

Memorandum

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Re: Legislative Update

This Week At The Capitol:

Our new Governor has been sworn in and a new General Assembly seated with all the customary pomp and circumstance afforded to high ranking public officials. We are eight days into a new administration and Session and the Capitol is already abuzz with activity.

By now all Committees have met for organizational purposes and some, starting today (Friday), are meeting to raised concepts and bills. Today is also the deadline for Legislators to propose bills of their own on any topic they see fit. It will then be up to the Committees to decide if those proposed bills get raised for further action.

I have already requested a meeting of the Chairs of Appropriations and Children's Committees for CYSA. I will let you know as soon as I hear when those dates are.

The Children's Committee has entirely new leadership. Senator Mary Abrams (D) Meriden is the new Senate Chairwoman and Representative Liz Linehan (D) Cheshire is the new House Chairwoman. The Ranking Members are Senator Kevin Kelly (R) Stratford and Representative Robin Green (R) Marlborough

Democratic leadership on the Appropriations Committee has not changed, Sen. Osten (D) Sprague and Representative Toni Walker (D) New Haven remain as Chairs, however the new House Ranking Member is Gail Lavielle (R) Wilton and Senator Paul Formica (R) Niantic, remains as the Senate Ranking Member.

The Governor has been granted two weeks extra time to complete his budget. Typically, he gives his budget address on the first Wednesday after the first Monday in February. However, the Legislature granted him two extra weeks because he was just sworn in. He continues to fill out his administration, however, as of today; he has yet to name the new SDE Commissioner.

As always, please contact me at your convenience should you have any questions or concerns about these or any other Legislative matters. Also, please share this information with your members as you see fit.