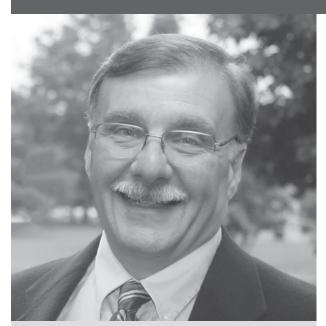
STATE REPRESENTATIVE TOM ARNONE: SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS FROM PRE-K TO HIGHER EDUCATION

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Making Enfield a thriving town for families is a priority for me. As such, I am dedicated to securing education and bonding funds to ensure our town continues to flourish.

Dear Enfield resident,

First, I want to say thank you and how incredibly proud I am of how our teachers, educational staff, families, and students managed through one of the most difficult years, amidst a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic. I am not surprised at the extraordinary efforts to assist children in our community and how much everyone supported each other. This post card provides a snap shot of some of my efforts at the Capitol that will support our Enfield students from pre-K all the way through higher education.

If you have any specific needs that I can help with please do not hesitate to reach out to me at 860-240-8585 and/or sign up for my weekly newsletters, which provide timely updates regarding state and city issues.

Sincerely,

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IMPORTANT EDUCATION LEGISLATION

- Expanded childcare under the Care4Kids program for working parents.
- Required boards of education to designate a School Readiness Liaison.
- Established a task force to study student loan debt in CT and develop actions to reduce student loan debt.
- Improved sexual misconduct reporting, data collection, and response at higher education institutions across the state.
- Required certain higher education institutions to establish a mental health coalition to evaluate and strengthen their mental health programs so students have timely access to care.
- Allowed college-level student athletes to earn compensation.
- Established an annual "Fee-Free Day" on which high school students may apply for admission to institutions governed by the boards, without paying an application fee.
- Established the Office of Dyslexia and Reading Disabilities in the State Department of Education.
- Fully funded a debt-free community college program so that all CT residents have the opportunity to receive a higher degree.

EDUCATION FUNDING IN ENFIELD

The last budget I voted for brought in an additional **\$272,119** for Enfield Public Schools and making sure we get our fair share is a top priority of mine this session.



BONDING FUNDS FOR ENFIELD

Additionally, I am proud to have recently secured bond funds for two important community projects in Enfield:

- \$35,000,000 for construction of the Enfield Rail Station
- \$1,500,000 for renovation of the 100 High Street building to convert into a performing arts facility

I look forward to welcoming these projects into our growing town!





