



Matt - here is your November, 2015 e-newsletter (with updates since late-October):

[“Next Generation” High Schools](#)

The White House earlier this month convened a first-ever national summit on best practices in redesigning secondary public education for the 21st century. [Click here for a report-back from the event, which was attended by our AFT Connecticut president.](#)

[Union Members in the Spotlight](#)

In honor of National Radiologist Technologist Week we highlighted acute care technical professionals whose vital role in treating patients is more than "carrying out the doctor's orders." [Click here to meet two of our own union members providing care at hospitals in New London and Danbury.](#)

[Ending the Early Ed School-To-Prison-Pipeline](#)

A forum on alternatives to harsh discipline in early education at the Albert Shanker Institute earlier this month focused on better choices than the "zero tolerance" approach. [Click here for a report-back on the event, which was attended by our Meriden teachers union president.](#)

[Wins for Union-Endorsed Local Candidates](#)

Thirty-nine candidates supported by our legislative and political action committee (LPAC) on November 3 won won their respective races in the Municipal General Election. [Click here for the list of winners, which include 10 members of AFT Connecticut-affiliated unions.](#)

[A Community Coalesces Around its Caregivers](#)

The Danbury Rising! coalition earlier this month organized a candlelight vigil in support of medical techs and therapists at Danbury and New Milford Hospitals seeking a fair first contract. [Click here to watch highlights of an event that showed what “patients before profits” means to this community.](#)

[Hearings Set Over Illegal Tactics Targeting Healthcare Workers](#)

The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) is holding Western Connecticut Health Network (WCHN) executives accountable for a "negative campaign of lies and fear." [Click here to learn more about their complaint against the non-profit network that operates Danbury and New Milford Hospitals.](#)

[Community Champions for a Labor of Love](#)

Union members, advocates for children and people of faith have partnered to help the John J. Driscoll United Labor Agency (ULA) make sure students and their families don't go hungry. [Click here to watch a brief video on their "Labor of Love" backpack drive.](#)

[Our Labor Movement is Stronger Together](#)

AFT Connecticut union delegates from across the state last month joined their sisters and brothers in pledging to broaden the fight to end income inequality in America. [Click here for photos with highlights from the Connecticut AFL-CIO's biennial constitutional convention.](#)

[Empowering Health Professionals to Prevent Sepsis](#)

We have joined a global effort to advance lifesaving solutions to identify and treat the 10th-leading cause of death in the U.S. [Click here to learn more about our union's partnership with the Rory Staunton Foundation to promote Sepsis awareness.](#)

[Making Schools Safe Places for Learning](#)

We have teamed up with public education allies in support of a new program to teach students how to better recognize warning signs of violence. [Click here to learn more about the Sandy Hook Promise "Say Something" for safer schools effort.](#)

Upcoming Activities & Events

- November 27: [Black Friday Protest at Hartford Walmart](#)
- December 4: [CT State Employee Charitable Giving ends](#)
- December 6: [CT People's World Amistad Awards](#)
- December 12: [ULA Holiday Toy Drive ends](#)
- December 17: [CT Working Families Awards Banquet](#)

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