

Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session featured big issues like lowering energy bills, childcare, special education and the state budget. Groton and New London will receive just about \$155 million over the next 2 years, including a \$2 million Municipal Aid grant to New London, restoring funds that were lost, and preserving about \$10 million in education funding for Groton Public Schools.

Our budget provides a \$250 check to working families under the Earned Income Tax Credit, and creates a \$300 million childcare trust fund that will assist in funding for Early Childhood Education. The budget also allocates hundreds of millions of dollars to special education services, road improvements, protecting the environment, and paying down debt.

We approved comprehensive energy legislation to reduce electric bills for businesses and families, and we did it responsibly.

“Connecticut will be poised to continue saving hundreds of millions of dollars annually to continue paying down its hefty pension debt at an accelerated pace.”

-CT Mirror

This newsletter has more details about the 2025 legislative session.

All my best,

Dan Gaiewski

The CT HERO Act is the result of a bipartisan effort and is a comprehensive package of legislation that reflects collaboration, listening, and a deep, collective respect for those who wore the uniform and served our country.

THIS LEGISLATION DOES THE FOLLOWING:

- Designates November as Veterans Month to reflect on and celebrate military service
- Gives free license renewals in the state of Connecticut for veterans
- Allows children of military personnel to complete the existing school year at their current school even if their parent has been restationed out of state



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THE SINGLE BIGGEST INVESTMENT IN SPECIAL EDUCATION:

- \$30 million annually for a new Special Education Expansion and Development (SEED) grant to districts. Groton will receive \$227,100 and New London \$383,420 of this grant each year for this year and next.
- \$10 million in competitive grants for more in-district programming.
- \$221 million in annual reimbursement for special education costs.



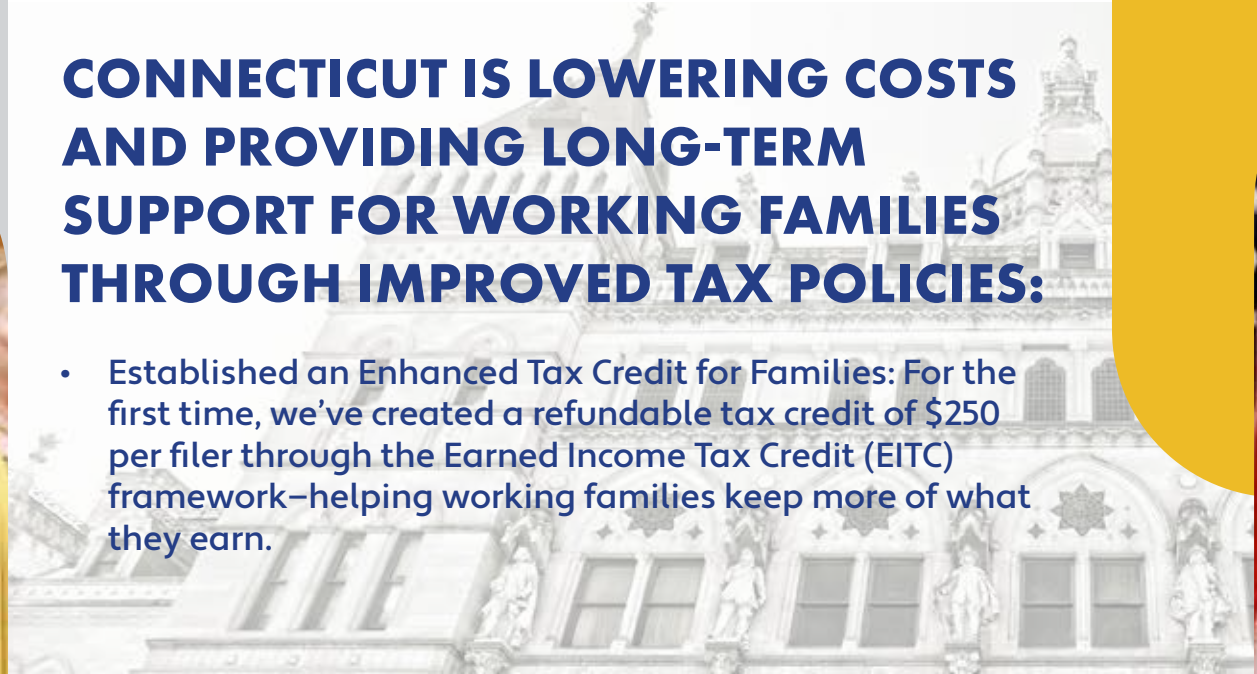
MAKING AN ENORMOUS INVESTMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION:

- We established the Early Childhood Education Endowment - an investable trust fund that will create universal access to childcare - starting with a downpayment of nearly \$300 million.
- By 2027, families earning up to \$100,000 will be able to receive childcare at no cost, while families earning more than \$100,000 will pay no more than 7% of their income for childcare.
- We created an online portal to help parents navigate affordable childcare and educational opportunities closer to home.



CONNECTICUT IS LOWERING COSTS AND PROVIDING LONG-TERM SUPPORT FOR WORKING FAMILIES THROUGH IMPROVED TAX POLICIES:

- Established an Enhanced Tax Credit for Families: For the first time, we've created a refundable tax credit of \$250 per filer through the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) framework—helping working families keep more of what they earn.



FUNDING FOR GROTON & NEW LONDON

Representing Groton & New London is a privilege and when I work with my colleagues on the state budget it is always top of mind. This year I was able to deliver:

\$115,552,622
for Education

\$1,221,040
for Special Education

\$38,683,448
for additional funds

