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Greetings LCPR,

Julie Seiler here, Tier II Public Educator of 33 years, began teaching fall of 1989, missed the Rule of 90 by mere weeks.

Noting that the pension target number from Gov. Walz and the DFL leadership was too low of a figure to create a New Rule of 90 (or equivalent) for Tier II Educators (those that began after July 1, 1989), maybe another approach is needed? Maybe consider a different path - using the \$600 million one time money to pay the cost of changing the Rule of 90 July 1, 1989 cut off date. And extending it five more years ahead, to 1994, or whatever date that money will provide. This will allow the government, TRA Board and legislative bodies to plan for future improvements to the fund. Please consider this as another option - option #4, as the current pension target money was not large enough to cover the 60 and 30 proposal the TRA had voted for at the Jan. 18 board meeting.

Since the pension target number was so low, the three options that were on the table from TRA Board/LCPR are unacceptable. So much so, that you will have extremely upset Educators if nothing substantial gets changed this legislative session for Tier II Educators. (they are already on the brink of breaking).

It is extremely unfair for those Educators that are the exact same age and have taught the exact same number of years, to have to work an additional 10 more years as someone that began before July 1, 1989. This exact scenario is happening to ME right now. In the past two weeks, I had a coworker come to me to ask for Tier I retirement advice, since the TRA consulting appointments are "backed up for months", and "they don't answer their phones for 50 minutes on hold". It was all I could do not to scream, "GET OUT" and instead politely said, "you need to talk to TRA, not me". That person began teaching BEFORE July 1, 1989 and I started AFTER July 1, 1989. WE BEGAN TEACHING IN THE SAME YEAR.

SOMETHING needs to be corrected, even if the entire package for Tier II isn't available at this point in time, we can still take care of a portion of Tier II Educators that are at the "tip of the spear".

Thank you for considering another option #4.

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