Affiliated Union Member - here is your February, 2019 e-newsletter (with updates since early January):

**Forging Ahead with Our Legislative Advocacy**

Hundreds of activists in early February gathered at the State Capitol to take the next steps in our federation's plan to win better public policies. [Click here for photos of members at our annual legislative conference learning how to amplify our collective voice.](#)

**Seeking Mutual Solutions, Not "More Concessions"**

Leaders of public sector unions in mid January met with Governor Ned Lamont and staff from his administration to discuss strengthening members' retirement security. [Click here for a report back from the meeting and analysis of the ongoing "opportunity to work together."](#)

**Speaking Out to Solve the Higher Ed Debt Crisis**

Our national union is stepping up the pressure on the federal education department and its contracted private servicers to help struggling student loan borrowers. [Click here to share an online advocacy campaign demanding accountability for Navient's shameful track record of consumer issues.](#)

**Sharing Stories of Inequity with a National Audience**

Our Ansonia teachers union president in late January participated in a legislative briefing at the U.S. Capitol on America's public education funding crisis. [Click here for photos of the event which helped spotlight the struggle for fairness in this Connecticut community.](#)

**Winning for New and Veteran Members Alike**

Our latest report on local collective bargaining victories demonstrates the value of a seat at the table for all members of our "labor family." [Click here to learn more about benefits won by education personnel and certified teachers in recent contract talks.](#)
Propelling the "Women's Wave" Forward

Members of affiliated unions in mid January teamed up with Connecticut's labor movement to be part of annual Women's March activities at the State Capitol. Click here for photos highlighting the key role local leaders played in elevating the rights of working people.

Singing for a Better Future

Union activists from across the state in early January volunteered to perform as part of a "labor choir" at the Women's March rally in Hartford. Click here to watch them practice delivering their "Treat Us Like Family" message ahead of the big event.

Showing Solidarity with Sisters and Brothers in Los Angeles

State federation leaders in early January demonstrated support for educators and support staff on strike for their students in the nation’s second largest school district. Click here for their "Red for Ed" message for AFT-affiliated union members in United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA).

Upcoming Activities & Events

- February 12: PreK-12/PSRP "Para & Teacher Collaboration” Workshop
- February 21: Stewards Training for Union Leaders
- February 27: Students with Attention & Learning Issues Workshop for Teachers & PSRPs
- March 12 - 16: CPR, AED & First Aid Refresher & Full Courses
- March 16 - April 6: Regional Legislative Meetings (7 locations) *
- March 19: E-Mail Communications Training for Union Leaders
- March 21: "Interactive Storytelling" Workshop for Teachers
- March 30: Healthcare Professional Development Conference

Featured Benefit

- AFT: Robert G. Porter Scholars Program

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