### **COVENTRY TEACHERS ALLIANCE**

# A Union of Professionals

## **NEWSLETTER**

Local 1075 September 2024

### **Meet Our Executive Board:**

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Helen Tiernan - Blackrock Rep.

### Membership Meeting Dates:

October 10th January 9th March 13th May 8th

ASFMS @ 4PM

# Congressman Seth Magaziner Coming to Talk with the CTA! - 10/10

Congressman Seth Magaziner was a school teacher! He is visiting us to talk about issues and legislation that is important to us. Magaziner has been endorsed by the NEA for the upcoming election.





(Continued) The AFL-CIO gave him a near perfect voting record and he has continually advocated for unions and worker rights. Please come and engage in the conversation at our next general membership meeting.





**Supporting Public Education** 

- Provided a historic investment of \$135 billion for public education to safely reopen schools and address staffing shortages, low pay and students' learning loss.
- Supplied record investments in STEM education and career and technical education.
- Secured billions of dollars in new investment for historically Black colleges and universities and minority-serving institutions.
- Initiated over \$167 billion in student debt relief and repaired the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.
- Opposes private school vouchers.

### **CTA Newsletter**

### CTA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT **UPDATES & INFORMATION FALL 2024**

### **AFT National Professional Development (AFT PD)**

Our national union organization, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), continues to provide opportunities for professional growth through a variety of platforms/means/formats. The AFT PreK-12 website is the best way to access all the member featured resources and information!

#### Here are the AFT resources to look for:

#### **American Educator:**

American Educator is the professional journal of the American Federation of Teachers, covering research and ideas from early childhood through higher education. The publication offers a wide range of articles on curriculum and instruction; social and emotional development; the science of how students learn; the high school to college transition; history, civics, and democracy; diversifying the teaching profession and the professoriate; confronting bias in schools and on college campuses; supporting teacher professionalism and protecting academic freedom, among other educational topics and trends.



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#### **Share My Lesson:**

Created and maintained by the American Federation of Teachers, Share My Lesson is a free, awardwinning community-based site that brings together educators, parents Also available on this site and caregivers, paraprofessionals school-related and personnel, instructional specialized support personnel, union and nonunion members, educational partners, and higher education professionals who have the common goal of finding and the best educational sharina resources available.

Explore current topics such classroom management, integrating current news into lessons, and support the prevention of bullying.

### AFT PD/ eLearning:

The Professional Learnina Program represents one of the union's major efforts to improve student achievement by making a difference in practitioners' performance and professional growth. With more than 50 offerings, this program offers a professional learning variety of opportunities to meet varying teaching and learning needs.Unionsponsored professional learning strengthens our relationship with AFT members and is an indispensable tool for building broader, deeper support for the union.



### **RIFTHP PD:**

As in the past, our state AFT, RIFTHP, offers a variety of professional development through local unions but also virtual and in-person opportunities. For more information regarding RIFTHP PD sessions (Link)

are recordings and the slide presentations of past professional development sessions. For those interested in PLUs, follow the directions on the website or within the presentation itself.

Please contact me directly by email with any questions related to this professional development or any AFT/RIFTHP/CTA professional development!

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