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.

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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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