

Leading Our Kids Past the Pandemic and to Promising Futures



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“With my time on the PTA, on the Board of Education, and as a mom, I know we can never invest enough in our children. West Haven’s future depends on it. That’s why I’m pleased to tell you that West Haven is getting more than \$1M in new state funding, almost entirely for our local schools. We also passed landmark legislation to support mental health and early childhood needs. I’m happy to have supported these efforts and will continue to advocate for our children moving forward.”

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FROM RECOVERY TO RESILIENCY: SERVING OUR COMMUNITY'S KIDS

Historic Investments In Mental Health Services For Our Youth

- Established a grant program for local school boards, youth camps, and summer programs to hire mental health specialists
- Expanded licenses to allow for more mental health professionals in the field
- Ensured 24/7 access to Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services
- Created a screening tool for pediatricians to identify early-stage mental health concerns



Supporting Childhood Development and Expanding Childcare

- Increased funding to public and private providers
- Created more childcare opportunities for families with infants and toddlers, up to age 3
- Funded the expansions of school-based health centers and the services they provide
- Secured one-time childcare rebate of \$250 per child, for up to three kids

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