



## American Federation of Teachers Professional Development Program

American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Professional Development program is union-sponsored, research-based professional development designed to support members by improving instructional effectiveness.

### **American Federation of Teachers Professional Development Program (formerly ER&D)**

Coventry Teachers' Alliance maintains a strong commitment to our members in many ways. One way is through our active involvement with the AFT and RIFTHP Professional Development programs which focus on improving student achievement by making a difference in practitioners' performance and professional growth through high quality professional development that is timely and relevant.

To learn more about national AFT Professional Development or Coventry Teachers' Alliance Professional Development program and opportunities, contact Sue Toohey Kaye, CTA Educational Issues Chair at [tooheykayesusan@coventryschools.net](mailto:tooheykayesusan@coventryschools.net)

### **RIFTHP's "Ten Dollar Tuesdays" Professional Development Series**

Coming Soon! RIFTHP's popular "Ten Dollar Tuesdays" pd series will be offered once again this fall. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM at various locations. Once the "Ten Dollar Tuesdays" registration is open, Sue Toohey Kaye will send the link to all members. At just \$10 for

union members per session, this pd is a great opportunity!! Be sure not to miss it!!

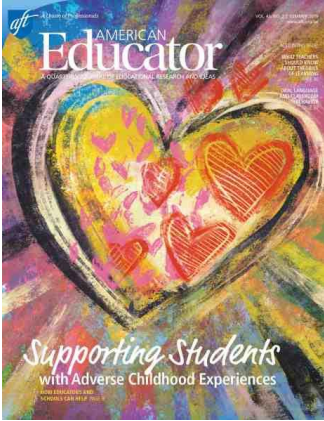
Each pd session in this series is designed to be interactive and provide participants with practical ideas to implement right away. The following is the tentative schedule of offerings. They were selected based on the issues members identified as their most important PD needs in creating classroom environments that truly support all students.

### **Calendar of Upcoming sessions:**

- 9/24-Beginning of the Year Classroom Management
- 10/1-Managing Behavior in School Communities I: Understanding Challenging Behaviors
- 10/8-Managing Behavior in School Communities II
- 10/15-Trauma Informed Instruction I
- 10/22-Trauma Informed Instruction II
- 10/29-Culturally Responsive Teaching
- 11/4-Supporting English Language Learners-Connecting Culture and Academic Achievement
- 11/12-Introduction to Mindfulness, Cultivating a Mindful, Heartful Classroom
- 11/19-Supporting English Language Learners: ELL Language and Literacy
- 12/3-Teaching is a Work of Heart
- 12/10 Parent Involvement vs. Parent Engagement

**IMPORTANT:** Remember our CTA contract language 4-6.1 (pg 23) includes requirements for teachers "to complete six (6) hours of professional development" on our own by June 1st. Included in our contract's eligible PD is **AFT ER&D** offerings, such as **Ten Dollar Tuesdays!! Please note you will still need to fill out a pre-approval form for this PD with your building administrator so they can track your hours.** Contact Sue Toohey Kaye ([tooheykayesusan@coventryschools.net](mailto:tooheykayesusan@coventryschools.net)) with questions regarding this series or Coventry's AFT Professional Development program.





## AFT's American Educator

The Summer 2019 edition of *American Educator*, Supporting Students with Adverse Childhood Experiences is now out. In this issue, AFT presents a series of articles to help us better understand adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), as well as how educators in

schools can support students through trauma sensitive classroom and schools. You won't want to miss this issue!! <https://www.aft.org/our-news/periodicals/american-educator>

*American Educator* is AFT's quarterly PreK-12 public education journal of educational research and ideas. Each *American Educator* is filled with a variety of articles on current trends in research-based best practices to broaden and deepen your professional and content knowledge. For more information and previous editions of AFT's *American Educator* visit <http://www.aft.org/our-news/periodicals/american-educator>



### CTA General Membership Meetings:

All meetings are held in ASFMS Media Center at 4 P.M.

September 12<sup>th</sup>

November 14<sup>th</sup>

January 9<sup>th</sup>

March 12<sup>th</sup>

May 15<sup>th</sup>



**New Teacher Meetings on September 20<sup>th</sup>:**  
**High School Teachers @ 2:15 P.M.**  
**Middle School Teachers @ 3:00 P.M.**  
**All Elementary School Teachers @ 4:00 P.M.**  
**Meeting Location: 3 Hazel Street Coventry, RI**



## AFT Take Action: Fund Our Future

Right now, Congress is considering a bill to increase funding for public schools by \$4.4 billion. This would make a real difference in the lives

of children.

Parents, teachers and communities want to see Congress fund our future by investing in public schools. H.R. 2740, the fiscal year 2020 appropriations bill, does that.

H.R. 2740 would help counter years of deep disinvestment in our public schools. The bill puts us on a path toward investing in programs that matter for children and teachers, including programs the current administration has tried to eliminate such as smaller class sizes, community schools, professional development for teachers and after-school programs, as well as in early childhood education, child care and ways to make college more affordable. It would start making good on promises that previous presidents and Congresses have made to children from low-income families and students with special needs.

Read more @ [AFT Take Action!](#)

**Send a message to your representative today to urge Congress to vote YES on the bill and also to reject any amendments that would undermine the significant investments being made to support public education, public health, and worker protections.**