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"In addition to negotiating higher wages, the union gives us a voice at work. We are there for the kids and SEIU is always there to personally support us when we need them."



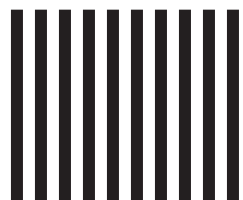
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Dear Connecticut Paraeducator,

2008 is shaping up to be a landmark year for our profession in Connecticut. We are leading the way and are inviting to invite you to join with us today!

We recently formed our new Paraprofessional Council to be the voice of the thousands of public school paraeducators and RESC instructional assistants united in CSEA/SEIU Local 2001. We were already the state's leading paraeducators union, and our many accomplishments over the years have made a real difference in the lives of others who do the same work you do, such as:

✓ **Major Improvements in Pay and Benefits:**

Paraprofessionals in Easton and other school systems negotiated higher wages for regular work with autistic children and a \$500.00 stipend for hygiene-related duties.

✓ **A Safer, Healthier Workplace:**

At ACES regional education service center, teaching assistants negotiated additional support staff while working with special needs clients in alternative learning classrooms.

✓ **Respect and Inclusion in Decision Making:**

Thompson paraprofessionals negotiated a policy requiring the district to provide notification and higher compensation for new assignments that require special skills.

Now that we have created even greater unity, we can raise the profile of paraeducators beyond boards of ed. and school district administrations. Our voice is being heard in the General Assembly in Hartford and the US Congress in Washington, DC, as well. In 2008, our Council is leading the way on major initiatives, such as:

- ★ **Pooling School District Workers into the State's Health Plan;**
- ★ **Moving the State to Invest in More Career Development and Training; and**
- ★ **Co-Hosting the National Resource Center for Paraprofessionals Conference.**

We invite you to join with us and create an even brighter future for ourselves, our families and the schoolchildren we serve across Connecticut today!

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I would like more information about how I can unite with Connecticut paraeducators for a stronger voice.

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"With SEIU, we gained a way to solve problems at the worksite and raise the level of respect for the role we play in the lives of the children we serve."

Carol Parker
Paraprofessional, Stafford Public Schools
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