



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

[Election 2016: Voting for a Better Life](#)

Union members over the past five weeks have volunteered in support of candidates on the ballot in November pledging to protect Connecticut's quality of life. [Click here for a photo of a recent "Labor Walk" organized from our L+M Hospital unions' hall in New London.](#)

[Unpacking the CCJEF Lawsuit Decision](#)

Our state federation president in late September shared a deeper analysis of the recent ruling in the Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding (CCJEF) case. [Click here for a video version of her message to members of local PreK-12, PSRP and higher education unions.](#)

[Union Members in the Spotlight](#)

In celebration of national Attendance Awareness Month we highlighted the efforts of dedicated public education professionals who work to keep students "in school every day." [Click here to meet three union members whose efforts to engage families has reduced absenteeism in their communities.](#)

["One Windham" Wins Big for their Students](#)

Union members in Windham, along with a growing parent-led community coalition, in late September moved residents to pass a fair budget for the district's schools. [Click here for an ad featuring teachers and classroom support staff mobilizing voters to "save our schools."](#)

[Better Choices than Attacks on Public Employees](#)

Republican state lawmakers have threatened even more "austerity budget" cuts if in November their party wins a majority of seats in the General Assembly. [Click here for our state federation president's call for policymakers to start "rewriting the rules of the economy" for working families.](#)

[Nurses Choose Change for Greater Strength](#)

Members of our local union representing registered nurses at Danbury Hospital in mid September voted overwhelmingly in favor of adopting a new constitution and bylaws. [Click here for a photo of a member casting her ballot for building a stronger local union.](#)

[State Workers Can Show How "Connecticut Gives"](#)

The contribution window for the annual campaign for public employee union members to support non-profit charities through their workplaces opened in early September. [Click here to promote the effort on social media and make your pledge for 2016 by December 9.](#)

[Union Members Unite with Civil Rights Leaders to "Take Back CT"](#)

AFT Connecticut in early September helped mobilize an event that featured national faith leader and Moral Mondays movement architect Rev. Dr. William Barber, II. [Click here for a photo from the forum hosted in New Britain by the Democracy, Unity and Equality \(D.U.E.\) Justice Coalition.](#)

(Note: the October 6 "walk-ins" to reclaim our schools will be featured in the November edition).

Upcoming Activities & Events

- October 11 - 29: [CT AFL-CIO "Labor 2016" Campaign Walks & Phone Banks](#)
- October 15: [PreK-12 Teachers' Pre-Retirement Seminar](#)
- October 19: [Informational Picketing at Windham Hospital](#)
- October 28: [ConnectiCOSH's Annual Health and Safety Convention](#)
- 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](#)

Featured Benefit

- Union Plus: [Mortgages for Union Families](#)