

J. M. WRIGHT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

I am happy we were able to bring home more state funding for J.M. Wright Technical High School to support increasing enrollment at the school. Enrollment is expected to grow by approximately 150 new students as the freshman class transitions to sophomore year and a new freshman class is accepted. ***The school will receive an additional \$1.4 million in FY16, and an additional \$3.5 million in FY17.***

ROGERS SCHOOL EXPANSION

Stamford Public Schools enrollment has grown to over 16 thousand students. That demand has strained existing schools to their limits. Our legislative delegation secured funding for a critical expansion of the Rogers International Interdistrict Magnet School which will help meet the growing demand for classroom space in our city. ***\$61.8 million will help refurbish the building and make sure that our children get the education they need.***

HOUSING COMING TO ATLANTIC ST.

The Stamford delegation has been working very hard to bring funding for affordable rental housing to Stamford. Now, 131 new rental units will be built at 695 Atlantic St. to help the many individuals and families in need.

FORECLOSURE MEDIATION EXTENDED

The Foreclosure Mediation Program has provided services to Consumers facing foreclosure, and helped many families avoid foreclosure. This year we extended Foreclosure Mediation program to July 2019, ensuring that this program continues to keep families in their homes and work something out with their lender. The program helped more than 3,200 homeowners stay in their houses. The program, which began in 2008, was set to expire on July 1, 2016 but I am proud to have worked to change that. If you need help with a foreclosure, call 1-877-472-8313 for assistance or visit jud.ct.gov.

HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES

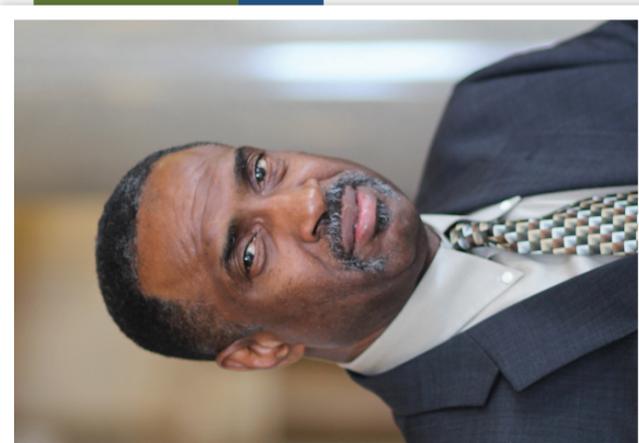
This year, we allocated more funds for the highly successful Small Business Express Program. We are also requiring the Department of Economic and Community Development to dedicate funds to develop a program for construction projects for minority business enterprises.

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for your support. It has been an honor to represent you in the General Assembly. There have been many intensely debated issues this legislative session and it has been a privilege to represent the people of Stamford in each of those discussions.

I fought to secure substantial state aid for Stamford. This includes \$3.9 million towards property tax relief, **\$1.5 million in new funding for our public schools, \$61.8 million for an expansion to Rogers International magnet school, \$75,000 for pre-school improvements** and substantial funds to reduce traffic on I-95, and improve Metro-North.

We have continued to support and improve our education system by providing additional aid to J.M. Wright Technical High School and students with learning disabilities like dyslexia. We also took significant steps to lower the cost of higher education by becoming the first state in the country to establish a Student Loan Bill of Rights.

I hope you find this information to be of use and please do not hesitate to call my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Adams". The signature is fluid and cursive.



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MORE THAN \$1 BILLION IN SPENDING CUTS

We cut spending by almost \$600 million in FY 16 and more than \$800 million in FY 17. This includes cuts of over \$150 million from state employee salaries, positions and overtime over the next two years.

TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS

We made a once-in-a-generation investment of an additional \$2.8 billion in transportation infrastructure over the next five years to grow jobs, boost the economy and improve the quality of life for all Connecticut residents. We also protected and invested in local ports such as Stamford's.

A SECOND CHANCE SOCIETY

Connecticut's drug policies have swelled our prisons with nonviolent drug offenders who struggle to reintegrate into society upon release. The Second Chance Society will ensure public safety and help end the culture of mass incarceration by lowering sentencing for nonviolent offenses. The Second Chance Society will give ex-offenders more opportunity to get back into the workforce – and will also save millions in taxpayer dollars while allowing our police force to focus on more pressing crime.

VETERANS' SERVICES

This year, the legislature supported and advanced legislation that improves the lives of veterans who have served our country. We established the Women Veterans Program to improve benefits and services available for female veterans; created the Incarcerated Veterans Reintegration Council to help veterans reintegrate back into their community; and worked to end chronic veteran homelessness. In addition, military veterans' retirement pay will now be 100% exempt from the state income tax.

Local help is available:

- Stamford's Primary Care VA Clinic is at 1275 Summer St. Tel. 203-325-0649
- VA CT provides a full range of services for Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Tel. 1-877-424-3838

For more information, call the Department of Veteran Affairs at 1-866-928-8387 or go to www.Veterans.ct.gov.



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REDUCING LENGTHY SENTENCES FOR JUVENILE CRIMES

New brain science and sociological studies show that the brains of young people are more susceptible to negative influences than the brains of adults. This has led to recent U.S. and Connecticut Supreme Court decisions limiting the application of adult sentencing rules to juveniles. This law requires criminal courts to consider evidence showing the difference between juvenile and adult brain development when sentencing for certain felonies. Parole hearings will be offered to those serving sentences of over 10 years. At the hearing, the parole board will consider whether the offender demonstrates the necessary maturity and rehabilitation to qualify for parole release.

ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDS TO STAMFORD

Rogers International Interdistrict Magnet School expansion (at former Sacred Heart Academy)	\$61,849,908
Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church (Youth Services Prevention Grant)	\$296,220
Boys & Girls Club of Stamford (Youth Services Prevention Grant)	\$226,220
Stamford Fire Training School	\$59,342
Saint Joseph Parenting Center	\$50,000



CITY OF STAMFORD STATE AID FOR FISCAL YEARS 2016-2017

Education Cost Sharing	\$21,994,590
Priority School Districts	\$6,374,824
PILOT: State Owned Property	\$2,594,310
PILOT: Colleges & Hospitals	\$3,790,890
Pequot/Mohegan Revenue Sharing	\$1,861,575
School Transportation	\$318,898
Local Capital Improvement Program	\$1,643,216
Town Aid Roads	\$2,408,522
Adult Education	\$617,525
Grants and Sales Tax Revenue Shares	\$4,799,531
Total State Funds to Stamford	\$46,403,881