

Dear Neighbor,

The 2026 legislative session focused on protecting Connecticut from the wildly chaotic economy being whiplashed daily by the Trump administration, as well as other big issues like elections, standing up for working families, funding our schools, and the state budget.

It was a three-month legislative session, and we had mountains to move. This newsletter has more details about the legislation we passed and key policy initiatives from the 2026 session.

What were people saying about the 2026 session? Here's a taste:

"Additional funding heading for Connecticut school districts."

-NBC 30

"Connecticut budget adds free school breakfasts and ends sales tax on school supplies."

-Hearst CT

Enjoy,

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BUILDING A STRONGER EDUCATION SYSTEM

- Expanded grants for successful special education programs.
- Increased supplemental education funding for cities and towns.
- Delivered on our promise to support early childhood education by investing \$320 million in the Early Childhood Education Endowment.
- \$162 million Education Equalization Grant to strengthen funding for underfunded schools.
- Helped our State Department of Education better understand the number of students who receive their education at home.

HELPING YOUR WALLET AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- Overhauled state-backed solar with an emphasis on storage - allowing residents to keep and use more of the energy they make without having to sell it back to the grid.
- Created statewide training for our local inland wetlands commissions.
- Set up financial assistance to help modernize our dairy farms, expanded a farm investment tax credit program, and made it easier for our farms and forests to be preserved for future generations.

HISTORIC INVESTMENTS FOR WORKING FAMILIES

- Provided state health insurance to the families of volunteer firefighters and state marshals who lost their life in the line of duty.
- Laid the groundwork for giving visiting nurses the information they need when they're treating patients with a history of violence.
- Bolstered efforts to connect veterans with employment opportunities - including workplace postings on veterans' benefits and services.

SUPPORTING OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

- Set up state-subsidized student loans for part-time undergraduate students and graduate students.
- Created a Learn and Earn Program to help employers take on more paid internships.
- Brought together our state colleges and universities to responsibly and productively use artificial intelligence.

FUNDING FOR WINDHAM

This year we secured:

\$33.8 MILLION

for Education Cost Sharing Grant

\$3.75 MILLION

Supplemental Education Aid

\$454,575

Municipal Grants-In-Aid

HEALTH INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY & FAIRNESS

- Ensured our state can review and negotiate lower prescription drug prices.
- Created tools for the state to crack down on unlicensed health care operations.
- Created license reciprocity for EMS professionals.

