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Meet our Staff

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2025 - 2026 Staff Assignments *(UPDATED 11/5/2025)*

CAID MURRAY	
1464	Bristol Teachers
5149	Backus Nurses
5044	East Hartford School Nurses
3175	Manchester Paras
6545	Manchester Tutors
933	North Haven School Nurses
5119	Visiting Nurses of SE CT
5119	VNA Aides
3819	West Hartford Ed Pers (TAs + Para Subs)
4306	West Hartford Secretaries
1371	Wethersfield Teachers

DAN DURANT	
5151	CHS United:
	CHS Med & Dental Assts
	CHS Providers
4257	East Hartford Paras
6596	EastConn Instructors
6605	EastConn IAs
4238	EastConn Teachers
2221	Hartford Paras
1100	Hartford Secretaries
1478ME	Meriden Municipal Employees (Custodians)
1478S	Meriden Secretaries
5041	Windham Nurses
5099	Windham United

LIZ GUERRA	
6594	Avon Secretaries
5045	Fairfield Public Health Nurses #3
1018	Hartford Teachers
	Hartford Federation Chapters
1018F	CDAs
1018AB	School Health Prof
1018D	Special Police
1018E	Substitutes
4420	Milford Paraprofessionals
3924	Newtown Custodians
3785	Newtown Ed Personnel
3869	North Branford Teachers
3793	Norwalk Ed Personnel
4914	Region 13 Support Staff
3656	Simsbury Ed Personnel

KERRY FLORIO-MUNROE	
3543	Ansonia Educational Personnel
2181	Ansonia Paras
6595	CREC Health Professionals
5047	Danbury Nurses
6584	Farmington Public School Emp United
1478CW	Meriden Fed. of Family Sch Lia
1478RN	Meriden Fed. of Registered RNs
3249	Mitchell College
933	New Haven Cedarhurst
6152	North Branford Paras
6365	Region 18
3960	Watertown Paras

BETZABETH SANCHEZ	
6277	Job Corps Bizell
6277	Job Corps MTC

MIKE OZGA	
4176	Bloomfield Ed Personnel
3279	Colchester Ed Personnel
1827	Colchester Teachers
3161	Middletown Paras
1381	Middletown Teachers
4659	Portland Paras
1833	Salem Teachers
2038	Waterford Teachers
2262	West Haven Paraprofessionals
1547N	West Haven School RN's
1547	West Haven Teachers
6372	Westbrook Non-Cert Personnel

BEN WENOGRAD	
1012	Ansonia Teachers
6483	Canton Fed. of Ed. Personnel
5046	Johnson Memorial Hospital RNs
5049	Lawrence & Memorial RN's
5051	L&M LPNs/Techs & Paramedics
5144	Manchester LPNs + Techs
5121	Manchester MSSM (Srv & Maint)
933N	New Haven VNA's
1727	Newtown Teachers
5152	Western CT United Professionals
4832	Windham Ed Personnel
1577A	Windham Maintenance
1577	Windham Teachers
1577	Windham School Nurses

ED LEAVY	
5055	Manchester/Rockville Hosp RN's
1478P	Meriden Paras
1478	Meriden Teachers
5052	Natchaug Hospital Unions United:
	Natchaug Nurses
	Natchaug Teachers
	Natchaug Therapists
2407	New Britain Paras
6621EP/ TTA	New Britain Tutors + TAs, Family Liaisons, Job Coaches, Behavioral Support
871	New Britain Teachers
1723	Norwalk Teachers
5153	Rockville Skilled Svc Emp United
5154	Rockville LPN&Tech Emp United
3949	West Hartford Res Counselors

EMILY DEMICCO	
6574	Assistant Attorneys General
4230	American School for the Deaf
6087	Bozrah Ed Personnel
2368	Bozrah Teachers
5123	L&M Healthcare Workers
6659	New London Non-Certified Pers
933S	New Haven Substitutes
933	New Haven Teachers
5101	New Milford Hospital RNs
	SEBAC
3695	UCPEA
3837	University Health Professionals
4873	Vernon Paras
6543	Winchester Paras

Grievance Arbitration Case Assignments for AFT Connecticut Staff

(*assigned during the period of April 17, 2025 through April 24, 2026*)

Local Number	Local Name	Betzabeth Sanchez
933	New Haven Teachers	3
1018	Hartford Teachers	11
1100	Hartford School Secretaries	2
3695	UCPEA	1
3837	UHP	1
5046	Johnson Mem. Hospital RNs	1
5047	Danbury RNs	1
5049	L&M RNs	3
5121	Manchester MSSM	1
5123	L&M HCW	8
5144	Manchester LPN/TECH	2
5149	Backus RNs	2
6595	CREC Health Professionals	1
1478ME	Meriden Municipal Emp	1

TOTALS:	**38**

All Pending Cases that changed status

(during the period of April 17, 2025 through April 24,

Current Cases **Pending**	**44**
Cases **Closed/Combined**	**1**
Cases **Withdrawn**	**11**
Cases **Settled**	**8**
Cases **Won**	**2**
Cases **Lost**	**7**
Cases Put in **Abeyance**	**2**
Total New Cases **Processed**	**38**

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