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## OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND AUDIOLOGY CANADA (SAC)

### SAC applauds Nova Scotia's commitment to increased investment in speech-language pathology services

SAC commends the government of Nova Scotia for making a commitment towards “increasing investments for specialists in classrooms such as **speech language pathologists** and school psychologists” in its [Throne Speech](#), delivered October 13, 2016.

The ability to communicate effectively with others is the very foundation of a child's social, emotional and educational development. By investing in school-based speech and language services now, the government is investing in a brighter future for all Nova Scotians. [According to](#) the Canadian Public Health Association, every \$1 spent on early childhood health and development saves up to \$9 in future health, social and justice services.

SAC has long advocated for increased funding for speech-language pathologists in schools. The association has published multiple resources focusing on the role of speech-language pathologists in children's development, including a position paper on [Early Identification of Speech and Language Disorders](#).

#### About SAC

**Speech-Language and Audiology Canada (SAC)** is a member-driven organization that supports and promotes the professions of more than 6,300 members and associates. We are the only national organization passionately supporting and representing speech-language pathologists, audiologists and communication health assistants inclusively. Through this support, we champion the needs of people with communication disorders. Visit [www.sac-oac.ca](http://www.sac-oac.ca) to learn more.

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