

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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Dear Neighbor,

I am reaching out to you with an update on our work at the State Capitol and how it impacts the youth of our city and state.

Schools have become an increasingly vulnerable place for children; there are so many risks to both students and educators in the classroom. New legislation prioritizes school security by establishing new safety plans and standards.

We worked on many changes to healthcare for our children, including raising the legal age to purchase tobacco and vaping products to 21 as this is one of our fastest growing crises.

Additionally, we need to help prepare our children for their future, whether it's by providing affordable higher education or by providing easier and more access to jobs in the trades. We worked on many bills to address this issue.

It is my honor to represent you in Hartford. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

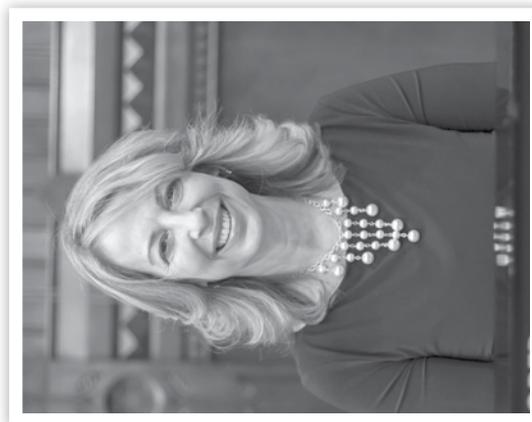


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This Session I Was Proud to Work on These Issues:

School Security: We passed legislation that will require the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to update school security and safety plan standards, and to tighten up the oversight of drills.

Anti-Drug and Alcohol PTA Grant: Working with my fellow delegation members, we secured a \$22,000 grant for our PTAs to bring anti-drug and alcohol programs into our schools.

Teen Vaping: This was and will continue to be a priority for me. Our children were targeted and became addicted to e-cigarettes and vaping before they knew what hit them. I've co-sponsored legislation that will raise the purchasing age of tobacco and vaping products to 21, and restrict internet purchasing.



Reading to a Savin Rock Elementary School class for Read Across America.

School Climates: This legislation addresses harassment and bullying by requiring the development of a social and emotional learning assessment instrument. Boards of Education will provide training on the prevention of and intervention in discrimination against and targeted harassment of students.

Funding Care4Kids Program: I'm happy to report that this program, which is significant for the West Haven Community House, has been funded.

Debt-free Community College: We required the Board of Regents to develop a plan to provide a debt-free community college program for certain Connecticut high school graduates who enroll as first-time, full-time regional community-technical college students.



Visiting West Haven school nurses to celebrate Nurses Day.

Promoting Manufacturing Careers for Students: Not going to college? We passed legislation that requires Boards of Education to develop goals for career placement for manufacturing, law enforcement, and military careers for students choosing not to pursue an advanced degree.

African-American & Black, Puerto Rican & Latino Studies: Under this law, all public school districts must include African-American and Black and Puerto Rican and Latino studies in their history curriculum.

Youth Advisory Working Group

I am putting together a Youth Advisory Working Group to gather input from young adults in our community regarding health, security, and education issues. This will provide me with a well-rounded understanding of these important aspects as I work on next year's legislation that impacts youth. Young adults between the ages of 17-23 interested in participating should contact me at **203-887-6359**.



Volunteering at the VA Hospital with a group of West Haven High School students.