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Dear Pension Commission-

I would like to share my educational career with all of you. I graduated in 1993 from Gustavs Adolphus College and got my first teaching job in the fall of 1993 at age 22. I spent 8 years in the Prior Lake school district and now have spent the last 23 years teaching in Cloquet Public Schools. I am 53 years old with 31 years of elementary teaching experience. If I retire at 65 years old, I will have taught 43 years! No one wants their child in a classroom of a 65 year old teacher with 43 years of experience!

Our pension needs to change- where else do people work 43 years in one profession, that is anomaly in this day and age. Teaching is high stress, underpaid and exhausting. We shouldn't be penalized because we missed the rule of 90.

I hope you will consider making some changes quickly- you are losing great staff to other areas of the workforce.

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