

# SESSION WRAP-UP

It is a privilege and honor to serve as your state representative. The 2023 legislative session is now in the rearview mirror, and I wanted to take a moment to check in and share some highlights from the past several months.

I'm proud to have worked on a budget that delivers historic tax cuts and increased funding for students, families, and our most vulnerable residents, while paying down our long-term debt, including an additional \$2.072 billion in unfunded future pension liability.

Most importantly, we did it by working together – without gimmicks or partisan politics. We prioritized education, supported non-profits, and invested in public safety without the fighting you see in Washington.

I'd love to hear from you if you would like more details or have any questions on any of the initiatives addressed in this legislative update.

Sincerely,



## BIG WINS FOR STAMFORD

- ✓ Historic funding for schools
- ✓ Massive deposit into Rainy Day Fund
- ✓ Sensible/sustainable budget
- ✓ CT a beacon for reproductive healthcare
- ✓ Modern voting system with early voting
- ✓ Invest in growing healthcare workforce

# NEW LAWS FOR 2023-24

## FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE COREY P. PARIS

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# NEW LAWS IN CONNECTICUT

## 2023 2024



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### LOCAL FUNDING TO TOWNS – HELPING STABILIZE AND LOWER PROPERTY TAXES

- Provided \$60 million in new funding for town governments
- Historic funding for local schools
- Prevented any town from receiving a funding cut to their local schools (\$6.5 m)
- Continued our commitment to funding local boards of education with an honest ECS formula (\$45 m)
- \$164 million in new funding to local boards of education

### HELPING KIDS LIVE THEIR BEST LIVES

- Required boards of education to provide translator services and established rights for multilingual learners
- Required high schoolers to take a financial literacy class before graduating
- Banned child marriages



# OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES HISTORIC TAX CUTS!

## A STATE BUDGET FOCUSED ON:



**CUTTING YOUR TAXES**  
 Our budget includes the **largest Personal Income Tax cut in CT history** by cutting marginal income tax rates, increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit, capping mill rates, and eliminating even more retirement income taxes.



**INDUSTRY GROWTH**  
 Our budget **supports CT's growing industries** such as childcare, adult-use cannabis, manufacturing, and media, film, and theater production.



**INVESTING IN OUR STUDENTS**  
 Our budget **invests over \$240M in public education** by stabilizing our state colleges and universities, expanding debt-free community college, fully funding our schools and local boards of education, and increasing scholarships and student debt relief.



**SAFETY NET SERVICES**  
 Our budget expands Temporary Family Assistance, increases Husky C. eligibility, provides funds to community action agencies for residents facing immediate economic hardship, supports the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and increases Medicaid rate reimbursements for providers and specialists.



**IDD SUPPORTS**  
 Our budget **invests over \$30M to better serve Intellectually or Developmentally Disabled individuals** by addressing agency waiting lists for services, bolstering employment opportunities, increasing Husky C eligibility, and breaking down silos for better coordination and data collection.

### PROTECTING RENTERS

- Increased municipal fines to \$2,000 for rental property violations (unsanitary or unsafe living conditions)
- Capped rental application fees at \$50
- Required a more timely return of security deposits
- Capped late charges for past due rent



### A HELPING HAND TO COLLEGE STUDENTS

- Created a student loan forgiveness program that will forgive up to \$20,000 in debt in exchange for volunteering at a local nonprofit
- Expanded debt-free community college – including subsidies for returning students
- Stabilized our state colleges and universities by providing \$135 million more than the governor proposed in the two-year budget
- Provided an increase of more than \$500 million in operating support to UConn and CSCU

