

Dear Neighbor,

The 2026 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

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

Enjoy,

Derell Wilson



SUPPORT FOR YOUTH SERVICES

- Expanded grants for successful special education programs.
- Created numerous grants to towns to address rising costs associated with construction and purchasing.
- Stopped our colleges and universities from lowering their financial aid awards just because a student qualified for a scholarship or a federal grant.
- Required the State Department of Education to give local school boards grants to buy CTtransit bus passes and distribute them free to high school students.



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CAPITOL UPDATE 2026

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
 - Alex Breanne Corporation



HB-5003

- Through the State Fire Administrator, we created a grant program for volunteer fire departments’ junior firefighter programs.

HB-5003

- We protected personal care attendants who were experiencing pay disruptions and contract violations by establishing greater oversight of their payroll vendor.

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- Improved transparency around pay, we required most businesses to provide a key on all paychecks explaining codes for information such as overtime and pay differentials.

HB-5150

- The State of Connecticut will reimburse 80% of construction costs for the new Teachers’ Memorial Global Studies Magnet Middle School, reducing the burden on local taxpayers.

HB-5004

- Strengthened Connecticut’s child welfare system by prioritizing family placements, enhancing oversight and coordination, expanding support for parents and social workers, and increasing investments in childcare, training, and services.



CT HOUSE DEMOCRATS

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IMPACTFUL LABOR LEGISLATION

- MODIFICATIONS IMPLEMENTED UNDER HOUSE BILL 5003.
- We protected teachers and school district employees who were assaulted at work by making sure they continued to be paid their full salary through workers’ compensation, plus medical expenses and lost wages due to recovery from injuries.
 - We protected healthcare workers assaulted at work by making sure they continue to be paid their full salary through workers’ compensation, plus medical expenses and lost wages due to recovery from injuries.
 - We protected service contract workers, such as security guards, office cleaners, window washers, janitors, and doormen, by requiring new employers to retain them for at least 90 days following termination or non-renewal of their previous contract.



MONEY TO NORWICH

\$5.9 MILLION

In additional funding for Norwich Schools

\$3.1 MILLION

In Town Aid for Norwich