



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 27: [Healthcare "Legal Issues" Training Workshop - RESCHEDULED](#)
  - July 28 - 30: [AFT 2020 National Convention](#)
  - August 11: [Presidential, Congressional & Legislative Primary Election - RESCHEDULED](#)
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## **Featured Benefit**

- AFT +: [Summer Student Debt Support](#)

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