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*The e-newsletter for AFT Connecticut*

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

### [School Nurses Ready to Vote "Union YES"](#)

The Capitol Region Education Council (CREC)'s school nurses have come together to amplify their collective voice and work with management to protect their students' health. [Click here to watch these dedicated caregivers share their reasons for choosing to unite in AFT Connecticut.](#)

### [Tutors Take the Next Step Together](#)

After moving district leaders in June to voluntarily recognize their free choice to form a union, the tutors in Windham Public Schools began contract talks with their employer. [Click here for a photo of their negotiating committee gathered for an early August session at the district's central office.](#)

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

We took time during national Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision (PPPS) Week to honor probation officers whose vital criminal justice service protects our state's quality of life. [Click here to meet two public employee union members who are "agents of change" in their communities.](#)

### [Connecticut in the Convention Hall](#)

Nearly 100 delegates from AFT Connecticut-affiliated unions in mid July joined their colleagues from across the country in Minneapolis for our national union's biennial convention. [Click here for photos from the four day event featuring familiar faces - and a few famous ones, too.](#)

## [National Honors for One of Our Own](#)

The presentation of the Healthcare Division "Everyday Heroes" award to a member of our Danbury Nurses' Union was among the many convention highlights. [Click here for our report-back on the event's healthcare-related business where members from Connecticut played prominent roles.](#)

## [Our State President on the National Stage](#)

Convention delegates on the third night of the event cast ballots for our national union's leadership team through 2018 — and elected our state federation president to join them. [Click here for a photo of Jan Hochadel with several of her fellow AFT vice presidents.](#)

## [Reinforcing a "Reset" of Federal Education Policy](#)

Union leaders in mid July responded to proposed new student testing rules under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) with a renewed call to focus on "teaching and learning." [Click here for more on the federal education department's proposed regulations and new pilot program.](#)

## [Turning Out to Protect Access to Affordable Care](#)

Union members in early July joined the New London community for the first regulatory hearing on the proposed take-over of Lawrence Memorial (L M) Hospital. [Click here for photos from the event where dozens spoke out to assure "OUR voice" was heard.](#)

## **Upcoming Activities & Events**

- August 6: ["Our Health" Coalition Leadership Training](#)
- August 9: [Congressional/Legislative Primary Election](#)
- August 17: ["Educators End of Summer Party" at Mystic Seaport](#)
- August 18: ["Support Our Schools" at 3rd Thursday Willimantic Street Fest](#)
- August 24: [CT Working Families Cookout & Kickball Tournament](#)
- September 8: [D.U.E. Justice Coalition "Take Back CT" Event](#)

## **Featured Benefit**

- Union Plus: [Health Discount Programs](#)

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