

Alton Town Report 2007

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District 4



As your State Senator, I am honored with the opportunity to serve you and wanted to report from the New Hampshire Senate on important state issues affecting you, as residents of Alton.

Last session, I concentrated on several key issues important to the citizens of New Hampshire: helping New Hampshire's working families by increasing the minimum wage; protecting New Hampshire citizens' health by implementing a smoking ban in restaurants and bars, increasing access to health care by supporting expanded eligibility to health insurance, working diligently to ensure every child had an adequate education, and exhibited great fiscal responsibility in working to implement a fair and balanced budget, and reducing the high school dropout rate by ensuring attendance to age 18.

I also continued to work on long time policy priorities such as improving access to affordable prescription drugs and improving education and opportunities for college savings for New Hampshire families.

As a member of the Senate Finance Committee I am proud that we passed a fiscally responsible state budget for the FY 2008-2009 biennium that meets the needs of our most vulnerable citizens and included the following assistance to the residents of Alton:

**FY 2007 State Aid to Alton**

<b>Type of Aid</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Special Education	\$ 133,299
School Building Aid	\$ 413,154
School Breakfast	\$ 536
School Lunch	\$ 2,557
Driver Education	\$ 16,950
Adequate Education Grants	\$ 3,447,548
Retirement Contribution – Teachers	\$ 48,914
Meals & Rooms Distribution	\$ 193,168
Revenue Sharing	\$ 31,607
Retirement Contribution – Police & Fire	\$ 37,221
Highway Block Grant	\$ 149,247
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,474,228</b>

This session, I will be concentrating on several key issues important to the citizens of New Hampshire: costing an adequate education, implementing kindergarten in the communities that don't yet offer it, ensuring that families who are less fortunate have the healthcare at their disposal that they need regardless of their insurance coverage or lack thereof.

As a long time advocate of improving opportunities for affordable housing, I continue to support legislative efforts aimed at increasing workforce housing stock. I look forward to working with State Representatives from the Alton area on this and wide range of opportunities to support a healthy business climate in our state.

If you wish to contact me about these or any other matters I might help you with, please call me at (603) 271-3074, or email me at [Kathleen.Sgambati@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:Kathleen.Sgambati@leg.state.nh.us).