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All,

I'm sick of being underappreciated. I'm sick of being stuck with an underfunded and pitiful pension. I'm sick of being ignored by political leaders. I'm sick of being misunderstood by my own Union leaders at the State level. I'm sick of having a lack of substitute teachers and the guilt I feel when I have to be gone with no replacement. I'm sick of the media focusing on schools only when they are the scene of a crime. I'm sick of teaching in rooms with questionable ventilation during past, present and future illness outbreaks. I'm sick of thinking that I am expected to teach 11 years after my AARP membership kicks in.

I'm 51 years old. I've taught English/Language Arts at Roosevelt HS in Minneapolis for 28 years. Under our current Tier II pension, in order to retire with my full SELF-FUNDED pension benefits, I will have to teach for 43 years. 43 years! I don't know how anyone with a rational mind can look at those numbers and turn a blind eye. But, you see, folks HAVE turned a blind eye to this for DECADES!

Your Minnesota public school teachers are drowning. We're exhausted. We're beaten down. We DESERVE to enjoy our retirement well before Minnesota's current pension "Rule of Death."

ONLY YOU can make this happen. ONLY YOU can decide that 30 years of service and 60 years of age is the right thing to do. HF3100/SF3162 is FAIR and equitable. Please, ask the TEACHER Governor to raise the pension targets and fund 60 and 30.

Your Minnesota public school teachers have been (and still are) in the trenches. Show us that you value us with your vote.

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