



Representing Newington at the Greater Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade with Newington Marshall John Ashe

Dear Neighbor,

It's an honor to serve as your state representative, and now that the 2024 legislative session has concluded, I want to share the achievements for Newington and New Britain, including securing millions in additional funding. My commitment to the district remains unwavering. I am proud to have delivered significant investments to our local K-12 and state higher education public schools, as well as supporting our most vulnerable residents such as seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Legislative changes include safeguarding voting rights, enhancing community safety, protecting our seniors, property tax exemption support to our honored veterans, and fostering affordability across Connecticut. These efforts aim to create a safer, more inclusive, and prosperous state for all.

Please reach out to my office anytime for assistance and check my website for updates. Also, follow me on social media to keep up with what I am working on to assist our community.

Sincerely,

2024 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Significant increases in municipal funding
- Improvements to home-based & nursing home care for seniors
- Funding for renovations to John Wallace Middle School and Smith Elementary School
- Maintained the largest income tax in Connecticut history



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STATE AID & COMMUNITY FUNDING

NEWINGTON

- Total State Aid: \$25,950,967
- \$1,978,637 more in state aid in FY 25 compared to FY 24

NEW BRITAIN

- Total State Aid: \$144,269,531
- \$8,275,667 more in state aid in FY 25 compared to FY 24

GRANTS TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY

NEWINGTON

- John Wallace Middle School Renovation - \$8 Million
- Deming-Young Farm Foundation - \$100,000
- Newington Children's Theater Company - \$300,000
- Local Town Signage - \$45,000

NEW BRITAIN

- Boys and Girls Club of New Britain - \$250,000
- Mount Pleasant Myrtle Street Redevelopment - \$250,000
- Municipal Stabilization - \$4 million
- Smith Elementary School Renovation and a New Early Childhood Education Center

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

Our community's safety and supporting our public safety officials are top priorities for me. This session we:

- Established a Fallen Officer Fund to provide families of police officers who died in the line of duty with cash assistance and health care coverage
- Required more thorough testing of firearms in criminal investigations with the use of the federal ballistic database
- Regulated new THC-infused drinks
- Protected the personal information of special victims like minors and victims of abuse from public disclosure's
- Covered victims of sexual assault under the state's Paid Family and Medical Leave program



Recognizing Newington Veteran Richard Linen for being Grand Marshall of Newington's Memorial Day Parade.

PROTECTING OUR PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

We must ensure we live in a state that provides clean air and water and invests in our public health. This year we:

- Banned numerous products containing dangerous PFAS chemicals
- Required better notice when herbicides are sprayed along railroads
- Increased hydropower going to our power grid and extended offshore wind procurement
- Expanded Paid Sick Leave that will be accessible to most full- and part-time workers



Making a new friend at Newington's CT Humane Society Puppy Day at the Capitol.



Joining CCSU Men's Basketball for a Newington Day celebration.



Reading with students at New Britain Smith Elementary School with Ms. Hernandez's class.

SUPPORTING SENIORS AND HONORING OUR VETERANS

Ensuring proper care and resources for our seniors and veterans will always be important to me. This session we:

- Expedited Medicaid coverage for home-based care as an alternative to more costly nursing home care
- Created a new registry system to connect patients to home care providers and created a dashboard to help navigate nursing home options
- Required nursing homes and retirement communities to provide at least 60-90 days' notice of any fee increases and improved transparency around fees
- Fast-tracked nursing home transfers and receiverships when homes are closing and strengthened oversight of negligent nursing homes
- Exempted permanently and totally disabled veterans from paying property taxes
- Expanded eligibility for grants from the Military Relief Fund for families experiencing hardship

DELIVERING FOR OUR SCHOOLS AND CHILDREN

For our community to succeed, we must invest in our children's education. This year we:

- Cut teacher certification red tape to expedite licensing, alongside the expansion of eligibility in the fast-track certification program
- Expanded employer-based student loan repayment tax credits and reduced rates for state-backed loans for in-demand occupations
- Established the Education Mandate Review Advisory Council to review proposed and existing mandates on local boards of education
- Provided help to classroom paraeducators to pay for their health insurance
- Made it easier for industry experts to teach in our tech schools