

Dear Neighbor,

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

Our budget creates a \$300 million trust fund that will help increase the availability and affordability of child care, and we also established a refundable \$250 Earned-Income Tax Credit for working families. 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,



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OUR SINGLE-GREATEST INVESTMENT IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Established a new Special Education Expansion and Development (SEED) grant program based on school needs to help build local capacity so more students can be served closer to home.
- Ensured our reimbursement grant for high-needs students is funded at its highest level in Connecticut history.
- Increased state funding for local capital improvements related to special education.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

INVESTING IN CHILD CARE

- We established the Early Childhood Education Endowment starting with a down payment of nearly \$300 million.

FREE CHILD CARE

- By 2027, families earning up to \$100,000 will be able to receive child care at no cost, while families earning more will pay no more than 7% of their income.

TAKING PUBLIC SAFETY SERIOUSLY

- We expanded our “Fallen Officer Fund” to cover the families of firefighters, EMT personnel, and paramedics who are killed in the line of duty so they can receive cash benefits and health insurance coverage.
- Increased penalties for street racing and takeovers, including two-year license suspensions.

A STATE BUDGET THAT INVESTS IN YOUR PRIORITIES

- Our budget is the single greatest investment in child care in Connecticut’s history.
- We delivered targeted, meaningful tax relief and long-term support for working families.
- Our comprehensive energy reforms will mean lower bills and a smarter grid.

FUNDING FOR BRIDGEPORT

Representing Bridgeport is a privilege, and when I work with my colleagues on the state budget, Bridgeport is always top of mind.

This year we secured:

\$425,593,342

for Education for FY ‘26 & ‘27

\$5,248,590

for Special Education for FY ‘26 & ‘27

\$10,000,000

for the Board of Education for FY ‘25 & ‘26

\$1,500,000

for the Trumbull Gardens Community Center

The legislature also authorized Bridgeport to create a special taxing district that will help start the process to build a soccer stadium and economic development.

