



CT Farm Bureau
Day at the Capitol



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the Middlesex Chamber



CT Restaurant
Association Day at the
Capitol



Rocky Hill Inclusivity
Family Engagement
Night

PROPERTY TAXES

- \$162 million new Education Equalization Grant to address underfunding in our current school funding formula
- \$100 million in new funding to cities and towns
- Capped the taxable value of 20-year-old cars (and older) at \$500 or 10% of MSPR – making sure older cars aren't overtaxed
- Expanded the types of proof that veterans and their families can submit to claim a property tax exemption
- Extended filing deadlines for local property taxes when the timeline is affected by weekends and holidays
- Approved new technology for towns to conduct property assessments – saving towns time and money



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SUPPORTING NON-PROFITS

- Under the leadership of Rep. Wood, the legislature passed and funded a study to allow nonprofits to pool risk and/or create a captive insurance company to manage their risks and lower insurance premiums.
- Cut red tape for our non-profits doing business with the state.



BIG WINS FOR ROCKY HILL AND WETHERSFIELD

- ✓ Invested over \$190 million in public education for the 2026-2027 school year
- ✓ Brought money to Stevens School for HVAC upgrades
- ✓ Invested in sidewalks and trails throughout the district



INVESTING IN CT FAMILIES

- Expanded sales tax-free week to include clothing and shoes under \$300
- Made basic school supplies tax-free, including backpacks, lunchboxes, notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, rulers, and paper
- Created a family caregiver tax credit for residents caring for a loved one
- Delivered on our promise to support early childhood education by investing \$300 million in the Early Childhood Education Endowment



A RESPONSIBLE STATE BUDGET

- Invested an additional \$100 million in direct town aid
- Increased our budget reserve fund to over \$4.3 billion
- Prepaid an additional \$1.1 billion in pension debt since 2021, saving \$880 million in interest payments

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE BILLS

- HB 5374: Mandates insurance coverage for PANS/ PANDAS, cool scalpings, and sports prosthetics
- HB 5377: Strengthened protections for mental health providers by limiting how long insurers can claw back payments. Mandated electronic appeals process so that providers can focus on services rather than administrative work

SAFEGUARDING HOMEOWNERS AND HOME BUYERS

- Allowed members of a condo association to petition the Superior Court for an independent third-party audit and adds an advisory statement on financial information for prospective buyers
- Made banks apply mortgage overpayments to the principal instead of prepaying interest

