NEA Danbury News

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**Insurance News**

**PREMIUMS** - effective through 8/31/18

**PER PAYCHECK:**

Single Medical: $95.76 Family Medical: $241.34

Single Dental: $ 5.80 Family Dental: $14.62

\*Cigna IN-NETWORK Deductibles for 2017-2018

Single plan - $2,000 Family plan - $4,000

\*After in-network deductible is met, co-insurance at

90%/10% up to $250/$500 must be met. After this, plan pays 100% of eligible medical expenses.

\*EMPLOYER Contributions to HSA: (2017-2020)

(Two installments, one in Sept., one in Dec.)

Single Plan - $1,000 Family Plan - $2,000

\*Life Insurance/Long Term Disability: Based on salary, usually under $10 for both. Life insurance and long-term disability insurance bundled together – not available separately.

**Please sign up to access your Cigna and HSA accounts at** [**www.mycigna.com**](http://www.mycigna.com)**. It is a very informative site and will track your balances and account transactions.**

Please read pages 28-32 of our current contract for specific insurance and retirement benefits.

If you have specific questions or concerns that are not addressed at [www.mycigna.com](http://www.mycigna.com), or in our contract, you may contact Celia Wenchell, our benefits coordinator, at:

203-797-4707 or wenchc@danbury.k12.ct.us

Keep in mind that Mrs. Wenchell is not a financial consultant, nor should she be contacted about HSA account balances. You can check the balance in your HSA account any time by signing up for www.mycigna.com

**Did you know that NEA Danbury has 957 full time members? Together we are Stronger!!**

**Follow NEA Danbury on Facebook Social Committee**

The social committee hosted its first Happy Hour gathering at Koo restaurant in April. People gathered to socialize and network. Another happy hour will be held at Koo from 4-6pm on Monday, May 22, 2017. Hang out and have fun with old friends and meet new ones!

NEA Danbury will have a team walking on June 4, 2017 in Hartford Connecticut at the Autism Speaks walk. Consider sponsoring our team by going to [www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org) and making a small donation. You can join our team by contacting Shannon Turner at [turns@danbury.k12.ct.us](mailto:turns@danbury.k12.ct.us). Make new friends while making a difference!

**Legislation and Political Action**

About 20 NEA Danbury members attended a gathering with Danbury Common Council members. During the event NEA Danbury members discussed the importance of passing a budget that supports the schools. This gave the council members a chance to hear how the budget affects the classroom.

Immigrants make up much of the works force in the Danbury area. The rights of workers are being threatened by legislation that is hostile to the work force in general and to immigrants. Members of the Legislation and Political Action committee along with some NEA Danbury members attended a May Day event that was organized by several local unions to raise awareness about worker and immigrant rights.

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| **Executive Board Members** | | | |
| President | | Sam Buck | Danbury High S |
| Vice President | | Erin Daly | Pembroke |
| Treasurer | | Lillian Hope | Danbury High |
| Secretary | | Melinda Scott | Stadley Rough |
| **Committee Chairs** | | | |
| Advisory to Superintendent | Open Position | |  |
| Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee | Luanelly Iglesias | | Rogers Park |
| Insurance | Patty Widmayer | | Great Plain |
| Legislative and Political Action | Anne Riddle | | Park Avenue |
| Membership | Open Position | |  |
| Negotiations | Rick Vaughn | | Morris Street |
| PR&R (Grievance) | Eric Savoysky | | Danbury High |
| Public Relations-External | Tom Ross | | Danbury High |
| Public Relations-Internal | Lorena Tesbir | | KSP |
| Teacher Evaluation | Josh Richter  Devin Samaha  Juliane Armentano | | Pembroke  Danbury High  Danbury High |
| Social | Tom Young  Shannon Turner | | Morris St.  Pembroke |

**How to Find Your Union Officers and Committee Chairs**