



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

### **[Choosing Municipal Leaders](#)**

AFT Connecticut's executive committee has voted on a slate of candidates in the November 3 General Election recommend for endorsement by our legislative and political action committee (LPAC). [Click here for the complete list and to learn more about our union's political program.](#)

### **[Amplifying the Call to "Save Our Services"](#)**

Union members, area legislators, physicians and advocates on October 21 gave voice to 3,000 residents on a petition demanding "patients before profits" at Windham Hospital. [Click here for more on their delivery of names to the state agency responsible for oversight of acute care services.](#)

### **[Busting Green Cleaning Myths](#)**

We've joined with the state's public health and environmental protection agencies for a campaign designed to help make better choices that can protect students' health. [Click here to learn more about efforts to increase the use of safer green cleaning products in Connecticut schools.](#)

### **[Mobilizing Our Base](#)**

Union members and leaders from across the state and country in October came to AFT Connecticut to engage in a week-long internal mobilization drive. [Click here for photos of participants training and demonstrating what "reclaiming the promise of membership" looks like.](#)

### **[State Workers' Long-Awaited Victory](#)**

The federal judge presiding over the *SEBAC v. Rowland* class action lawsuit on October 1 granted final approval of the settlement reached with the state over illegal layoffs in 2003. [Click here to watch and share union members' reflections on their 12-year fight for justice.](#)

### [Union Members in the Spotlight](#)

In honor of World Teachers Day we recognized some of our own union members who exemplify the meaning of empowerment and building sustainable communities. [Click here to meet and share stories of dedicated teachers educating students in New Britain, Norwalk and Windham.](#)

### [Standing Up for Tech Professionals and Healthcare Workers](#)

National and state union leaders in early-October directly engaged a Western Connecticut Health Network (WCHN) board member over management's treatment of caregivers at Danbury and New Milford Hospitals. [Click here for our announcement of Randi Weingarten delivering the "Patients Before Profits" message.](#)

### [Reclaiming the Promise of Strong Unions](#)

Affiliated union leaders and activists turned out for a conference on how best to protect and expand a voice for all workers in the face of unprecedented challenges facing the labor movement. [Click here for photos from AFT Connecticut's October 1 leadership development summit.](#)

### [2015 Paraeducator of the Year](#)

A Hartford Federation of Paraprofessionals union member in late-September was recognized for service that has "impacted hundreds of students and their families throughout her career" in public education. [Click here to meet Connecticut's 2016 Anne Marie Murphy Paraeducator of the Year.](#)

### **Upcoming Activities & Events**

- October 29 - 30: [Connecticut AFL-CIO 2015 Constitutional Convention](#)
- October 29: [ULA Reception/Fundraiser & Awards Ceremony](#)
- November 1: [Danbury Rising! Healthcare Workers Candlelight Vigil](#)
- November 3: [Municipal General Election Day](#)
- November 4: [Local Leaders Communications Training - Websites](#)
- November 7: [PreK-12 Teachers' Pre-Retirement Seminar](#)
- November 9: [Local Leaders Communications Training - Email](#)
- November 13: [ConnectiCOSH Annual Health and Safety Convention](#)
- November 16: [Tri-Council Workplace Violence & Bullying Workshop](#)
- November 17: [CPR, AED & Basic First Aid Refresher](#)
- November 18: [Local Leaders Communications Training - Social Media](#)
- November 19: [CPR, AED & Basic First Aid Course - Part I](#)
- November 21: [CPR, AED & Basic First Aid Course - Part II](#)

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