



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. Here's a taste:

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

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

Enjoy,

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INVESTING IN EDUCATION

- Expanded grants for successful special education programs
- Expanded the Aspiring Educators Scholarship Program
- Increased supplemental education funding to cities and towns
- Updated guidelines for math intervention specialists and multitiered support for students struggling in reading
- Codified certain reading assessments to identify struggling students in grades K-3
- Created a grant program to implement therapeutic arts in schools

FIGHTING FOR AFFORDABILITY IN HEALTHCARE

- Required health insurers to highlight changes to their prescription drug coverage during their open enrollment periods
- Required private insurance to cover: PANS/PANDAS, athletic prosthetics, scalp cooling and expanded infertility diagnosis and treatment
- Made sure our state can review and negotiate lower prescription drug prices
- Raised Medicaid rates for family planning services and required the state to review and update rates on a rolling five-year basis

WINS FOR STAMFORD

- \$28.6M from the budget
- \$300K for Stamford Public Education Foundation
- \$8.6M for Julia A. Stark Elementary for school construction
- \$20K for Boys & Girls Club of Stamford
- \$7.3M for Children's Learning Center
- \$2M for an Urgent Crisis Care Center at Stamford Hospital



PROTECTING VULNERABLE CHILDREN

- Prioritized placing children with family members and responsible adults who are already in their lives
- Made sure there's follow-up with sister-agencies when foster children move out of state
- Directed DCF to listen to other children in the house when there's an open investigation
- Provided robust resources for parents and our DCF workforce
- Increased childcare stipends
- Expanded funding for training and services
- Supported social workers with better training and a new mentorship program

