



Rep. Mike D'Agostino and House Speaker Brendan Sharkey celebrating the new playground at West Woods School in Hamden.

Millions For School Infrastructure:

I am proud of my commitment to providing every Hamden child with a quality education and have consistently worked hard to obtain funding for investment in our school infrastructure. Each year, I meet with the school administration to discuss their priorities, and I secured millions in bonding for the town based on those priorities - from new playgrounds at our elementary schools, to almost \$4 million for renovations and upgrades to our school buildings, including:

- \$2.5 million for the Alice Peck Collaborative Learning Center.
- \$105,000 for Bear Path School's parking lights and energy improvements.
- \$60,000 for rest rooms at Church Street School
- \$175,000 to Hamden High School for HVAC upgrades.
- \$400,000 to Hamden High School for security cameras.
- \$100,000 for a new time & attendance system.
- \$150,000 for Hamden Middle School's water system.
- \$250,000 for a new boiler at Helen Street School.
- \$200,000 to Helen Street School for carpeting.
- \$150,000 for Ridge Street School to replace drinking fountains.
- \$25,000 for Spring Glen School to install gym safety padding.

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**WORKING HARD FOR HAMDEN
2016 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

I am proud of my service to Hamden and my ability to work with residents and fellow legislators on laws that benefit our community. Each year, I fight for every ounce of available state funding for Hamden, especially education funding. To that end, I have secured millions in bonding for the town - from new playgrounds at our elementary schools to almost \$4 million for renovations and upgrades to our school buildings. It is a privilege to represent Hamden and work on these and other issues important to our town, including the toughest gun control laws in the nation, increasing the minimum wage and now, the fight for paid family and medical leave.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 1-800-842-8267 or send an email to Michael.DAgostino@cga.ct.gov.

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Rep. D'Agostino and Rep. Porter discussing an amendment that prohibits Magnet School tuition charges to Hamden.



Meeting with advocates, at the State Capitol, during United Auto Workers Lobby Day.

MORE OVERSIGHT ON TREE TRIMMING

In 2013, I worked diligently to write and pass a law protecting our trees from unnecessary pruning and removal by utility companies. This created a process protecting our neighborhood aesthetics, landscape, and environmental quality. My environmental advocacy earned recognition from the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters and the Connecticut Urban Forest Council. This year, I am working to strengthen the law to give more notice for when tree trimming occurs and insuring that the utility company does its part to clean up debris after pruning and removal. (HB-5150)

ACCOUNTABILITY IN MAGNET SCHOOL FUNDING

I am very pleased to report that my colleagues, in the House of Representatives, unanimously approved legislation I introduced and authored. The bill prevents municipalities, with magnet schools like New Haven, from charging tuition to neighboring towns for their out of district students. If a host district, like New Haven, is going to charge tuition to Hamden when it has not previously done so, there needs to be some oversight and notice at the very least. My advocacy on this issue caused New Haven to withdraw its proposal and ended up saving Hamden \$400,000 in tuition this year and millions over the next three years. (HB-5553)

PROTECTING HAMDEN SENIORS

I worked hard to write and pass a “Bill of Rights” law for our seniors living in retirement communities, like Whitney Center, in order for them to have a voice in the management and financial health of their communities. This year, after residents contacted me, I worked with Mayor Curt Leng to make sure other senior and disabled residents at the Davenport-Dunbar apartments do not lose the critical public transportation services they rely upon to lead active lives.



Rep. D'Agostino testifying for new tree trimming legislation.

“AS THE FORMER BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON, MIKE KNOWS OUR SCHOOLS CANNOT AFFORD HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN TUITION PAYMENTS TO NEW HAVEN. HE HEARD OUR CONCERNS ON THIS ISSUE AND LED THE FIGHT TO STOP IT.”

- Hamden Mayor Curt Balzano Leng and Board of Education Chairperson Adam Sendroff on Representative Mike D'Agostino leading the effort to save Hamden hundreds of thousands of dollars in magnet school tuition payments.



Speaking with a resident at Davenport Dunbar Apartments.