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August Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

August is always an exciting month as a new school year begins! It is a time to celebrate the limitless potential of every student and the unwavering dedication of our educators. I believe that every child, no matter their socioeconomic background, deserves access to a high-quality, well-funded public education. That's why I will continue fighting for policies that support our teachers, reduce barriers in the classroom, and ensure schools are safe, inclusive environments where all students can thrive. From expanding early childhood education to making sure students have access to healthy meals, I will continue to work to build a foundation where every student can succeed.

Thank you to all the teachers, support staff, bus drivers, counselors, and administrators. The work you do every day is critical in inspiring and leading the next generation.

This summer is a great time to check your voter registration and make sure your information is up to date for this upcoming election. The deadline to register to vote for the November election is October 5th. To check your registration status, update your address, or register to vote visit <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/register-to-vote>. Check in on your friends and family and make sure they are ready for this November. Your vote matters!

I am proud to be your state representative. I want to hear from you! My office is happy and ready to help you with any state related issue or just to listen to your thoughts about state government. Always remember, I work for you. I hope you'll reach out. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

Darnell Brewer
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House Bill 984 Press Conference

This month I hosted a press conference alongside Representative Justin Pizzulli to introduce our bipartisan House Bill 984. This legislation would establish a statewide reimbursement-rate system for licensed foster care and residential placements. This legislation aims to provide greater financial predictability for counties, fiscal responsibility for taxpayers, fairness for providers, and—most importantly—help ensure that Ohio's foster youth have access to the care and resources they need to thrive.

Counties across Ohio are struggling with rising placement costs, and the financial pressures are becoming unsustainable. Providers are also face rising costs from staffing and insurance to transportation, food, treatment, and the specialized services required to care for children with increasingly complex needs. This legislation will bring everyone involved to the table to make sure rates reflect the needs of all parties.

We have a responsibility to ensure our foster care system remains sustainable, not just for the next budget cycle, but for the children who will depend on this system tomorrow and in the years ahead.



Rep. Brewer and Rep. Pizzulli at the HB 984 press conference.



Fathers Walk Week

In Cuyahoga County and beyond, school districts have taken the lead in hosting Fathers Walk events, inviting fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, and other role models to walk or transport students to school. A Fathers Walk event can look different at each location, but many school districts celebrate “Fathers Walk Week” by welcoming participants to the school, providing breakfast, and sharing informational resources for fathers and families. These events are meant to be a joyous and supportive celebration of a father’s involvement in their child’s education.

Fathers Walk Week’ is more than just symbolic. When father figures actively participate in a child’s school life, learning becomes deeper, and confidence increases. Research shows that a father’s presence and involvement in their children’s lives is directly linked to better educational outcomes, including higher academic achievement, improved attendance, and fewer behavioral challenges at school. I encourage schools across Ohio to host a Fathers Walk event and call on all role models to join their children in this celebration.

I have introduced House Bill 496, legislation to officially designate the third week of September as “Fathers Walk Week” in Ohio. The bill now awaits a third hearing in the House Children and Human Services Committee.

