



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

[Stepping Up to Show that "Labor is Your Neighbor" *](#)

AFT Connecticut is backing active and retired members of our local affiliate representing West Haven's school teachers in the community's September 10 Primary Election. [Click here for more on why we're supporting educators "with firsthand classroom experience" to serve in town government.](#)

[Rallying Fellow Activists on Labor Day *](#)

The president of our local affiliate representing caregivers and support staff at UConn Health is another union leader seeking elected office in his community. [Click here to watch and share his closing remarks at the Connecticut AFL-CIO's annual Labor Day breakfast.](#)

[Protecting and Preserving Public Employees' Benefits](#)

The Connecticut Coalition for Retirement Security's coordinator was the co-host for the second of two podcast episodes answering union members' questions about pensions. [Click here to listen to her and AFT Connecticut President Jan Hochadel's interview with State Comptroller Kevin Lembo.](#)

[Defending Vulnerable Communities Against Intolerance](#)

Local, state and national union leaders have teamed up with social justice allies across Connecticut and the country to support at-risk immigrant families. [Click here for a report on how activists are demonstrating "solidarity without borders" for their students and patients.](#)

[Supplying their Students at "Back to School" Season](#)

Our local affiliate representing teachers in Windham in late August partnered with the town's police union to prepare their classrooms for the new year. [Click here for photos of union leaders receiving donated supplies collected during the department's "stuff a cruiser" drive.](#)

[Recognizing Top Performing Non-Certified Education Personnel](#)

Hartford's "paraeducators of the year" at the school and district level were in late August recognized at a day of "back to school" professional development. [Click here to watch union members celebrate their colleagues' accomplishments with the superintendent and the capitol city's mayor.](#)

[Bearing Witness at the Southern US Border](#)

Our state federation's vice president and a team of health professionals and educators in mid August traveled to a South Texas immigration detention facility. [Click here for photos of John Brady and fellow union leaders attempting to observe and aid migrant children.](#)

[Raising Public Awareness of the Need to "Fund Our Future"](#)

Our state federation in early August offered to help NBC Connecticut expose the unique financial burden placed on Connecticut's teachers and school support staff. [Click here to share the news outlet's online classroom expense survey with fellow union members on social media.](#)

Upcoming Activities & Events

- September 10: [Municipal Primary Election Day](#) *
- October 3 -4: [Connecticut AFL-CIO 2019 Constitutional Convention](#)
- October 3: [Connecticut United Labor Agency Reception & 40th Anniversary Fund-Raiser](#)
- October 16: [PreK-12 Teachers NextGen Science Standards Workshop](#)
- October 28: [Connecticut SERC Paraeducator Development and Leadership Symposium](#)

Featured Benefit

- Union Plus: [Health Discounts](#)

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