

Dear Neighbor,

It remains a privilege and honor to serve as your state representative and as your voice under the Capitol dome in Hartford. With the 2024 legislative session in the rearview mirror, let's take a moment to check in and celebrate this session's achievements made with the support of our friends across the aisle, from passionate advocates, and from residents like you. As I continue my work as the House chair of the Education Committee and a member of the Appropriations, Commerce, and Judiciary Committees, please do not hesitate to contact me and share your thoughts and ideas on solutions so that we continue to say with pride, "We Love CT."

You can reach me home at 860-528-8822 or the office at 860-240-8585. And, always stay up-to-date on what's happening at the Capitol and in our community by signing up for email updates at [housedems.ct.gov/currey](http://housedems.ct.gov/currey) or use the QR code to your right. Very truly yours,

Jeff Currey  
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## SUPPORTING PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

- Established the Education Mandate Review Advisory Council to review proposed and existing mandates on local and regional boards of education
- Provided financial assistance to cover paraeducator costs for predatory, high deductible health plans
- Created the Early Start CT program to simplify the process for families entering the early childhood system
- Capped the tuition amount boards of education are required to pay for students attending choice programs, saving millions for our towns
- Began the overhaul of our education certification process for the first time in thirty years to help grow our educator pipeline
- Expanded scholarship opportunities for some high school graduates looking to enter the teaching profession



## CT HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Supported middle-class and working families by granting most full- and part-time workers access to Paid Sick Days over a three-year period
- Allowed telehealth to continue for in-state and out-of-state residents without letting the practice sunset
- Improved coordination across state agencies and streamlined the process for residents to access nutrition programs- encouraging farmers' markets to participate in these programs

# INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

LAST YEAR, WE PASSED A BIPARTISAN TWO YEAR BUDGET THAT INCLUDES INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION, TAX CUTS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES, AND PROTECTIONS FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE.

**\$240 MILLION FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**\$600 MILLION IN TAX CUTS**

**New supports for the IDD community**

**Expansion of debt free community college**

**Protected safety net programs**

## FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES:

- **\$66,388,025** for East Hartford Schools
- **\$46,222,258** for Manchester Schools
- **Over \$17 million** in total municipal funding for East Hartford
- **Over \$9 million** in total municipal funding for Manchester
- **\$7.5 million** for the Downtown Streetscape Project in Manchester
- **\$750,000** for playscape replacements at East Hartford Elementary Schools
- **\$6,980,278** for demolition and remediation of Silver Lane corridor
- **\$6.5 million** for the abatement and demolition of buildings on and adjacent to the Founders Plaza site on East River Drive in East Hartford
- **\$200,000** for East Hartford Youth Sports
- **\$650,000** Intercommunity Health Center to add a School Based Health Center at Norris School
- **\$250,000** to Latino Community Services, Project Kiki
- **\$350,000** to pilot free city bus transportation for students



## PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- Banned numerous products containing dangerous PFAS chemicals
- Expedited permitting for solar canopies and lifted caps on new solar production
- Increased hydropower going to our lower grid and extended offshore wind procurement



## GROWING OUR ECONOMY

### Building a Skilled Workforce:

- Expanded the small business loan program in lower-income communities and enabled more out of state business to expand into CT

### Housing the Workforce:

- Incentivized towns to develop more multi-family housing
- Requires 45-day notice of rent increases
- Streamlined the process for converting vacant nursing homes into housing
- Prioritized surplus state-owned land to be used for affordable housing
- Increased the value of state rental vouchers

