



Affiliated union members - here is your June, 2017 e-newsletter (with updates since early-May):

### **[Framework for Protecting Good Jobs & Stabilizing Public Assets](#)**

State employee union leaders in late May announced that talks with the governor's representatives had produced a guideline for possible labor cost savings. [Click here for the message sent to public employee members on the framework to prevent layoffs and preserve benefits.](#)

### **[Solidarity with Teachers Fighting for Fairness](#)**

Thousands in late May marched on Yale University's campus to demand administrators negotiate with graduate employees who voted to form a union. [Click here for our state and national AFT leaders' statement of support for the Ivy League school's graduate workforce.](#)

### **[Urging Lawmakers Tax Wealth Over Labor](#)**

Union leaders responded to revised state budget proposals released in late May by demanding better choices for growing Connecticut's economy and maintaining vital services. [Click here to send the message that legislators should reject austerity and instead embrace a "fair share" approach.](#)

### **[Convention Delegates "All In" to Fight Forward](#)**

Representatives from AFT Connecticut-affiliated unions in mid May gathered to elect state federation leadership and take on the challenges faced by our movement. [Click here for photos of delegates and guests coming together in solidarity at our 70th annual business convention.](#)

## [Members Show How They're #UnionProud](#)

Delegates to our AFT Connecticut annual convention in mid May were the first to see several early submissions in our new grassroots video campaign. [Click here for a brief compilation featuring union members sharing their pride on the job and in their community.](#)

## [Union Members in the Spotlight](#)

For national Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) we highlighted a state community college professor devoted to helping prepare the region's future caregivers. [Click here to meet a public employee union member concerned that budget cuts risk her students' "chance of advancement."](#)

## [Public Employees Uniting for a Better Future](#)

Recent national poll results back up what an increasing number of managers in state service are saying about the value of a voice on the job. [Click here to meet new public employee union members now "empowered to share their expertise and express their concerns."](#)

## [Taking a Stand for Building Schools, Not Walls](#)

Teachers and paraprofessionals in New Britain were among thousands on May 1st participating in coordinated national actions in defense of immigrant students. [Click here for a photo of the local event where union members pledged unity in an atmosphere of division.](#)

## **Upcoming Activities & Events**

- June 6: [Financial Planning Workshop for All Members](#)
- June 14: [CT Working Families Cookout & Kickball Tournament](#)
- June 15: [Local Leaders Communications Training - Websites](#)
- June 27: [AFT Connecticut Healthcare Conference](#)
- July 10 - 19: [AFT Summer Educator Academy](#)
- July 20 - 22: [AFT TEACH 2017 Conference](#)
- October 25: [AFT Connecticut Retirees Conference](#)
- November 1: [#UnionProud Campaign Social Media Share](#)

## **Featured Benefit**

- AFT +: [AT&T Wireless Service Discount](#)

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