



Matt - here is your March, 2016 e-newsletter (with updates since early-February):

[Demanding Respect for Collective Bargaining](#)

When the governor and legislative leaders openly criticized a contract recently ratified by Public Employee union members our state federation president spoke out. [Click here for Jan Hochadel's remarks in which she urged lawmakers "honor this negotiated settlement" between labor and management.](#)

[Union Members in the Spotlight](#)

During the month set aside to recognize Career and Technical Education (CTE) teachers and students we highlighted members speaking out for the vital services they deliver. [Click here to learn how members of Public Employee unions are advocating for better budget choices than CTE cuts.](#)

[Calling Out "Political Grandstanding"](#)

Our Ansonia teachers union president responded clearly when town officials threatened "further and deeper cuts to services and programs our students deserve." [Click here to read Mat Hough's commentary on attempts to "upturn and disrupt an established process" for achieving cost savings.](#)

[Teachers as Drivers, Not Just Implementers](#)

In his report-back from the National Summit on Teacher Leadership our Bristol teachers union president called for a new approach to public education policy. [Click here to learn more about David Hayes' recommendation that administrators serve as the support for classroom educators.](#)

[Talking Poverty and Inequality in Hartford](#)

Our national union president in February came to Hartford to tour a school and meet with state and local union leaders, parents and community activists. [Click here for photos from Randi Weingarten's visit and meetings where the primary focus was on how to help students thrive.](#)

[Connecticut Has a Fairness Problem](#)

In early February we teamed up with our national union to place a full-page ad in *The Courant* that does more than just criticize state budget proposals. [Click here to see the ad and make the call so the governor and state lawmakers hear your voice.](#)

[Impact of a Supreme Court Vacancy](#)

The sudden passing of Justice Antonin Scalia in early February raised a number of questions about cases now before the high court, including the *Friedrichs* lawsuit. [Click here for more on what union members must do as a movement to protect our rights to work together.](#)

[Our State Federation President's Call to "Stand Together"](#)

Attendees at our annual legislative conference were urged to embrace the "spirit and the practice of solidarity" as we take on issues this year at the State Capitol. [Click here to watch Jan Hochadel's video message, which kicked off the early February event.](#)

Upcoming Activities & Events

- March 8: [CPR, AED & Basic First Aid Refresher Course](#)
- March 10 & 12: [CPR, AED & Basic First Aid Courses](#)
- March 12: [Southeastern Regional Legislative Meeting](#)
- March 12: [Windham Regional Legislative Meeting](#)
- March 19: [Central Regional Legislative Meeting](#)
- March 19: ["Managing Student Behavior" Workshop for Paras](#)
- March 19: [Hartford Regional Legislative Meeting](#)
- March 23: [Southwestern Regional Legislative Meeting](#)
- April 2: [Western Regional Legislative Meeting](#)
- April 4: [D.U.E. Justice Coalition "Fairness for the 99%" March & Rally](#)

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