



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

### **Resisting Under-Handed Special Interests**

Our public sector labor coalition in mid December produced a brief response to a national anti-union front group's latest scheme targeting Connecticut working families. [Click here to share the video with colleagues who receive a misleading mailer from a deceptively named outfit.](#)

### **Engaging Community in a Shared Love of Reading**

Local leaders in mid December joined district administrators and community partners to distribute 10,000 books as part of our national union's literacy initiative. [Click here for photos of PreK-12 educators, paraprofessionals and school-related personnel \(PSRPs\) providing students and families free reading material.](#)

### **Connecting Lack of Retirement Security to the Student Learning Crisis \***

Our state federation president and a retired activist in a recent op-ed called out unfair federal regulations denying educators access to Social Security benefits. [Click here for their message to elected officials urging action that would significantly help address school staffing shortages.](#)

### **Working Together in Immersive Professional Development**

Several local union members were among the classroom practitioners to present and lead workshops at the Teacher Leader Fellowship Academy (TLFA)'s recent "Redesigning Education" symposium. [Click here to share video highlights with colleagues and encourage their district to join the growing TLFA program.](#)

## Upcoming Activities & Events

- January 9: ["Safe Patient Care" Capitol News Briefing - RESCHEDULED](#)
- January 18: [PreK-12 Teachers/Paras Teaching Black & Latino Studies Webinar](#)
- January 23: [Healthcare "Legal Issues" Training Webinar](#)
- January 28: ["Stepping into Our Values:" AFT CT Social Justice Summit](#)
- January 28: [Community College Unions Coalition "No Tuition Increase" Rally - RESCHEDULED](#)
- January 31: [Holocaust and Genocide Educational Resources Webinar - RESCHEDULED](#)
- February 13: [Healthcare Union Leaders Social Media Webinar - RESCHEDULED](#)
- February 21: [PreK-12 Teachers/Paras "Family Engagement" Webinar](#)
- February 27: [Healthcare Professionals "Testifying: 101" Webinar](#)

## Featured Benefit

- Union Plus: [2023 Scholarships](#)

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