

Dear Neighbor,

The 2026 legislative session is in the rearview mirror, and I want to share some highlights in this newsletter. It was a jam-packed session full of big ideas and important policies. But don't take my word for it. Here is a taste of what people are saying about the 2026 session:

- “...Historic Investments in Police, Fire, EMS, & Veterans”
- CT Mirror
- “Connecticut budget adds free school breakfasts, ends sales tax on school supplies”
- Hearst CT
- “No-excuse absentee ballots make voting more accessible for those facing impediments to in-person voting due to disability and mobility limitations, lack of transportation, childcare or caretaking duties, or work schedules...”
- Office of Governor Ned Lamont
- “Additional funding heading for Connecticut school districts”
- NBC 30

This newsletter has details about legislation we passed and key policy initiatives from the 2026 session. I hope you find it informative.

Enjoy,

Sarah Keitt



BIG WINS FOR FAIRFIELD AND TRUMBULL

- A combined \$1.5 MILLION in increased funding for our district
- **FAIRFIELD** receives \$958K in increased funding, including \$123K in education funding, for a combined total of \$1.08M
- **TRUMBULL** receives \$612K in increased funding for the town, including \$138K in education funding, for a combined total of \$751K
- **FAIRFIELD** receives 75% reimbursement for school construction to rebuild Dwight Elementary School



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CAPITOL UPDATE 2026

BIG WINS FOR CONNECTICUT

- Invested over \$190 million in public education for the 2026-2027 school year
- Prepaid an additional \$1.1 billion in pension liability
- Invested \$300 million for The Early Childhood Endowment



SUPPORTING EDUCATION

- \$12 million to establish universal free school breakfast programs
- Numerous grants to towns to address rising costs in construction and purchasing
- Increased supplemental education funding



ADDRESSING AFFORDABILITY

- \$2.5 million to reduce bus fare costs for veterans and students
- Expanded sales tax-free week to include clothing, shoes, and backpacks under \$300
- Created a family caregiver tax credit for residents caring for a loved one
- Banned surveillance pricing in stores



PRESERVING DEMOCRACY

- \$3.25 million for early voting and voter information campaigns
- Funded universal no-excuse absentee voting
- Modernized our absentee ballot laws and vote counting procedures
- Created more safeguards to ensure your vote counts



PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS AND YOUR PRIVACY

- Allowed residents to sue ICE agents when their constitutional rights are violated
- Banned federal troops from coming to Connecticut against our wishes
- Protected traffic camera data from being used for immigration enforcement



AFFORDABILITY AND FAIRNESS IN HEALTH CARE

- Required private insurance to cover: PANS/PANDAS, athletic prosthetics, and expanded infertility diagnosis and treatment
- Made sure our state can review and negotiate lower prescription drug prices
- Set a floor for health insurance in Connecticut should the federal government further gut affordable health care options



DATA PRIVACY

- Expanded your rights to delete your data
- Prohibited companies from selling your precise geolocation data
- Strengthened protections around facial recognition technology
- Stopped commercials on streaming platforms from being louder than the program you're watching

CT HOUSE DEMOCRATS SUPPORT BLUE COLLAR AND MIDDLE CLASS WORKERS

THANKS TO SOUND BUDGETING AND THE LEADERSHIP OF DEMOCRATS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE, WE DELIVERED TARGETED, MEANINGFUL RELIEF AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT FOR BLUE COLLAR & MIDDLE-CLASS WORKING FAMILIES:

- Created a new mortgage assistance program for first responders
- Bolstered efforts to connect veterans with employment opportunities
- Stopped employers from requiring workers to use their accrued time off to cover their missing work due to an assault
- Made companies disclose when they use AI for decision-making and tell their employees when layoffs are related to AI or other technologies
- Created state workforce navigators to coordinate with the State, the private sector, and Adult Ed to align workforce needs



SUPPORTING OUR SENIORS

- Required staff at assisted living agencies to receive annual training on residents' fear of retaliation, so seniors can freely speak up about their care
- Ensured residential care home residents can set up cameras in their rooms to stay connected with family and monitor their care
- Required assisted living facilities to give 60 days' notice before any fee increase. If the increase is more than 10%, the facility must hold an informational hearing where residents and families can weigh in