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Good evening,

Please let me tell you all about myself. I am 55 and have been teaching for 32 years. Working until full retirement age will have me teaching for 43 years. I love my job, I love my colleagues. What I don't "love" are the inequities between Tier 1 and Tier 2 teachers when it comes to retirement benefits and/or penalties. So many of my Tier 1 friends had no idea the discrepancy and were appalled that their colleagues that they work literally feet from were now getting the very short end of the stick! One would say it's criminal!

Teachers have had low pay and to be honest, shitty, benefits. One thing that helped us swallow those two things was a pension that we could collect at an age that was reasonable and rewarding. Now, we don't even have that! In addition, my money has been supporting the Tier 1 teachers for years when their COLA's we close to double digits.

Please help those like me that are nearing retirement age and cannot wait for another decade for our retirement to be fair and equitable.

Thank you,
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