

# Leading Our Kids Past the Pandemic and to Promising Futures



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As a former Board of Education member, someone who was a school administrator, education policy professional, and as a mom, I know we can never invest enough in our kids. Fairfield's future depends on it. That's why I am proud to share that Fairfield will see an additional \$1.2 million in total state aid for FY 23 over FY 22. I also will continue to advocate for equitable reform and adjustments to the Education Cost Sharing formula for Fairfield and all of CT's children.

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# FROM RECOVERY TO RESILIENCY: SERVING OUR COMMUNITY'S KIDS

## **Historic Investments In Mental Health Services For Our Youth**

- Establishes a grant program for local school boards, youth camps, and summer programs to hire mental health specialists
- Expands licenses to allow for more mental health professionals in the field.
- Ensures 24/7 access to Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services
- Creates a screening tool for pediatricians to identify early-stage mental health concerns

## **Supporting Childhood Development and Expanding Childcare**

- Increases funding to public and private providers
- Creates more childcare opportunities for families with infants and toddlers, up to age 3
- Funds the expansions of school-based health centers and the services they provide
- Secures one-time childcare rebate of \$250 per child, up to three kids.

## **Find help near you**

- Dial 2-1-1 for mental health emergencies and state resources
- National Suicide Prevention: 800-273-8255
- Healthcare Advocate: Help with Healthcare & Insurance: 866-466-4446
- Trouble with DCF, DSS, DMHAS? Call me directly: 860-240-8568

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**CALL 988 FOR THE SUICIDE HOTLINE AND 211 TO HELP LOCATE SERVICES**

