Union Member - here is your November, 2019 e-newsletter (with updates since early October):

**ELECTING WORKING PEOPLE TO LOCAL OFFICE**

More than 30 members of AFT Connecticut-affiliated local unions are today on the ballot in nearly two dozen communities across the state. Click here to watch six share how, by demonstrating that "labor is your neighbor," together we win elections.

**SHIELDING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FROM ATTACKS ON THE JOB**

U.S. Representative Joe Courtney sat down with AFT Connecticut's president and vice president for a second podcast episode focused on combating workplace violence. Click here for his interview with Jan Hochadel and John Brady on efforts to prevent assaults on caregivers.

**EVOLVING TO EMPOWER YOUTH FOR LIFE BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL**

Our state federation in late October teamed up with public education partners for a public commitment to ensuring pathways for students' post-secondary success. Click here for the joint statement on "our collective responsibility" to meet the needs of the state's economy.

**MAKING GAINS "FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL, NOT JUST A FEW"**

Our latest collective bargaining wins report effectively demonstrates how "the union difference" helps working people employed in a still-volatile sector of the economy. Click here to learn about recent victories by private sector higher education faculty, paraprofessionals and school-related personnel.

**SUPPORTING THE "ENGINES WHO KEEP OUR SCHOOLS RUNNING"**

AFT Connecticut in late October teamed up with Council 4 AFSCME to co-sponsor the state's largest annual professional learning event for classroom paraeducators. Click here for photos from the annual symposium, which also featured honors for district "paras of the year."
**Showing Solidarity with Chicago Educators and Support Staff**

Our state federation president in mid October shared why union members in Connecticut were standing with their sisters and brothers in the "Windy City." Click here for Jan Hochadel's letter to Chicago Teacher Union leaders on the eve of their latest strike.

**Demanding Gender Justice in International Aid Agreements**

Our state federation president in mid October denounced the lack of action on women's inequality at the World Bank's latest Civil Society Policy Forum. Click here for a photo from Jan Hochadel's presentation on a panel addressing global non-govermentnal organization (NGO) leaders.

**Guiding an Unprecedented 'Community-Education Partnership'**

Ahead of the first meeting of the Partnership for Connecticut's governing board in early October we publicly released comments from state and national union leaders. Click here for our statement on why teachers' voices are a "vital part of the ambitious work ahead."

**Upcoming Activities & Events**

- November 5: Municipal General Election Day *
- November 12 - 16: CPR, AED & First Aid Refresher & Full Courses
- December 5: Stewards Training for Union Leaders
- December 17: PreK-12 & PSRP "Legal Issues" Training Workshop
- January 7: PreK-12 & PSRP "Google Docs" Training Workshop
- January 21: Local Union Treasurer's Training Workshop

**Featured Benefit**

- Union Plus: Legal Program

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