



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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