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REPRESENTATIVES MCCARTHY VAHEY AND LEEPER APPLAUD BUDGET VICTORY FOR FAIRFIELD

(FAIRFIELD, CT) – State **Representatives Cristin McCarthy Vahey (D-Fairfield)** and **Jennifer Leeper (D-Fairfield, Southport)** celebrate an increase in local funding included in the budget passed this week in both the House and Senate chambers.

In total, Fairfield will receive **\$4,410,104** in state aid for Fiscal Year 22 (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022) - a **\$1.14 million** increase from last year - and **\$4,416,299** for Fiscal Year 23 - a **\$1.15 million** increase from last year.

Included in the total funding for Fairfield, the Representatives kept their commitment to funding local schools – ensuring their community has predictability and won't receive less than it got the year before. For **Fiscal Year 22**, Fairfield will receive **\$1,119,301** in total education aid, a more than **\$6,000** increase from last year, and **\$1,125,495** for Fiscal Year 23, a more than **\$12,000** increase from last year.

Rep. McCarthy Vahey said, "This is a first-of-its-kind budget for the state of Connecticut. Reinvesting in the people, businesses and industries that drive the economy will lead our state through these unprecedented challenges. This \$46.4 billion comprehensive budget increases our local funding, benefits working families and our schools, and local businesses, and increases mental health resources. It does this with no tax increases and by paying billions towards our unfunded liabilities. The people of Fairfield will benefit from these investments."

"I'm proud of the biennium budget we delivered for the people of Connecticut," said **Rep. Leeper**. "We held the line on taxes while reducing the tax burden for the middle class, seniors, and on R&D for businesses. We are funding our municipalities, our schools, and non-profits while also budgeting a \$2.3 billion surplus."

After months of advocacy and debate for the Town of Fairfield, the Representatives say the additional state funds, along with federal funds coming from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), will help Fairfield eliminate any deficit, keep a lid on tax increases, and ensure increased funding to support working families and mental health services throughout the community.

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