

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DORINDA BORER

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS FROM PRE-K TO HIGHER EDUCATION



Above: Rep. Borer announcing the funding of a new Washington School.

I'm proud to have helped secure \$24 million towards building a NEW state of the art Washington Elementary School. Investing in our schools provides our teachers and staff with the modern resources to help them deliver a quality education that each and every child deserves. This will benefit West Haven economically, as public education is the most important factor to families moving into a new town.

Dear West Haven 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. 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 West Haven 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 203-887-6359 and/or sign up for my weekly newsletters which provide timely updates regarding state and city issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorinda".

Dorinda

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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 & COMMUNITY GRANTS

Below are some of the funding initiatives I was able to secure for West Haven:

- West Haven received \$49,172,249 in education funding for Fiscal Year 21 and will receive \$50,560,806 for Fiscal Year 22.
- \$50,000 grant from Yale to provide students with computers to work virtually.
- \$400,000 for anti-violence youth grants that went to our PTA anti-drug and alcohol program, community sports programs, after school programs, the Community House, Youth Services, W.H. Library, Camps, and more!
- \$430,000 for new playgrounds at Mackrille, SethHaley and Galde St neighborhoods so that our students have a safe place to grow and play.



Rep. Borer, Kim Kenny, Cristi Hotak, principals Drenzek and Driend, and their very excited students stand at the site of the next playground at Mackrille.



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