



# Senator Duff's LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

LEFT: Fox Run parents, students and I took part in International Walk to School Day, which promotes safe routes to schools. We walked from Little Fox Lane to Fox Run School.

## **Keeping Our Water Clean**

This year, the legislature made additional investments in various Clean Water Fund projects. The fund helps cities and towns plan, design and construct wastewater collection and treatment plants that result in better public health, cleaner rivers and a healthier Long Island Sound.

## **Improving Early Childhood Education**

We passed legislation to create a coordinated system of early care education and child development to address the needs of children from birth to age 8, which will take effect in 2013. The plan will focus on developing oral language and social skills, as well as closing the achievement gap, improving participation in early childhood programs and increasing parent engagement.

## **Cracking Down on Online Bullying**

Connecticut already has a strong anti-bullying law, but we reinforced it this year with two key provisions: we've added electronic "cyberbullying" to the list of prohibited activities, and we've expanded the number of mandatory school reporters and the responsibilities of school districts to include bullying incidents that occur off school grounds. Bullying has expanded into the electronic world of social media, and Connecticut is keeping pace in protecting its younger citizens.

## **Fighting Against Domestic Violence**

This year we passed a domestic violence law that strengthens a victim's access to restraining & protective orders and improves information sharing about domestic violence incidents.

Dear Neighbor:

Gridlock in Washington has everyone upset. It's a different story here in Connecticut. We put partisan differences aside and get our work done. On the flip side of this postcard, you'll see just a few of the issues where we put you first and politics last.

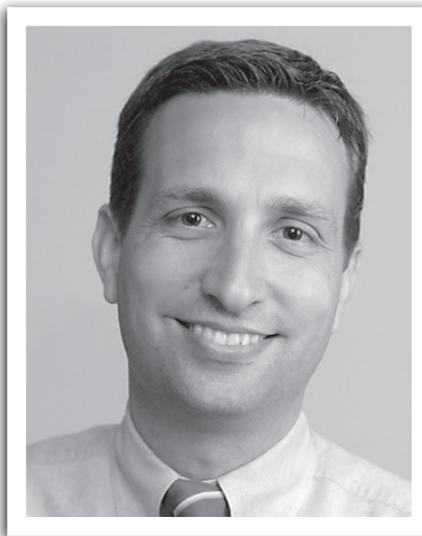
I regularly communicate with those I serve in a number of different ways. You may use the old fashioned way by calling or e-mailing me. Or, follow me on Facebook or Twitter. I'm always looking to hear from you and you will receive a personal response from me. Everytime!

Sincerely,



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