

FIFTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Soldier Technology Day at the State House

It was my honor to host the Natick Soldier Systems Center at the State House for Soldier Technology Day. The United States Army Soldier Systems Center, also called Natick Army Labs, is a military research complex and installation in Natick that employs nearly 2,000 people. It is charged by the Department of Defense with the research and development of food, clothing, shelters, airdrop systems, and other service member support items for the United States Military.



L-R Karen Alderman Foster, Mr. Douglas Tamilio (Director of the Combat Capabilities Development Command Soldier Center), Melissa Malone (Town of Natick Administrator) Rep. David Linsky, Brig. Gen. Vincent Malone (Deputy Commanding General, Combat Capabilities Development Command and Senior Commander Natick Soldier Systems Center)



L-R: Rep. David Linsky, Meredith Borden, Elizabeth Goldstein, Aaditi Narayanan, Angelina Zhang, Madison Schofield

Girl Scout Gold Award

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the most prestigious award in the world for girls, and it was my pleasure to welcome five Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts from troops in my district to the State House to receive their Gold Award. Gold Award Girl Scouts are inspiring leaders who are working on a broad range of the most challenging problems facing our world today, and I was happy to learn about their projects and celebrate the work of these young women.

MA Legislature Passes \$1.9 billion in Transportation Funding

I joined my colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature in passing a bill authorizing \$200 million for Chapter 90 funding to help municipalities complete road, bridge, and infrastructure project improvements. The bill also facilitates the financing of \$1.5 billion for highway projects, and \$200 million for rail projects at the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Chapter 90 funds are determined by a formula based on a city or town's total population, miles of road, and population statistics. Under this allocation, the towns of the Fifth Middlesex District received funding at the following levels:

- Millis:** \$272,647
- Natick:** \$970,789
- Sherborn:** \$253,815

Economic growth in our Commonwealth starts at the local level, and the Chapter 90 investments in roads, bridges, and highway projects is essential to the Fifth Middlesex District. One of my most important responsibilities to the Fifth Middlesex District is ensuring the safety of our infrastructure, and this important funding will allow for critical road and bridge repairs.

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An Act promoting governmental efficiency

I joined my colleague Senator Becca Rausch, as well as local town officials and volunteers in Natick, in testifying on behalf of H.2710/S.1899 *An Act promoting governmental efficiency*.

This legislation would make some minor changes to the Open Meeting Law, ensuring that residents are filing requests for information in good faith. Furthermore, the bill establishes a straightforward petition process with the Attorney General's office that can overrule a local decision to deny a resident's request.

This legislation does not create any obstacles to the free flow of information, or the public's right to access information, and I was proud to stand in support of this legislation.



Local Teachers Recognized at Massachusetts Teacher of the Year Awards

I want to congratulate Jenney Pascarelli on being a Massachusetts Teacher of the Year finalist, and Jennifer Ryan on being a semi-finalist.

Jenney is a Physical Education teacher at Memorial Elementary School who promotes awareness about heart health, as well as healthy lifestyle choices. Through her efforts for the American Heart Association Kids Health Challenge, Memorial Elementary is consistently a top fundraiser for this program. She has also helped pioneer a Reebok sponsored program called Building Our Kids' Success, which advocates for physical activity before school in order to achieve better attention and learning during the day.

Jennifer is a fifth grade teacher at Pine Hill Elementary School who has been teaching since 2004. She organizes her classroom with students at the center, serves as a coach to children, and follows students' lead.

Her classroom utilizes an inquiry-based teaching model, which encourages students to ask questions, consider other perspectives, and partake in self-guided exploration. She has also served as curriculum chairperson, professional learning community leader, and peer coach.

Congratulations again to Jenney and Jennifer, and thank you for the important work that you do for the younger generation of the Fifth Middlesex District.



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One of the best aspects of being a State Representative is helping my constituents in times of need. I am honored to act as a liaison between my constituents and state agencies.

If you require assistance or need additional information, do not hesitate to call me at **617-722-2575** or email me at **David.Linsky@mahouse.gov**. I encourage you to contact my office to speak with myself or a member of my staff regarding an issue that is of concern to you.