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Hello Lisa Diesslin,

Thank you for your work on reforming the teacher pension system in Minnesota.

I am writing during my lunch break because I want to be sure that all teachers and situations are taken into consideration when reform takes place. I know reform is beneficial for all of us. I'm still hoping for 60/30. Here's how it plays out for me:

Not me

Start at age 22 in public ed.  
count)  
3 Covid years added  
Age: 55  
Yrs of service.: 36  
91 (old Rule of 90)

Me

Start at age 29 in public ed., (6 completed in parochial that don't  
3 Covid years added  
Age: 60 (in 4 yrs.)  
Yrs. of service: 35  
95 (old Rule of 90)

60/30 would allow me to reach full benefits one year earlier. Some people might say "One year isn't a big deal." That would be someone who isn't a teacher at the end of 38 years of service teaching until almost age 61. This is also if the 3 Covid years are granted; otherwise I don't have options until 62.

Thank you for your time and help. This is so important to me and my family who are waiting for me to be able to retire.

Sincerely,

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