

OUR BUDGET

This session we protected tax cuts we passed in 2023 and invested millions of federal funds in:

- Higher Ed - \$160 million with a path to grow to \$200 million
- Early Childcare \$21.8 million
- Mental Health - \$24 million
- Nonprofits - \$50 million



Dear neighbor,

My primary goal for the 2024 legislative session was to continue investing in the programs, policies, and services that matter most to us here in Madison and Durham, while preserving tax cuts for families and seniors.

I'm proud to say that by passing our fiscal stabilization plan we protected the largest and second largest tax cuts in state history—and ensured even more retirement income would be tax-exempt. We did this while increasing funding for higher education, early childhood, mental health, nonprofit organizations, and more.

In this newsletter you'll find information about these policies and the 2024 session. I hope you'll reach out by emailing me at johnmichael.parker@cga.ct.gov if you'd like to share feedback or learn more.

Thank you!



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CAPITOL UPDATE 2024

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CAPITOL UPDATE 2024



BIG WINS FOR MADISON & DURHAM

- Largest and second largest tax cuts in CT history
- Cut more taxes on retirement income
- Historic funding for schools
- Massive deposit into Rainy Day Fund
- More state money for local projects
- New supports for the IDD community
- Expansion of debt-free community college

OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES

LARGEST TAX CUT IN STATE HISTORY

- ✓ \$600 million middle class tax cut
- ✓ Increase **Earned Income Tax Credit** for lower income workers
- ✓ Expand cuts to retirement savings to **benefit seniors**

INVESTS:

- ✓ More funding for K-12 education
- ✓ More funding for higher education
- ✓ More funding for nonprofits
- ✓ More funding for childcare
- ✓ **MORE FUNDING FOR MADISON AND DURHAM**



MAJOR INITIATIVES AFFECTING THE 101ST DISTRICT

PROTECTING OUR SENIORS

- 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 crowding patients and offering insufficient care
- Created an incentive-based program to improve nursing home care in CT
- Strengthened oversight of negligent nursing homes

INVESTING IN OUR SCHOOLS

- Brought back millions in funding for our schools
- Expanded eligibility in the fast-track certification program for teachers
- Provided help to classroom paraeducators to pay for their health insurance

INVESTING IN PUBLIC HEALTH

- Made permanent telehealth to ensure access for patients and providers
- Provided critical resources to pregnant and postpartum women about intimate partner violence
- Supported men's health initiatives through public awareness around prevention and early-detection screenings
- Banned paperwork and payment requirements for receiving critical ambulance rides
- Made it easier for people to access body scans and physical and occupational therapy
- Allowed pharmacists to give opioid disposal systems when dispensing opioids
- Cut red tape for operating plasma donation centers