sector Jobs Created with Provincial Investment (FTE’s)

Sutherland Group
Ministry of Northern Development and Mines
$3 million from (NOHFC)
30,000 sq ft. new building
1185 jobs in two facilities
$23 - $25 million estimated payroll
Private Sector Jobs Created with Provincial Investment (FTE’s)

Flakeboard Ltd.
Ministry of Northern Development and Mines
$1.5 million (NOHFC)
55,000 sq ft building
25 jobs
$1.5 - $2 million estimated payroll

Private Sector - 1210 jobs    Public Sector - 183.5 jobs
## Sault Ste. Marie Funding

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Other Initiatives

- $500 million Auto Investment Strategy to protect and grow Ontario jobs
- $58 million for 4,000 additional subsidized child care spaces
- $400 million to support source-to-tap drinking water protection
- $21 million increase for OSAP funding to assist more than 50,000 students
- $180 million for additional spaces at colleges and universities
- 2 cents of gas tax to municipalities to for public transit
- $30 million for Ontario farmers affected by (BSE)
Other Initiatives

- $106 million for income support programs for the first time in 11 years (3% Ontario Disability Support Program / Ontario Works)
- Increased minimum wage from $6.85 to $7.15 on Feb 1, 2004 for the first time in 8 years ($8.00 on Feb 1, 2007)
- Froze post-secondary tuition for two years
- Developing renewable energy sources
- Hired 20 more drinking water inspectors for a total of 80
- Hired 122 more meat inspectors, for a total of 132
- Introduced fixed election dates (October 4, 2007)
The following identifies key legislation that has been passed into law or introduced in the provincial legislature:

- Fiscal Responsibility Act - December 18, 2003
- Automobile Insurance Rate Stabilization Act - December 18, 2003
- Commitment to the Future of Medicare Act - June 17, 2004
- Greenbelt Protection Act - June 24, 2004
- Health Information Protection Act - May 20, 2004
- Adams Mine Lake Act - June 17, 2004
- Employment Standards Amendment Act (Family Medical Leave) - June 29, 2004
Legislation

• Bill 26 Strong Communities Act - May 13, 2004 carried second reading
• Bill 63 Employment Standards Amendment Act - (Hours of Work and Other Matters) November 1, 2004 carried second reading
• Bill 84 Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act - May 18, 2004 carried first reading
• Bill 92 Municipal Amendment Act - June 8, 2004 carried first reading
• Bill 100 Electricity Restructuring Act - June 15, 2004 carried first reading
• Bill 118 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act - October 12, 2004 carried first reading
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