



Union member - here is your October, 2020 e-newsletter (with updates since early September):

### **["Coming Together and Coming Up with a Win"](#)**

A local affiliate's successful contract settlement and ratification — despite the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) and Hurricane Isaias — is spotlighted in our most recent collective bargaining report. [Click here to learn about how paraprofessionals and school-related personnel \(PSRP\) union members overcame both for this victory.](#)

### **[Encouraging Educators for Stepping Up in Unprecedented Times](#)**

AFT Connecticut President Jan Hochadel in late September added her voice to the state Teacher of the Year Council's back to school recognition efforts. [Click here to watch her message to union members that "we are still together" even when physically distant.](#)

### **[Demanding their Employer Prioritize Safe Workers](#)**

Members of our local union at Backus Hospital in Norwich are ready to "walk the line" for a fair contract that protects patients and caregivers. [Click here to watch and share their first video spot building public awareness ahead of a scheduled strike.](#)

### **[Urging State Protocols for School-Based Outbreaks](#)** \*

Labor leaders in mid September publicly called on the Lamont Administration to reign in local district officials over inconsistent responses to spiking COVID-19 cases. [Click here for our board of education \(BOE\) unions' press release demanding an end to decisions "behind closed doors."](#)

## Upcoming Activities & Events

- October 8: ["Confronting the Climate Crisis" Virtual Town Hall](#)
- October 12: [2020 Election Roundtable Discussion](#) \*
- October 13: ["Back Us, Back Our Nurses" on Strike Rally](#)
- October 16: [ConnectiCOSH Annual Health and Safety Convention](#)
- October 28: [PreK-12 "Google Slides" Training Webinar](#)
- November 3: [Presidential, Congressional & Legislative General Election](#) \*
- November 5: [PreK-12 & PSRP "Google Docs" Training Webinar](#)
- November 19: [PreK-12/PSRP Students with ADHD Professional Development Webinar](#)

## Featured Benefit

- Union Plus: [Dental Care Discounts](#)

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