

# Membership Update

## ***Working Together, We Have Achieved Many Victories***

- ✓ Recently won gains for members in numerous contracts despite budget constraints
- ✓ Led effort to include municipal and schools workers in the State health plan
- ✓ Moved legislature to pass healthcare "pooling" bill for municipalities and schools
- ✓ Negotiated historic four-day workweek schedule for town workers in Tolland
- ✓ Formed a Paraprofessional Council to represent 2,200 paraeducators statewide
- ✓ Co-sponsored this year's annual conference of the National Para Resource Center
- ✓ Successfully moved Hartford's City Council to establish Living Wage Task Force
- ✓ Recently organized school bus monitors in New Haven and drivers in West Hartford

## ***Many Challenges Face Us***

- Contract negotiations with dozens of municipalities, boards of ed, and contractors ◀
- An economic downturn with great budgetary uncertainty ◀
- Threats and actual hiring freezes, furloughs, lay-offs, and forced retirements ◀
- Organized anti-public worker forces attacking our collective bargaining rights ◀
- Privateers pushing politicians to outsource our jobs ◀
- Politicians and officials looking to cut-back our healthcare and retirement security ◀

## ***We Can Overcome and Achieve Even More Successes***

- Implement the State's new "Clean Contracting" law in local public service agencies
- Move the Governor to sign a healthcare "pooling" bill into law
- Elect local town and school board officials who support public service workers
- Improve the quality of services we provide and the quality of our work lives
- Become the best public sector Union in Connecticut and all of SEIU

**We know that by working together, and using the clout of 2 million SEIU members nationwide, we can overcome the challenges ahead and achieve even greater victories. In the coming weeks and months, you will be hearing more about ways that you can play a role in achieving these goals and make a difference in the quality of all our work lives.**

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