



Here is your August, 2017 e-newsletter (with updates since early July):

### [Delivering the "Labor is Your Neighbor" Message](#)

Union members from across the country in late July learned how a local leader in Hartford beat the odds in a special legislative election. [Click here to share the video of Joshua Hall's speech to AFT's biennial professional development conference for educators.](#)

### [Encouraging the "My Classroom to My Colleague" Path Forward](#)

Hartford teachers' union members are ramping up efforts to promote careers in public education and close the diversity gap in their schools. [Click here to learn more about their campaign and the progress of similar efforts at the national level.](#)

### [State Workers' Approve Cost Savings to Protect Vital Services](#)

Public employee union members in mid July announced ratification of agreements with the governor's administration to extend their benefits while shielding against layoffs. [Click here for a report on the State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition \(SEBAC\) master and individual unit contracts vote results.](#)

### [Clinic Caregivers Escalate their Demand for Improved Conditions](#)

Union members at Community Health Services in Hartford are appealing to lawmakers, who share their concerns over clinic management's "dictatorial styles of leadership." [Click here to watch a physician, clinician and an elected representative speak out for the care all patients deserve.](#)

## [Delivering Our "Fair Share" Budget Message](#)

The speaker of the state House of Representatives in mid July agreed to take the "hot seat" at AFT Connecticut's monthly executive committee meeting. [Click here for photos of the lawmaker hearing union leaders' concerns over cuts to public education, health and safety.](#)

## [Union Leaders "All In" to Lead through 2019](#)

The officers, five divisional and 17 at-large vice presidents elected at our AFT Connecticut 2017 convention were in mid July formally sworn in. [Click here to share a photo of the new leadership team after taking the oath of their offices.](#)

## [Tell Lawmakers: No Special Tax on Teachers](#)

Misguided proposals for balancing the state's budget on the backs of public education professionals are being deliberated in anticipation of a special legislative session. [Click here to tell your elected representatives to keep their promise to our state's teachers and their students.](#)

## [Resisting Austerity by Organizing More Working People](#)

Our national union's annual professional issues conference for public employees explored solutions for withstanding unprecedented political attacks at the federal and state levels. [Click here for a report-back from the event where AFT Connecticut's innovative approach to organizing managerial workers was recognized.](#)

## **Upcoming Activities & Events**

- August 16 - 17: ["Train the Trainer" Workshops for PSRPs](#)
- September 1: [Connecticut AFL-CIO 4th Annual Labor Day Breakfast](#)
- September 12: [Municipal Primary Election Day](#)
- September 16: [PreK-12 Teachers' Pre-Retirement Seminar](#)
- October 4 - 6: [Connecticut AFL-CIO 2017 Constitutional Convention](#)
- October 5: [United Labor Agency Reception & "Labor of Love" Fundraiser](#)
- October 25: [AFT Connecticut Retirees Conference](#)
- November 1: [#UnionProud Campaign Social Media Share](#)

## **Featured Benefit**

- Union Plus: [Mortgage Assistance Program](#)

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