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*The e-newsletter for AFT Connecticut*

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

### **[Recognizing Efforts to Seek Racial Justice](#)**

AFT Connecticut President Jan Hochadel in early June publicly remarked on escalating protests following the police killing of an unarmed black man in Minnesota. [Click here for her statement praising affiliated local union members in Connecticut for their response to unfolding events.](#)

### **[Assuring Members' "Seat at the Table" in Re-Opening America](#)**

Our national union in early June organized a webinar on negotiating conditions for safely returning to work as the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) pandemic's spread slows. [Click here for photos of state and local leaders from the live event's panel and healthcare breakout discussions.](#)

**Editor's note:** full program webinar is linked to each division's main page at our [AFT Connecticut website](#).

### **[Commemorating a Colleague Lost to COVID-19](#)**

Members of four affiliated local unions in late May rallied the New London community to raise awareness of the pandemic's toll on essential caregivers. [Click here for photos of the event that also honored a sister who succumbed to the deadly virus.](#)

### **[Speaking Out for Safely Returning to the Classroom](#)**

Nearly 75% of educators participating in our latest joint survey with labor allies and media partners expect the Coronavirus to permanently change their profession. [Click here for our report-back on the results which informed state officials' decision to keep buildings closed.](#)

## [Calling Out a Shameless Attempt to Scapegoat Public Employees](#) \*

When politicians exploited the pandemic's worsening economic fallout to push for cancelling contractually-negotiated raises, labor leaders engaged members in a coordinated fight-back. [Click here to share the online action our State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition \(SEBAC\) launched to resist the scheme.](#)

## [Securing Pandemic Hazard Pay for Caregivers](#)

Members of six affiliated local unions in mid May won premiums for front-line nurses and allied health professionals on the Coronavirus crisis' frontline. [Click here for the announcement of the results of members' ratification vote on the package negotiated with management.](#)

## [Advancing Our Collective "2020 Vision" Virtually](#)

Over 150 delegates to AFT Connecticut's convention in early May came together via Zoom for a first-ever online version of the annual event. [Click here to access material provided to participants and to watch our national union president's full keynote speech.](#)

## [Showcasing Educators "Doing Whatever Needs to be Done"](#)

Our state federation president in early May delivered an open message to members of PreK-12 teachers and paraprofessionals and school-related personnel (PSRP) unions. [Click here for her appeal to educators and support staff for "selfie" videos highlighting their distance learning challenges.](#)

## **Upcoming Activities & Events**

- Ongoing: ["Supplies for Healthcare Heroes" PPE Drive](#)
- June 9: [Telephone Town Hall on Coronavirus Pandemic Update](#)
- June 16: [Local Union Treasurer's Training Webinar](#)
- June 23: [Telephone Town Hall on Coronavirus Pandemic Update](#)
- July 7: [Telephone Town Hall on Coronavirus Pandemic Update](#)

## **Featured Benefit**

- Multiple Sources: [COVID-19 Impact Benefits & Services](#)

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