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STATE REP. ERNIE HEWETT HAILS SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUNDING

State Representative Ernie Hewett (D-New London) today announced that significant funding for New London was adopted in Senate Bill #503 that authorized bonds for capital improvements, transportation, and school building projects. The measure was approved today during Special Session and it's headed to the Governor's desk for signing.

Under the state school construction grant program, the state reimburses towns and local districts for a percentage of eligible school construction costs.

The bill authorizes 17 state school construction grants totaling \$270.8 million related to total project costs of \$479.7 million. It also reauthorizes and changes grant commitments, due to cost and scope changes, for seven previously authorized local projects with a total increased grant commitment of \$16.2 million.

"I am delighted that New London is poised to receive more than \$3 million in reimbursements that we otherwise would not have qualified for," **Rep. Hewett** said. "I have been working diligently in Hartford to bring back home this funding that will surely help us move forward the top notch school system that we have been working for."

The City of New London had five school construction projects that were opened with the State Department of Education prior to 2004. The City has invested funds to complete the projects, but missing records had prevented the local board of Education to finalize reimbursement filing.

Hewett added, "This funding will bring a sign of relief to the city and I will continue to work in Hartford to move our school projects forward."

Rep. Hewett is serving his sixth legislative term in the General Assembly.

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