

STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
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Dear Neighbor,

Year after year, I have worked hard to ensure that quality education is available to every student in Danbury. From pre-school through college, I've voted to fund school operations and school buildings. That's hundreds of millions of your state tax dollars brought home for public primary and middle schools, for Danbury High and Henry Abbot Tech, for Naugatuck Valley Community College, and for Western Connecticut State University. You can get a career-building education in Danbury without leaving home.

I am committed to ensuring that tax dollars go directly to funding our local schools. I also advocate and vote for grants from the state to fund Danbury's Youth Services and Danbury's Police Athletic League.

I also make sure we get Education Cost Sharing (ECS) funding for public schools. ECS was created in response to court cases enforcing equal access to education as our state constitution mandates.

This newsletter reports on education funding, investment in our hometown, and significant new education laws. As always, if you have questions or concerns please contact me.

Sincerely,



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### EXPANDING STUDENTS' OUTLOOK

Our education system should expand how our students see themselves, their hometown, and the world, and also teach critical thinking. So I've advocated and voted for:

- Adding computer science to the curriculum, so students are prepared for success in the 21st century workforce. (PA 19-128)
- Adding study of the Holocaust and the horrors of genocide to the curriculum, to give students a better understanding of world history. I know that "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." - George Santayana. We must remember. We must prevent. (PA 18-24)
- Allowing in-state tuition to stay with the student helps Connecticut support our military and their families. This legislation will allow tuition reduction to follow the student and make education more accessible to military families. (PA 19-172)

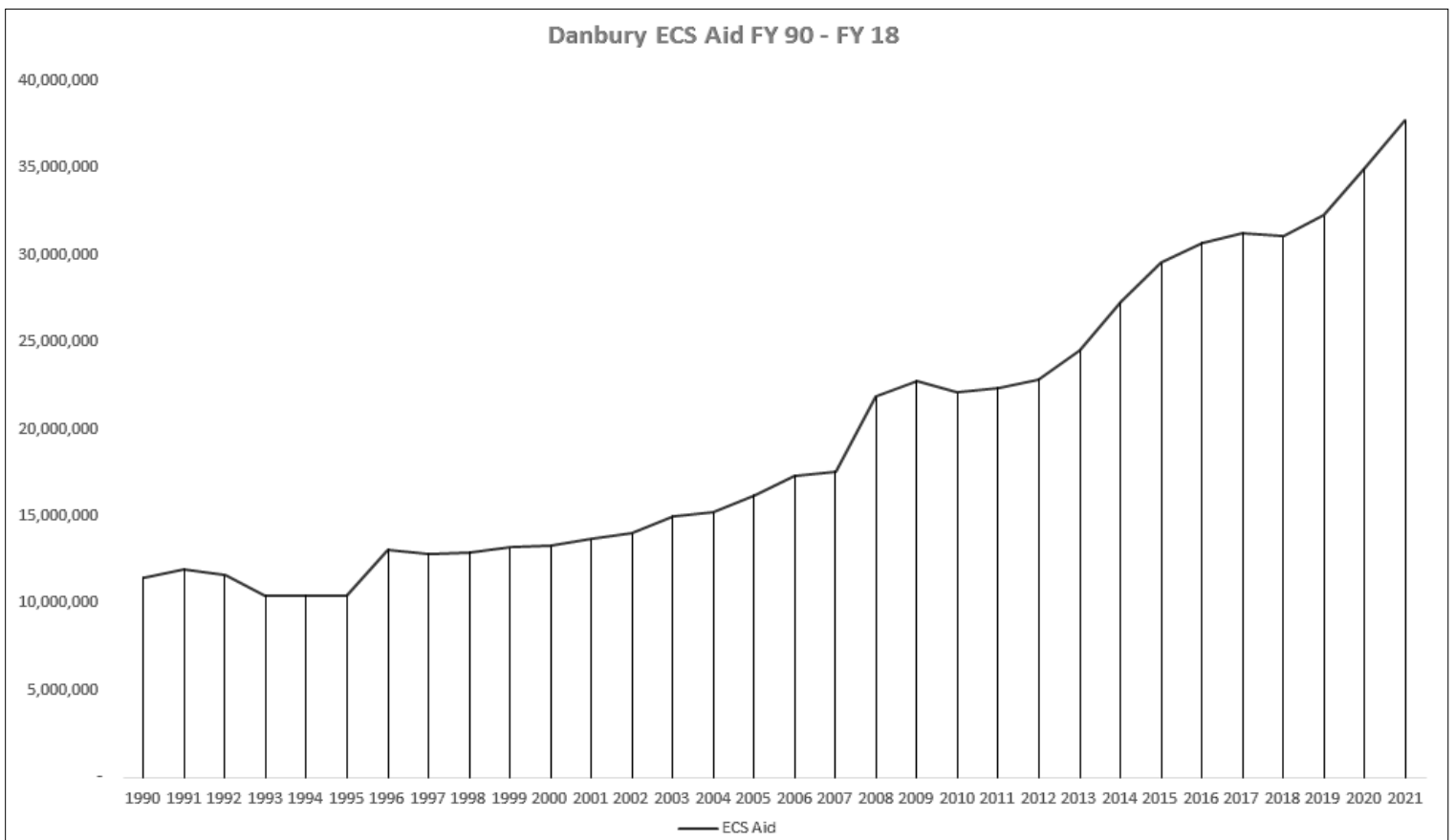
### WORKFORCE PIPELINE & MANUFACTURING CAREERS

College isn't for every young adult, and our economy has a shortage of skilled workers. We've established a Workforce Training Authority to partner with the business community to make sure Connecticut has the best trained workers who can better meet the specific hiring needs of employers. This employment pipeline will target industries in need of skilled workers such as construction, health care, early childhood education, insurance, financial services, bioscience, advanced manufacturing, digital media, green technology and tourism. (HB 7501)

### BRINGING FUNDING HOME FOR OUR CHILDREN

Each year, I fight for every dollar of available state funding for Danbury, especially for our students. I'm happy that in the new state budget, Danbury will receive \$72,754,316 in Education Cost Sharing funding over the biennium.

I've also brought home state funded grants to improve our youth and community. I advocated and voted for Danbury's Youth Services Grant over the biennium. I also advocated for state funding for Danbury's Police Athletics League, securing a \$280,000 grant for the biennium.



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