

# NEWS FROM **State Senator Joe Crisco**

## Legislative Accomplishments

### Budget Recap

#### **Helping Manufacturers**

Beginning October 2011, all manufacturing machinery and equipment will be permanently exempted from property taxes. Ansonia's Manufacturing Transition Grant maintains the funding amount they received from the FY11 MM&E PILOT.

#### **Education Funding**

Education Cost Sharing (ECS)  
\$15,031,668 for both FY12 and FY13.

I'm pleased that there will be no reduction in education funding to Ansonia over the next two years.

#### **Expanding health insurance coverage to include:**

- Breast MRIs for women with dense breast tissue
- Testing to determine compatibility for bone marrow transplants
- Prostate cancer testing and treatment

#### **Establishing a new health insurance rate approval process which:**

- Increases the amount of time before a new rate can go into effect
- Requires the Insurance Department to post rate filings on its Web site and provide for a 30-day public comment period
- Requires public discussion (symposium) for rate increases of 10% or more and if requested by the attorney general or healthcare advocate

#### **Reviewing our insurance and financial sectors to determine:**

- The strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT analysis) of the insurance and financial sectors to be performed by the Department of Economic and Community Development.

# Spotlight on Ansonia

“Dear Senator Crisco,

Thank you so much for coming to read to our class. We really enjoyed the book on Monarch butterflies. It was very generous of you to give our class the book and the colorful paper butterflies. We hope you can visit us again soon.

Your friends in Ms. Andronaco’s class.”



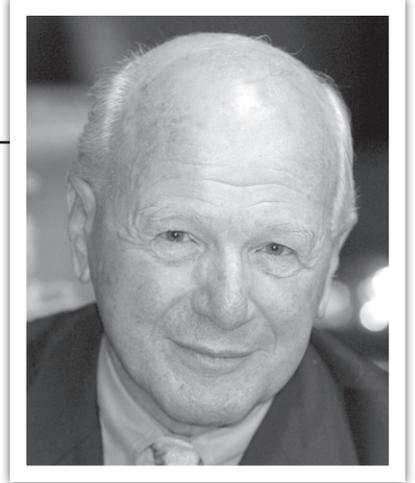
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### **Recognizing Brigadier General Brian F. Phipps**

I was proud to co-sponsor and work for legislation that would name the Route 8 Bridge and overpass over Hull Street the “Brigadier General Brian F. Phipps Memorial Bridge.” Brian Phipps was a decorated war veteran, longtime Ansonia police commissioner and longtime “Pop” Warner football coach. I am very pleased to report that the legislation passed both chambers and now awaits the governor’s signature.

### **Recognizing President of Ansonia High Human Relations Club**

It was an honor to introduce Danielle Todd, the state winner of the Princeton Prize in Race Relations, to the Senate Chamber. Danielle has been the driving force of the Ansonia High School Human Relations Club (HRC). The HRC is recognized as a force of positive change in the community.

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