

Bringing Home YOUR tax dollars

New State Dollars to New Haven FY2008*

Education and PILOT

New PILOT \$\$	\$1,000,015
Education	
ECS (Ed. Cost Sharing)	\$8,013,210
School Readiness	\$1,255,602
Special Education	\$395,958
Vo- Ag	\$241,566
Other Ed.	\$194,695

Total New \$\$ Education + PILOT= \$11,191,046

*Excludes school construction.

Other new \$\$ to New Haven city budget:

Rte 34 parking	\$325,000
CT Dept Health	\$1,199,928
DSS (incl federal)	\$524,740
Mayor's Youth Initiative	\$354,909
Workforce dollars to BOE	\$94,092
Nurturing Families Network	\$211,000
Total Other New \$\$ =	\$2,065,584

Total New \$\$ to New Haven
\$13,045,630

Increases in state aid 2004-2008

- ✓ For education + PILOT, total state aid to New Haven's city budget for fiscal year 2008 is \$240,269,975.
- ✓ This equals about 52% of New Haven's \$442,983,888 budget.
- ✓ In FY 2007, state aid in PILOT + education was \$229,168,929.
- ✓ 2008 is an increase of \$11,191,046.

Growth in state aid from 2004 to 2008:
Education + PILOT: = \$35,188,187

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Teamwork and Building Blocks of Progress

Dear Friend and Neighbor,

This year, it is a challenge to do justice to all we have done. So I reported separately about progress in higher education policy: tuition aid for families and investing in Southern Connecticut State University.

Here, I report on state aid to city government, youth, the arts, health care, preserving homes, and next year's plans. We took on a lot. We did not accomplish all we tried to do. But I'm proud of what we did do.

The legislature did its best this year when it engaged in teamwork and set in place the building blocks for change.

While legislative teamwork was critical to our successes, the key was hard work done at home. Our neighbors organized and a few traveled to Hartford to make our case. They fought for Westville Village, Beverly Hills homes, the arts, AIDS programs, youth programs, and aid to the city. We did it together.

There were disappointments. Property taxes are too high, though more dollars to city government is a partial remedy. Energy policy disputes became bitter. The bond package was late, yet in the interim, I added dollars for Beverly Hills homeowners that the Governor and Finance Committee neglected. So larger disputes over bonding were not a bad thing for us.

I began to identify next year's priorities. But first, New Haven must work as a team. State revenues may drop next year - if the stock market is a guide - so times may be tougher. If we don't work together at home - if we shift blame to others and fail to do our own part - we hurt the community. Our successes this year came from teamwork at home and in Hartford.

Thank you for your hard work and support. Blessings for the New Year.

Patricia Dillon

Health Access

New dollars and new policies:

- ✓ Young adults covered by parents' insurance from age 18 to 26.
- ✓ Increased payments to Medicaid providers.
- ✓ More \$\$ for school based health centers. The City of New Haven's share rises to \$1.3 million.
- ✓ Coverage for pregnant women.
- ✓ Guaranteed four month coverage for newborns.
- ✓ Restored cuts to Fetal and Infant Mortality Review, our community based prevention of infant mortality and low birth weight babies.
- ✓ Subsidize HUSKY for families up to 300% of federal poverty level.



Medical students discuss health care with Rep. Dillon.

AIDS:

- ✓ Restored cuts to New Haven needle exchange.
- ✓ Added state dollars to cover federal cuts in Ryan White program.
- ✓ Payments to the city for AIDS services will jump from \$108,000 to \$1.2 million.



Latoya Myers and Jennifer Cotton visit with Rep. Dillon on AIDS Advocacy Day.

Beverly Hills - the end of the beginning

After testimony in Hartford and the persistence of homeowners, this year's bond act set up a program to fix some Beverly Hills homes. A pool of \$2 million (shared with Woodbridge) is available to repair foundations of sinking homes in the vicinity of the West River. Next year brings phase two of our teamwork: a cooperative planning process, developing a proposal, and then meeting with the Governor's staff to request Bond Commission action to save New Haven homes.



Youth Programs

This year we built on our expansion of youth programs:

- ✓ \$449,000 to the City of New Haven for the Mayor's Youth Initiative.
- ✓ Increased state support to Solar Youth.

Westville Village

Westville Village retains its charm, but faces challenges. Advocates came to Hartford seeking Main Street designation to grow beyond our volunteer model. This year's budget includes funding for Westville's Main Street initiative.



Rep. Dillon, Thea Buxbaum, Kate Bradley, Anne Lozon and Sharon Lovett-Graff wait to testify on behalf of Westville Village improvements.

Arts Initiative

This year, we set aside \$4 million in operating support for arts groups. Local recipients include:

- ✓ Artspace.....\$27,955
- ✓ Creative Arts Workshop\$40,868
- ✓ Elm Shakespeare Company\$23,886
- ✓ Long Wharf Theater\$123,246
- ✓ Neighborhood Music School\$95,465
- ✓ New Haven Ballet\$35,534
- ✓ New Haven Chorale.....\$10,388
- ✓ New Haven Folk.....\$6,013
- ✓ New Haven Symphony\$53,493



Rep. Dillon and Rep. Walker celebrate with the OWLS. Southern's women's basketball team won the NCAA Division II national championship this year.

Future Goals and Priorities

- ✂ Raise property tax credit above \$500 to reduce our tax burden.
- ✂ Expand the ranger station in Edgewood Park for safety and community use. Our station is the smallest in the city.
- ✂ Expand the Take Ten program for school fitness using state and private dollars.
- ✂ Begin a planning process to save Beverly Hills homes.
- ✂ Add a cross town bus from Union Station to Hamden.
- ✂ Develop the Route 34 corridor. Create community jobs.
- ✂ Work with the Veterans Administration to get Iraq veterans into systems of care.