



Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session featured big issues like **lowering energy bills, childcare, special education, and the state budget** – and we tackled them all.

Our budget creates a **\$300 million trust fund** that will help **increase the availability and affordability of childcare**, and we also established a **refundable \$250 Earned-Income Tax Credit for working families**.

The budget devotes **historic funding to special education** and approves **comprehensive energy legislation to reduce electric bills** for businesses and families. And we did it responsibly, ensuring we **continue to pay down our long-term obligations**.

I was proud to help lead the successful effort to secure **an additional \$142 million in state funds for the new Westhill High School and Roxbury Elementary School projects** – meaning we obtained **a total of \$434.8 million of state funding** to support the construction of the state-of-the-art schools our students and educators deserve.

You can find more details about the 2025 legislative session inside this newsletter. As always, I'd love to hear your questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Matt

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INVESTING IN STAMFORD SCHOOLS

- We delivered **an additional \$142 million** in state funds for the new **Westhill High School and Roxbury Elementary School** projects.
- This adds up to **a total of \$434.8 million of state school-construction funding** to support the **state-of-the-art school facilities** our students and educators deserve.

MAKING CHILDCARE MORE AFFORDABLE

- We established the **Early Childhood Education Endowment**, which will **increase the availability and affordability of childcare** in our state.
- By 2027, families earning up to \$100,000 will be able to receive free childcare, while families earning more will pay no more than 7% of their income for childcare.

INCREASING AFFORDABLE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

- **Strengthened** our first-in-the-nation **reproductive healthcare shield law's** privacy protections.
- **Increased Medicaid funding** for healthcare providers to **fortify our reproductive healthcare infrastructure**.
- **Cracked down on insurance carriers** by toughening our **mental health coverage parity law**.
- **Combated the high cost of prescription drugs** by **cutting out markups by middlemen**, ensuring **drug-manufacturer rebates are passed on to consumers**, and taking steps to allow importing **cheaper drugs from Canada**.

FIGHTING FOR WORKING FAMILIES

- Delivered **targeted tax relief** to working families.
- Took steps to **reform energy regulation** and decrease your electric bills.
- **Expanded our price gouging laws** to further protect consumers.
- **Capped broadband internet** access prices for low-income individuals at **\$40 per month**.
- **Prohibited big social media companies** from **targeting ads at minors** or **selling your sensitive data** without your consent.



INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

- Passed **first-in-the-nation** legislation to help our **libraries** fight back against publishers price gouging on e-books.
- Made **historic investments in special education**, easing the burden on municipalities.
- **\$37,567,194** in **total state funding** to Stamford (FY 2026)
- **\$22,603,292** in **education funding** to Stamford (FY 2026)