



Union Member - here is your August, 2021 e-newsletter (with updates since early July):

[Winning an Agreement that Takes a "Step in the Right Direction"](#)

An AFT Connecticut-affiliated local that overcame the economic storm wrought by the COVID-19 pandemic is featured in our latest collective bargaining report. [Click here to learn how paraprofessionals and school-related personnel \(PSRP\) union members tapped federal resources to make gains.](#)

[Discussing How to Fund Connecticut's Future](#) *

State Representative Mike D'Agostino returned as a guest for our latest podcast episode to talk about state employees' efforts to secure fair union contracts. [Click here for the interview by AFT Connecticut President Jan Hochadel and public employees union leader Kathy Fisher.](#)

[Demanding Respect at the Negotiating Table](#)

Hundreds of members of local unions in the State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition (SEBAC) in mid July gathered for a capitol news briefing in Hartford. [Click here for photos from the event where leaders and activists called for fair contracts that protect services.](#)

[Making it Official for AFT Connecticut Leaders](#)

Members of our state federation's executive committee serving through June, 2023 in early July came together for the first time since our annual convention. [Click here for photos of their swearing-in ceremony officiated by the interim secretary of Connecticut's labor department.](#)

Upcoming Activities & Events

- September 4: [Hartford Yard Goats "Organized Labor Night"](#)
- September 14: [PreK-12/Paras SEL Strategies Webinar](#)
- September 28: [PreK-3 Teachers/Paras Peer Support for Students with Disabilities Webinar](#)
- September 29: [Public Higher Ed Day of Action for Fair Contracts](#)

Featured Benefit

- Union Plus: ["Unions Power America" Contest](#)

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