Member - here is your January, 2020 e-newsletter (with updates since early December):

**Supporting Responsible Pension Investments**

AFT Connecticut President Jan Hochadel in early January amplified our members' support for a proposed new strategy of divesting public funds from firearm manufacturers. [Click here to share her commentary applauding the state treasurer's "Responsible Gun Policy" in The CT Mirror's "Viewpoints."](#)

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**Working Together to End the Opioid Epidemic**

A local union activist joined our state federation president for a podcast episode focused on Connecticut's role in holding the nation's addiction industry accountable. [Click here for Peter Canning and Jan Hochadel's informative discussion with Attorney General William Tong on combating opioids.](#)

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**Teaming Up to Elevate Educators' Issues**

Union leaders last fall joined labor allies and media partners to coordinate and promote the findings of a first-of-its-kind teachers survey. [Click here for our report featuring the complete results and announcing plans for a second round of questions.](#)

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**Speaking Out for Clean, Safe Schools**

Hartford teachers, substitutes and paraprofessionals in mid December turned-out at their school board’s meeting to demand action on the district’s "sick building" crisis. [Click here for photos of union members questioning officials' failure to prioritize students and educators' health and safety.](#)

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**Demonstrating the Season of Giving's Spirit**

State federation leaders in mid December once again answered the John J. Driscoll United Labor Agency's (ULA) call to help families struggling during the holidays. [Click here to watch delegate assembly and executive council members present their collection of annual toy drive donations.](#)
Joining Higher Education Professionals to Denounce Consolidation

Leaders of the unions representing faculty and staff in the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) system in mid December released a public "unity statement." Click here for their collective demand that officials make better choices than "hiring of more high-priced administrators."

Standing Up for the ULA's Good Works

State and local union leaders in early December responded to an audit of the distribution of aid by the Sandy Hook Workers Assistance Program (SHWAP). Click here for remarks by the presidents of AFT Connecticut and our Newtown teachers affiliate addressing the review.

Recognizing an Activist for Bold Leadership *

An affiliated union member who was among the 23 successfully seeking municipal elected offices in 2019 was in early December honored for her example. Click here for photos of Angie Parkinson and fellow activists receiving Connecticut Working Families' Arthur Lee Perry award.

Upcoming Activities & Events

- January 21: Local Union Treasurer's Training Workshop
- January 23 - 25: AFT Center for School Improvement (CSI) Leadership Institute
- January 30: PreK-12/PSRP "Para & Teacher Collaboration" Workshop
- February 11: Financial Planning Workshop for All Members
- February 26: PreK-12/PSRP Managing Student Behavior Workshop
- February 29: 2020 Legislative Conference *

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