



SUPPORT Paraeducator Equity!

AFSCME Council 4, AFT CT, CSEA, MEUI, UAW Region 9a, and the CT AFL-CIO are a coalition of unions that represent thousands of paraeducators across Connecticut. We are asking that you support legislation that would:

- Establish a living wage for paraeducators by having the Comptroller designate funds to increase their pay. It would also pay them on a 12 month basis instead of 10 months.
- Require school districts to provide health insurance through the CT State Partnership Plan 2.0 to all paraeducators.
- Provide a defined benefit pension plan to all paraeducators and reduce costs on the employee.
- Increase paraeducator participation in Professional Development and empower the Para Advisory Council to make recommendations on best practices for professional development.
- Require the State Department of Education to collect data on paraeducator employment and working conditions to better inform policy decisions.
- Permit paraeducators to participate in planning and placement meetings to help better design plans for students.

