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Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session featured big issues like lowering energy bills, childcare, special education and the state budget – and we tackled them all.

Our budget provides a \$250 check to working families under EITC guidelines and \$300 million to fund the childcare trust fund. We devoted hundreds of millions of dollars to special education and we approved comprehensive energy legislation to reduce electric bills for businesses and families.

“Connecticut will be poised to continue saving hundreds of millions of dollars annually to continue paying down its hefty pension debt at an accelerated pace.”
-CT Mirror

We did it responsibly. This newsletter has more details about the 2025 legislative session.

Enjoy,



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OUR SINGLE-GREATEST INVESTMENT IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

- \$40 million for Excess Cost Grant in each of the next two years.
- \$30 million for Special Education Expansion and Development (SEED) grant program.
- \$20 million in bonding to expand and upgrade special education facilities.
- \$10 million in bonding for capital development.
- \$10 million for Governor’s Incentive District Grant.
- Hold harmless funding for Education Cost Sharing, so no school district sees a cut.

FOCUSING ON OUR STATE’S JOB GROWTH AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

WORKING FOR CONNECTICUT WORKERS

- Expanded the state’s 80% school construction reimbursement rate to include Norwich public schools, saving local taxpayers millions.
- Prevented massive increases in workers’ comp costs for every employer in the state.
- Expanded the program formerly known as **MyCTsavings** by including Personal Care Attendants (PCAs), allowing workers in a notoriously low-paying industry to have access to a state-administered retirement plan utilizing Roth IRAs.
- Expanded our landmark Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program to cover non-certified school employees, such as secretaries, nurses, custodians, security officers, and paraeducators.



SUPPORTING OUR SMALL BUSINESSES

- Creation of new Spending Allocation Program for small & minority contractors to have greater access to state-funded projects, municipal & quasi-public contracts, prime & subcontracting roles, and joint-venture partnerships.

BIG WINS FOR NORWICH

Over \$1.2 Million Secured For...

- Artreach Norwich
- Jewish Family Services of Greater Norwich
- Mosaic Coalition Inc Norwich
- Rose City Learning Center
- Leffingwell House Museum
- Thames Valley Council for Community Action (TVCCA)

Youth Prevention Funds Secured For...

- Norwich Bully Busters
- DHW Athletics
- Norwich Public Schools Education Foundation, Inc
- Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship Trust Fund
- Historically Black College Alumni, Inc
- Night Flight Association, Inc
- Norwich Free Academy
- Norwich Public Schools Education Foundation, Inc
- Norwich Youth Football League
- Sankofa Education and Leadership, Inc
- Integrated Day Charter School, Inc

