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## MESSAGE FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

House Republicans and Friends Across New Hampshire,

You may have seen my recent op-ed in the Union Leader on the conservative case for legalizing cannabis. I understand this is not a partisan issue and many of you may disagree with my position, and that is ok. What I do believe is that this is an opportunity for Republicans and Democrats to come together to compromise and solve a problem our constituents have been asking us to address for years. Politics is not about getting what you want when you want it, but about getting as much as you can while giving up as little as you must - in the end delivering results supported by those we serve. We don't always get to just jump in front of parades that are already underway, but sometimes we also need to do the hard work of tackling controversial topics.

What I believe we can all agree on is the need for expanding Education Freedom Accounts. The Senate has two important hearings this coming

Tuesday in the Education Committee. The first, HB367, raises the income cap from 300% of the federal poverty level to 350%. While I believe there should be no income cap on this program, this modest increase at least keeps up with the rampant inflation we are seeing. It is a step in the right direction and will allow more families to access the program.

Additionally, the Senate will be hearing HB464, which expands eligibility to marginalized and at-risk students. This bill was vehemently opposed by teachers' unions in the House. As Rep. Erica Layon said about her bill, "Simply put, the unions would rather tie persistently bullied students to their local school than lose the state funding tied to that student. This is oppression by the system - systemic oppression- and the solution is to help these oppressed students take their state funding with them, not hold the student and their state funding hostage."

Please reach out to your senators and urge them to support these two bills. Given how wildly successful the program is, it is only natural we extend it to a larger portion of the population.

**All the best,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Osborne', written in a cursive style.

**Jason Osborne, House Majority Leader**

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**Amos Tuck Dinner**



Speaker Packard was awarded the Meldrim Thomson Jr. Principle Above Politics Award on April 14th from the New Hampshire GOP.

Speaker Packard stated, "I am humbled to be this year's recipient of The Governor Meldrim Thomson Jr. Principle Above Politics Award. It is an honor to be amongst the ranks of those before me who have dedicated themselves to ensuring New Hampshire remains the freest and best place in which to live, work, and raise a family. It has been my priority to protect the NH advantage and do what is best for our state. It has been a privilege to represent NH

citizens - not just in Londonderry - but statewide, and to be able to work side-by-side with the only citizen legislature in the Nation."

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### **Majority Leader Osborne: Conservative case for cannabis reform**

"THE CONSERVATIVE case for marijuana legalization is gaining momentum across the United States. After decades of trying the same tactics without different results, many state leaders have begun to question whether their states are taking the right approach to cannabis policy.

Today, 21 states allow adults to use cannabis, and 38 states have a medical cannabis program. Voters want cannabis reform, and polling shows that 71% of New Hampshire voters from all political perspectives want the legislature to legalize adult-use cannabis now."

[Click here to read the full piece](#)

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### **State House Tours**



Rep. Harb spoke to students from Pollard Elementary School about what happens during a typical session day as a State Representative.

He presented awards to 3 teachers for all they do for their students.

Congrats to Ms. Ashley Conway, Mr. Jeff Lavallee and Ms. Hope Williams!

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### We the People Program



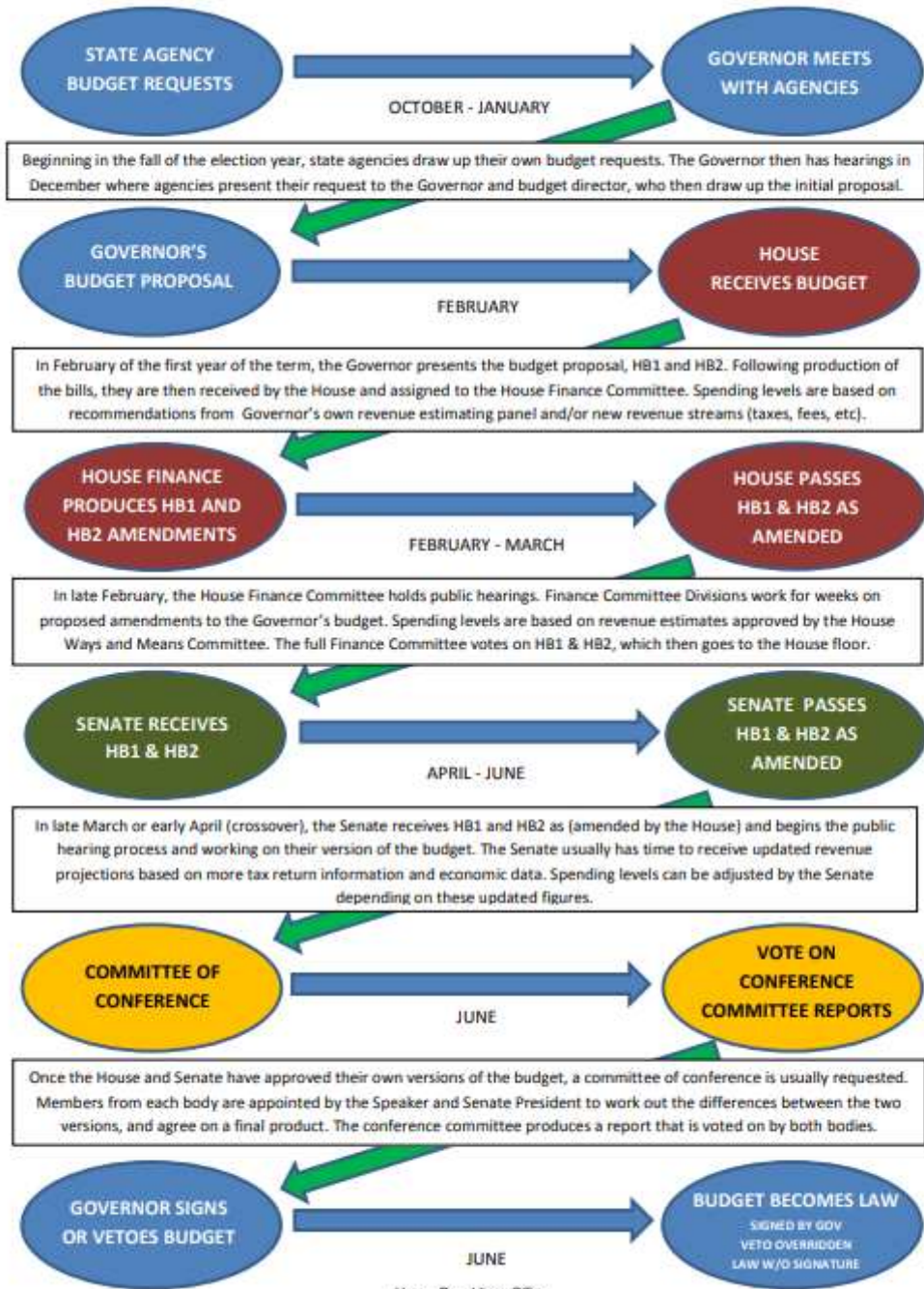
Representative Sheehan met with the Milford High School students participating in the We The People Program where she presented them with a

commendation.



## **The State Budget Process**





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**Staff Question of the Week:**

# Question of The Week



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**Yesterday, SpaceX launched a rocket as a part of a test flight. We asked our staff, would you ever want to go to space?**

**Meg:** No.

**Jeremy:** Yes. I'd visit the International Space Station.

**Sean:** Absolutely not.

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Republicans: 201

Democrats: 196



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