



Affiliated Union Member - here is your July, 2017 e-newsletter (with updates since early June):

[Moving Officials to Respect Paras as Professionals](#)

Paraeducators in New London Public Schools in late June moved their board of education to voluntarily recognize their choice to form a union. [Click here to learn about how the "organizing drive has already made positive change" for our newest members.](#)

[SEBAC Framework for Saving Jobs and Benefits Moves Forward](#)

Union leaders in late June approved tentative agreements (TAs) to shield state workers against layoffs and protect their healthcare and retirement security. [Click here for our federation president's message announcing the State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition \(SEBAC\) and individual bargaining unit TAs.](#)

[Calling Out Betsy DeVos' Shameful Insults](#)

When President Trump's education secretary doubled down on her offensive characterization of East Hartford Public Schools, our local paraeducators union president responded. [Click here to share her commentary on how the entire school community rallied to show their strength and pride.](#)

[Union Members in the Spotlight](#)

For World Refugee Day, we highlighted educators committed to building a support system for new arrivals and all their school's English language learners (ELLs). [Click here to meet PreK-12 union members who make sure their students feel they're "part of the community."](#)

[Demanding No Compromise of Patient or Caregiver Safety](#)

Union members since early June have urged the governor reject a bill relaxing protections in our state's hospitals on an invasive procedure. [Click here to join them in calling for a veto of legislation allowing unlicensed staff to flush intravenous \(IV\) lines.](#)

[Exposing a Massive Wealth Transfer from Workers to Wall Street](#)

Our national union's latest report documents how hedge funders' unjustifiable fees erode public pensions and place retirement security in peril for millions. [Click here for AFT's study, which offers "real data that politicians should be using to craft fairer policies."](#)

[Honored for "Excellence in Organizing" in 2016](#)

Our state federation in early June received national recognition for successfully bringing hundreds of additional Connecticut state workers into the labor movement. [Click here for a photo of union leaders receiving the award at the AFT Public Employees' Professional Issues Conference.](#)

[Pressing for "Safe Staffing" at the Federal Level](#)

Connecticut caregivers are making the argument for long-overdue federal requirements that would "help others and improve their quality of life." [Click here for local union members' reaction to "safe staffing" legislation introduced in the U.S. Congress.](#)

Upcoming Activities & Events

- July 10 - 19: [AFT Summer Educator Academy](#)
- July 20 - 22: [AFT TEACH 2017 Conference](#)
- September 16: [PreK-12 Teachers' Pre-Retirement Seminar](#)
- October 4 - 6: [Connecticut AFL-CIO 2017 Constitutional Convention](#)
- October 25: [AFT Connecticut Retirees Conference](#)
- November 1: [#UnionProud Campaign Social Media Share](#)

Featured Benefit

- Union Plus: [Travel Discounts](#)

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