



Union Member - here is your February, 2023 e-newsletter (with updates since early January):

### **["Having Our Backs Every Step of the Way"](#)**

Our latest collective bargaining wins report features strong gains made through a combination of workplace, community and political activism in support of contract negotiations. [Click here to learn more about an affiliated healthcare union's nearly year-long effort to secure a successor contract.](#)

### **[Denouncing Attempts to Shut Doors to Opportunity](#)** \*

Union members in late January joined their students and advocates to demand state lawmakers, trustees and administrators make better choices than unfair tuition hikes. [Click here to share a collage of photos from the major demonstration outside the community college system's headquarters.](#)

### **[Speaking Out for Safe Patient Limits](#)** \*

State and federal lawmakers in late January joined national and local union leaders to lay out policy prescriptions for an escalating patient care crisis. [Click here for photos of our briefing to announce legislation tackling unsafe loads, workplace violence and staff shortages.](#)

### **[Urging Solutions to a Worsening Learning Crisis](#)** \*

Union leaders in mid January joined their labor siblings for a briefing to propose legislative initiatives aimed at addressing Connecticut's growing school staff shortage. [Click here to share a photo from the event where the focus was on delivering "what kids need."](#)

## Upcoming Activities & Events

- February 13: [Healthcare Union Leaders Social Media Webinar - RESCHEDULED](#)
- February 15: [Paraeducators "Living Wage" Mobilization Meeting](#)
- February 21: [PreK-12 Teachers/Paras "Family Engagement" Webinar](#)
- February 27: [All Members "Testifying: 101" Webinar](#)
- March 1: [Local Union Stewards Training Webinar](#)
- March 14 & 16: [CPR, AED & Basic First Aid: Full Courses](#)
- March 27: [Healthcare "Workplace Violence Law" Webinar](#)

## Featured Benefit

- AFT +: [Robert G. Porter Scholars Program](#)

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