

## DELIVERING FOR THE 20TH DISTRICT

- Local school funding to West Hartford increased by \$2.56 million
- Local school funding to Newington increased by \$2.85 million
- Secured funding to remove PFAS from Newington fire trucks
- \$30,000 for Elmwood Bridge Mural project
- \$40,000 for West Hartford Pride
- \$110,000 for The Bridge Family Center
- \$150,000 for Rockledge Golf Club
- Funds for Water System Improvements



It is a privilege and honor to serve as your state representative. I wanted to take a moment to connect and share some highlights from the 2023 legislative session and what it means for you.

I'm proud to deliver historic tax cuts and increased funding for students, families, and our most vulnerable residents, while paying down our long-term debt. I also am excited about the increases in local funding and the support for local projects in West Hartford and Newington.

There is good news, but no budget is perfect and there is a lot more we need to do to meet the needs of our residents and state. I'll continue to work together with you to build a future for our state where everyone can thrive.

I'd love to hear from you. Please reach out if you have any questions, feedback, or ideas to improve our communities and state.

Sincerely,

*Kate*



# NEW LAWS IN CT: A YEAR IN REVIEW

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# CAPITOL UPDATE 2023

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# STATE REPRESENTATIVE KATE FARRAR

## CAPITOL UPDATE 2023



## BIG WINS FOR WEST HARTFORD AND NEWINGTON

- Largest income tax cut in CT history
- More tax cuts on retirement income
- Historic funding for schools
- Modern voting system with early voting
- Investments in growing healthcare workforce



## OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES THE LARGEST INCOME TAX CUT IN STATE HISTORY

- ✓ \$600 million in tax cuts for the middle class
- ✓ Increase **Earned Income Tax Credit** for lower income workers
- ✓ Expands tax cuts to retirement savings and income

### INVESTS:

- ✓ More funding for K-12 education
- ✓ More funding for higher education
- ✓ More funding for nonprofits
- ✓ More funding for childcare



## MAJOR INITIATIVES AFFECTING WEST HARTFORD AND NEWINGTON

### ADVANCING EQUITY

- Funded Baby Bonds program to invest directly in the future of each baby born on Medicaid
- Expanded access for more kids - regardless of immigration status - to health insurance
- Invested over \$30M to better serve individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD)
- Championed legislation to expand state drivers' license exam to more languages

### CREATING A MORE AFFORDABLE CT

- Increased funds to local schools to stabilize local property taxes
- Prohibited utility companies from passing on lobbying and marketing costs to consumers
- Invested more funding in childcare, housing development options and housing assistance
- Expanded debt-free community college

### PROTECTING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE

- Increased protections for pharmacists and health care providers
- Led passage of legislation directing public college/university campuses to provide reproductive health resources
- Expanded access to high-quality maternal health care

### IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY

- Expanded wrong way driving systems
- Created speed and red light camera program
- Established a regional task force for law enforcement officers to combat illegal traffic activities