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Upcoming Events

Wed., 5/20 - Fri., 5/22
[AFT 2015 Healthcare Leaders Conf./NFN Labor Academy](#)

Fri., 5/22
[CHRO CT Kids' Court Essay Competition and Kids Speak](#)

Tue., 5/28
[CCADV "Safe Dates" Training for Education Personnel](#)

Tue., 5/28 - Sat., 5/30
[AFT Public Employees National Conference](#)

May, 2015

(Editor's note: this edition includes updates since mid-Mar.)

No Bail-Out for L+M

When L+M Hospital administrators attempted to "hold patient care hostage to their political agenda" union leaders reacted and called for an end to the "intimidation and diversion." [Click here for their joint op-ed in *The Day* responding to their employers' lobbying tactics.](#)

A Step Forward on ESEA

Congressional leaders last month unveiled a re-write of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) that focuses on "the joy of learning." [Click here for an update on the proposal that followed months of advocacy by AFT union members and leaders across the country.](#)

#FightFor15 and a Union

AFT Connecticut union members on April 15th joined with activists and civic leaders in four communities to rally for livable wages and a voice on the job for all. [Click here for photos of the event in Danbury, one of hundreds on the global day of action.](#)

An Educator to Lead SDE

Last month a permanent replacement who "understands what it means to be a teacher" was selected to serve as commissioner of the state Department of Education (SDE). [Click here for our update on this significant victory sent to members of affiliated PreK-12 and PSRP unions.](#)

Sun., 5/31

[The CT Climate March & Hartford Earth Festival](#)

Tue., 6/2

[Math Lesson Planning Professional Development Workshop](#)

(Editor's note: rescheduled from Tue., May 12)

Thu., 6/4

[CCADV "Safe Dates" Training for Education Personnel](#)

Tue., 6/9

[LPRAC K-12 Mastery Tests Info Forum](#)

Wed., 6/10

[CCADV "Safe Dates" Training for Education Personnel](#)

Sat., 6/27

[Organized Labor Recognition Night with the New Britain Rock Cats](#)

Mon., 7/13 - Wed., 7/15

[AFT TEACH Conference](#)

Sat., 8/8

[Union Leadership Conference](#)

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Not Another NAFTA

Union members, workers and environmental advocates are urging Congress to reject "Fast Track" trade authority, an "undemocratic, unaccountable and completely unacceptable way to develop economic policies." [Click here for an update on the American labor movement's united efforts to prevent future unfair trade deals.](#)

Speaking Out for Safe Jobs

This year's commemoration of Workers Memorial Day at the State Capitol was as much about advocating for safety on the job as it was about mourning lives lost. [Click here to watch a brief video with highlights of the event.](#)

A Budget Worthy of Support

Legislative leaders in late April adopted a state budget that would reverse the governor's proposed service and Medicaid cuts and reject funds for new schools operated by charter management companies. [Click here to thank them for acting to protect education, public services and healthcare delivery.](#)

Justice for State Workers

The *SEBAC v. Rowland* lawsuit settlement announced late last month is a testament to the courage of union members who stood up for the free speech rights of all. [Click here for the announcement of the agreement and access answers to questions on the settlement.](#)

Uniting for Better Hospitals

Nursing assistants, service, maintenance, environmental and other healthcare workers at Danbury and New Milford Hospitals are organizing "to stand up for our community." [Click here for the public announcement of their efforts to form a union in AFT Connecticut.](#)

Our 2015 Convention

Delegates to AFT Connecticut's annual convention committed to unite with natural allies in their communities and elected new officers to provide leadership through 2017. [Click here to access official confirmed election results and photos from the event.](#)