



Union Member - here is your November, 2017 e-newsletter (with updates since early October):

[Union Members in the Spotlight](#)

During national Campus Equity Week we highlighted a science professor who returned to teaching to be part of "those 'light bulb' moments." [Click here to meet a higher education union member who recognizes the entire faculty's role in their students' success.](#)

[Standing Up to a Targeted Tax on Teachers](#)

Due to union members' activism, lawmakers in late October dropped some of the most harmful proposals from the compromise state budget they passed. [Click here to learn more about the tax changes they adopted that will impact active and retired teachers.](#)

[Breaking Down Barriers to Diversity](#)

Hartford educators are advancing their innovative "My Classroom to My Colleague" approach to inspire future generations to teach in the capital city's schools. [Click here to hear from union members stepping up to the challenge of closing the district's diversity gap.](#)

[Providing Students a "Real Life" Civics Lesson](#)

Ansonia teachers in late October organized a unique electoral forum with mayoral candidates that put public education at the center of the debate. [Click here for photos from the event local union members organized to involve their students in the process.](#)

[Mobilizing Aid from Meriden All the Way to Houston](#)

Local union members organized an "all in" school-wide effort to bring relief directly to victims of Hurricane Harvey along the Texas Gulf Coast. [Click here to watch educators share how they involved their students and administrators to show that "Meriden cares."](#)

[Quizzing the Candidates to Inform Members' Choices](#)

Middletown teachers and paraprofessionals in mid October brought those seeking to lead the district for the next two years together to answer their questions. [Click here for photos from the forum with the town's school board candidates organized by local union leaders.](#)

[Guiding the Labor Movement in Challenging Times](#)

Delegates from affiliated local unions in early October gathered for the Connecticut AFL-CIO's biennial convention to determine how best to move "forward together." [Click here for photos of members meeting, planning and taking action on our shared agenda for a better future.](#)

[Uniting the Community to Prioritize Public Education](#)

Educators in New Britain in early October joined civil rights and economic justice advocates to host a forum with mayoral and school board candidates. [Click here for photos from the event where union members and activists put the focus on students' needs.](#)

Upcoming Activities & Events

- Ongoing: [Operation Agua to Aid Puerto Rico Relief](#)
- November 7: [Municipal General Election Day](#)
- November 9: [Union Officer Training](#)
- November 14 - 18: [CPR, AED & First Aid Refresher & Full Courses](#)
- November 14: [DUE Justice Coalition/CCAG Progressive Agenda Forum](#)
- December 2: [CT WFP "The People's Symposium" Candidates Forum](#)

Featured Benefit

- Union Plus: [Member Referral Contest](#)

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