



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

### **[Organizing to Protect the Health of School Staff and Students](#)**

Union activists over the previous month engaged in an unprecedented level of collective action to demand safety first in fall "Back to School" plans. [Click here for our report on efforts to secure education policies developed "with us," not done "to us."](#)

### **[Teaming Up with Allies and Advocates to Provide Stress Management Tools](#)**

Local, state and national union leaders in mid August participated in the announcement of a new social and emotional learning course for school staff. [Click here to share a photo from the online forum previewing the free Yale-certified program on Twitter.](#)

### **[Showing Health Network Executives We "Won't Back Down"](#)**

Hundreds of union members, their friends, family and neighbors turned out in early August to support nurses in Norwich fighting for a fair contract. [Click here to share a brief video with a "birds-eye" view of the gathered crowd on Facebook.](#)

### **[Securing Critical Benefits for Essential Workers Battling the Pandemic](#)**

Following months of pressure from union members, Governor Ned Lamont in late July established a workers compensation presumption for "frontline heroes" contracting COVID-19 (novel coronavirus). [Click here for our report on this step toward fairness for all of those who risked their lives.](#)

## Upcoming Activities & Events

- September 22: [Google's Applied Digital Skills Training for Educators Session 1](#)
- September 23: [Google's Applied Digital Skills Training for Educators Session 2](#)
- October 6: [Teachers' Pre-Retirement Webinar](#)

## Featured Benefit

- AFT Innovation Fund: [COVID-19 Response Grants](#)

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