

# SESSION WRAP-UP

Dear Neighbor,

The 2024 legislative session is in the books, and I am proud of what we accomplished.

My goal for the session was to ensure we invested in our priorities while preserving tax cuts for families and seniors.

By passing our fiscal stabilization plan we protected the largest and second largest tax cuts in state history and ensured more retirement income would be tax-exempt. We also filled our priority buckets by increasing funding for higher education, early childhood, mental health, and nonprofits.

This newsletter has more details.

Enjoy,



## FUNDING FOR FAIRFIELD & TRUMBULL

- ✓ \$75,000 to replace the playground at Lake Mohegan
- ✓ \$80,000 for community gardens in Trumbull
- ✓ 44% reimbursement rate for the construction of the new Hillcrest Middle School in Trumbull—a potential \$27,000,000 savings for Trumbull taxpayers

# NEW LAWS FOR 2024-25

FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE SARAH KEITT

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## MAKING SENIORS A PRIORITY

- Expedited Medicaid coverage for home-based care as an alternative to more costly nursing home care
- Created a new registry system to connect patients to home care providers and created a dashboard to help navigate nursing home options
- Prevented nursing homes from putting more than two patients in a single room
- Created an incentive-based program to improve nursing home care in CT
- Strengthened oversight of negligent nursing homes

## HOLDING UTILITY COMPANIES ACCOUNTABLE

- Required the Siting Council to hear from municipalities before granting a certificate for a transmission line project
- Gave municipalities the ability to share, with the Council, location preferences for a transmission line project
- Expanded and clarified requirements for applicants before a project certificate is granted
- Allowed municipalities and potentially other third parties to intervene in obtaining a judicial review of certificates and allows for the awarding of municipal attorney's fees and costs



# CHILDREN AND EDUCATION

- Increased coordination to raise private funds for childcare
- Piloted new childcare programming
- Expanded the childcare incubator program
- Established the Education Mandate Review Advisory Council to review proposed and existing mandates on local boards of education
- Capped the amount of money all districts pay to send kids out of district-saving millions of dollars for local schools
- Required the State Department of Education to provide school districts an estimate of their next year's funding by the end of the current year, to ensure better budgeting
- Provided help to classroom paraeducators to pay for their health insurance
- Expanded state-backed student loans to students under 18
- Invested in nonprofits that assist students with college and financial aid applications
- Expanded employer-based student loan repayment tax credits and reduced rates for state-backed loans for in-demand occupations



## PUBLIC HEALTH

- Made it easier for people on co-pay only health plans to access body scans and physical and occupational therapy
- Covered victims of sexual assault under the state's Paid Family and Medical Leave program



## PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST

- ✓ Allowed pharmacists to give opioid disposal systems when dispensing opioids
- ✓ Strengthened hospitals' defenses against cyberattacks
- ✓ Banned paperwork and payment requirements for receiving critical ambulance rides
- ✓ Allowed telehealth to continue for in-state and out-of-state residents without letting the practice sunset
- ✓ Ensured doctors' offices that are group practices have more accessible equipment to assist those with physical disabilities

## SUPPORTING AND HONORING OUR VETERANS

- Exempted permanently and totally disabled veterans from paying property taxes
- Expanded eligibility for grants from the Military Relief Fund for families experiencing hardship

