



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."](#)

[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.](#)

[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.](#)

[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.](#)

[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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