

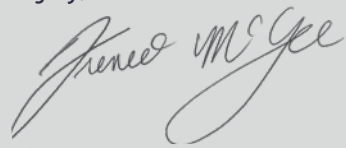
Dear Neighbor,

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.

We made historic investments in police, fire, EMS, veterans, teachers, and health care workers. Voters demanded better access to absentee ballots, and we ensured their voices were heard. We know that property taxes are too high, so we made sure every city and town received more state funding with the direction to lower mill rates, if possible.

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.

Enjoy,



A STATE-LED EFFORT TO
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS

- \$12 million to expand free school breakfasts across the state
- Launched literacy interventions and concentrated tutoring
- Expanded the Aspiring Educators Scholarship Program
- Increased supplemental education funding to cities and towns
- Deposited \$320 million into the Early Childhood Endowment



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REACHED A HISTORIC AGREEMENT WITH OUR HOSPITALS

- Maximized federal funding for health care
- Set up a better system to address rising costs
- Provided hospitals with much needed tax relief



BIG WINS FOR WEST HAVEN

- ✓ Invested over \$190 million in public education for the 2026-2027 school year
- ✓ \$320 million for early childhood endowment
- ✓ \$5.5 million in new funding for West Haven
- ✓ \$4.9 million increased funding for education in West Haven



ART THERAPY

Art has the power to heal. I was proud to introduce and champion an effort to strengthen students’ mental health across Connecticut.

- Secured bipartisan support to expand access to art therapy services in schools
- Established a grant to enable local Boards of Education to hire Art Therapists
- Strengthened school culture by integrating creative, therapeutic mental health support for students



CT HOUSE DEMOCRATS FINALIZE RESPONSIBLE BIPARTISAN BUDGET

THANKS TO SOUND BUDGETING AND THE LEADERSHIP OF DEMOCRATS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE WE:

- Made historic investments in education and town aid

WE DELIVERED TARGETED, MEANINGFUL RELIEF AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT FOR WORKING FAMILIES THROUGH FAIRER TAX POLICIES:

- Expanded sales tax-free week to include clothing, shoes and backpacks under \$300
- Made basic school supplies tax-free, including backpacks, lunchboxes, notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, rulers, and paper
- Created a family caregiver tax credit for residents caring for a loved one
- Invested in our workforce and residents

SUPPORT FOR OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRST RESPONDERS

- \$10 million for state police equipment upgrades
- Increased support for our state fire training schools
- Assisted our first responders and National Guard service members to pursue higher education

