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political commentary from Quebec regarding national unity, rather than working out details on how the Foundation would allocate money or be structured.

Despite early indications that the

Millennium Fund would be in addition to existing programs, Ottawa has had to reconsider these earlier statements.

It is now allowing some provincial governments to reduce current student aid programs, resulting in substantial savings in the

areas of education spending.

The Ontario government estimates savings of up to \$90-million after replacing part of a loan-forgiveness program with the new federal scholarships.

But despite

differences between the federal and provincial governments, Stewart says the Liberals are committed to ensuring good relations between all levels of government.

"There are a large number of federal programs in the area of education and by in large

they're well-received," she said. "They're strong partnerships between the government of Canada and other leaders in their particular domains, and focused on providing leadership and contribution in areas the government of Canada feels are important." □

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