



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

[Celebrating Top Honors for One of Our Own](#)

State and local public education professionals joined elected leaders in early November in North Branford for the announcement of Connecticut's 2017 "Teacher of the Year." [Click here for a photo of Lauren Danner, the top finalist and member of our affiliated teachers union representing the district's educators.](#)

[Union Members in the Spotlight](#)

In honor of National Dental Hygiene Month, we highlighted dedicated caregivers whose mission is to promote good oral health to their students, patients and communities. [Click here to meet three healthcare union members committed to a culture where effective dental care is a shared priority.](#)

[Demanding More than a "Rubber Stamp" for their Community](#)

Advocates in late October urged state health officials to assure independent oversight of the recent settlement approving the take-over of Lawrence + Memorial (L+M) Hospital. [Click here for the announcement from the coalition that includes our union members calling for more transparency in the acquisition process.](#)

[Warning of Threats to Patient Care Services](#)

Caregivers at Windham Hospital in mid October demonstrated outside their facility to alert residents to Hartford HealthCare's proposals in current contract talks to silence their voices. [Click here for a photo from the action where union members and elected leaders expressed concerns about their community hospital's future.](#)

[Attorneys Choose Union "For a Seat at the Table"](#)

State employees who provide vital legal services in mid October voted to join AFT Connecticut for a voice to advocate for themselves and their profession. [Click here to learn why assistant attorneys general are looking forward to achieving parity with their public employee union colleagues.](#)

[Standing Up for Small Businesses and Taxpayers](#)

The same special interests that have long opposed tax fairness are bankrolling candidates who want more of the same austerity policies already damaging Connecticut's quality of life. [Click here to learn more about their record and why we should vote against those they're backing on November 8.](#)

[Growing the Movement to Reclaim the Promise](#)

Joining with parents, students, education advocates and elected leaders, union members in early October organized "walk-ins" at 24 schools and colleges across the state. [Click here to watch highlights from events in Meriden and Norwich, which were among 2,000 actions on the same day nationwide.](#)

[Defending Career Technical Education Services](#)

When state education officials in early October proposed closing two technical high schools, public employee union leaders joined legislators to denounce the short-sighted scheme. [Click here for a photo of the Capitol news briefing where the president of our vo-tech teachers union urged better choices.](#)

[Picketing to Put Patients Before Profits](#)

Behavioral caregivers at Natchaug Hospital in early October took to the streets of Mansfield to expose a monopolistic health network's failure to respect its workforce. [Click here to watch union members, advocates and elected leaders call on Hartford HealthCare to be "fair to those who care."](#)

Upcoming Activities & Events

- November 5 - 7: [CT AFL-CIO "Labor 2016" Campaign Walks & Phone Banks](#)
- November 8: [Congressional/Legislative & Presidential General Election](#)
- November 14, 16, 19: [CPR, AED & First Aid Refresher & Full Courses](#)
- November 15: [Intro to Restorative Practices Workshop for Teachers](#)
- November 16: [PSRP Development and Leadership Symposium](#)
- November 17: [Legal Issues for Local Leaders Workshop](#)
- November 21 - 22: [United Labor Agency Thanksgiving Turkey Drive](#)
- November 22: [Local Leaders Communications Training - Email](#)
- November 29: ["Fight for \\$15 and a Union" Hartford Area Actions](#)

Featured Benefit

- Union Plus: [Holiday Savings for Union Members](#)

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