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The president of CUPE Nova Scotia, Danny Cavanagh, says while there are some good things in the NDP government's first full budget, his union is disappointed that early learning and childcare was not even mentioned in the document.

"Early Childhood Educators in this province deserve to earn a living wage and as the primary funder, the provincial government has a critical role to play in this regard," says Cavanagh.

"We're also disappointed that the government has not spelled out its position on P3s, so-called Public-Private-Partnerships. Following the recent audit of the P3 schools contracts, we see no upside to pursuing these questionable funding arrangements."

Cavanagh says, "CUPE is pleased the Government heard the public with respect to the creation of a 4th and 5th new tax bracket. This means the 7,500 people in Nova Scotia who earn more than \$150,000 will now pay higher taxes."

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