Affiliated Union Member - here is your July, 2020 e-newsletter (with updates since early June):

**Responding to a School Building Reopening "Plan"**

AFT Connecticut and Connecticut Education Association (CEA) leaders in late June weighed-in on Governor Ned Lamont's proposal for resuming in-person learning this fall. Click here for the joint public statement from state federation president Jan Hochadel and her counterpart at CEA.

**Reporting on Action to "Fund Our Future"**

Local union leaders in mid June invited U.S. Rep. John Larson to brief members on federal COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) relief efforts in Congress. Click here for photos from their meeting where the focus was on securing resources for public school paraeducators.

**Supporting Civil Rights Groups During National Unrest**

In response to escalating nationwide demonstrations, local union leaders representing registered nurses in mid June stepped up to aid anti-racist community organizations. Click here to share their announcement of support for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and Black Lives Matter.

**Protecting Public Ed Support Staff with Vital Gear**

A school secretary in mid June picked up personal protective equipment (PPE) procured by our national union to safeguard paraprofessionals and school-related personnel (PSRPs). Click here to share the photo and message that public education support staff need COVID-19 prevention measures.

**Defending the Record of Labor Savings**

State employees in mid June responded to politicians' renewed attempts at further delaying contractual raises previously won in 2017 and scheduled for July 1st. Click here for our report back which highlighted union members' previous sacrifices to shore up vital public services.
Taking a Stand Against Systemic Racism

Local PreK-12 teachers union leaders in mid June called for solidarity with protestors denouncing violence against people of color by law enforcement officials. Click here to share their statement of educators' "duty to ensure that we are holding ourselves to task."

Shielding Caregivers Vulnerable to COVID-19

Nurses and allied health professionals in mid June collected face masks and shields obtained by our national union for acute and behavioral care professionals. Click here to share the photos and help reinforce that hospital staff are entitled to adequate safety precautions.

Providing Educators a Line of Defense in the Fall

A shipment of face masks and shields acquired by our national union was in early June picked up for teachers, paraeducators and school nurses. Click here to share the photo and show that educators concerned about COVID-19 have each others' backs.

Upcoming Activities & Events

- July 6 - 31: AFT Virtual Summer Educator Academy Courses
- July 9: Virtual Roundtable Discussion on Reopening Schools & Colleges
- July 21: Telephone Town Hall on Coronavirus Pandemic Update - RESCHEDULED
- July 28 - 30: AFT 2020 National Convention
- August 11: Presidential, Congressional & Legislative Primary Election - RESCHEDULED

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