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Legislators:

Please make funding teacher pensions a priority!

Over the last 30 years my pay has not kept up with inflation. But I always thought that at least I had a good pension. After all, that's the trade-off that public sector employees count on.

Now, after 30 years of paying into my pension, I fear that the pension rug is being pulled out from under me. Teachers work much more than full time. It is physically, emotionally, and mentally exhausting. It is unrealistic to expect teachers to work into their late 60s to receive the pensions that they have paid into for over 30 years.

We are already facing teacher shortages. How can we encourage young people to go into teaching when the pay, pensions, and working conditions lag so far behind other professions?

It is imperative that we act to shore up teacher pensions this session. Please do all your can to support Minnesota kids by supporting those of us who teach them.

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