



Paula Dillon
State School Teacher,
CT Dept. of Children
& Families

“This is such an exciting time to be part of CSEA and SEIU. The excitement is in the air, and we’re about to be part of some really groundbreaking change in our country.”



Stephen Anderson
Supervising Air Pollution
Control Engineer,
CT Dept. of Environmental
Protection

“Providing reliable government services is really job No. 1 for me. It’s why I come to work every day. And it’s why I am really proud that we are leading the whole country in standing up to those who want to cut services and grease the palms of contractors.”

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Find out what you can do to join in building:

- Bargaining strength
- Political strength
- Community support for quality public services

“More and more of our employers are playing hardball in negotiations, and the only way we’ll be able to match them is if we can be stronger, too—through smart strategies that unite more of us, and provide us with the resources we need to win.”



Lydia Pacheco
School Bus Driver,
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Janette Smith
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Connecticut union
a strong
national union
STRONGER TOGETHER

Who we are

CSEA SEIU Local 2001: A strong Connecticut union

For more than 60 years, we are the strong voice of public employees in Connecticut cities, towns, and state government:

- Winning better wages and protecting benefits in tough fiscal climates;
- Winning a landmark clean contracting law and fighting privatization; and
- Growing by 18,000 more active and retired workers for greater strength for all of us.

SEIU: A strong national union

For the past seven years, we are also members of the nation's largest and fastest-growing labor union:

- Uniting a historic 1 million employees of state and local governments nationwide;
- A leading voice for workers and in defending against cuts to public services; and
- Winning breakthroughs for public employees in the nonunion South and Southwest that give us greater collective strength.

Stronger Together in a Pivotal Election Year

And in this important year, we as CSEA SEIU Local 2001 members are committed to:

Changing the face of all levels of government to pro-worker officials;

Using our greater political strength to win affordable healthcare and the free choice to have a union for more Americans; and

Winning more support for quality public services—and making corporations and the rich pay their fair share of reliable funding.

What have we accomplished together in SEIU here in Connecticut lately?

All these wins and more are possible only through the research, strategic assistance, human, and financial resources that we have been able to share in as part of SEIU.

Improved wages and benefits for state, local, and municipal employees after contract campaigns that benefit from strategic research on trends

A landmark clean contracting law here in Connecticut and stopping privatization at the local level, too, both stemming from SEIU's successful state-by-state fights against outsourcing and cuts to public services for over a decade

Two new pro-worker members of Congress representing Connecticut and other key wins thanks to an infusion of human and financial resources

New state services and new jobs after a media and advocacy campaign that won legislation providing improved services for people with autism

Millions in federal funds for Connecticut to help mitigate the impact of layoffs on our members—thanks to a legislative push led by SEIU in Washington

A living wage in Connecticut coupled with huge improvements in wages and standards for bus drivers over the past 10 years, in part thanks to a joint SEIU-Teamster's international campaign

A media and public education campaign to win better state health coverage—for employees of municipalities, nonprofits and small businesses—the same health coverage that state employees have

Setting up a Para Council that gives paraprofessional workers more of a voice with board of education leaders and taps into a network of paraprofessionals in other SEIU locals nationwide



Photo: Plainfield Public Schools bus drivers (L-R) Ruby Reilly, Rita Morin, and Judy Thomas at Labor Lobby Day 2007 with State Sen. Andrew Maynard (D-Griswold), who was elected with strong CSEA SEIU support.

So don't let anyone fool you. Here are a few facts.

CSEA SEIU Local 2001 members ourselves make up:

A fully autonomous entity run by members who are elected to our leadership board;

An organization committed to fiscal accountability and fairness; and

A full partner within SEIU at all levels, with our local's elected representatives serving at various levels of the national union's decision-making.

Here's how we use our resources to maintain a strong union:

