

Ryan Backman, Math Teacher, Saint Paul Central High School

Dear Legislators,

My name is Ryan Backman, and I am a math teacher with 22 years of service at Central Senior High School and Saint Paul Public Schools. I'm writing to ask for your support for Senator Sandy Pappas' legislation that brings pension equity between the St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association (SPTRFA) and the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA), which applies to all other teachers in Minnesota. I am also a resident of Como Park in St. Paul (Rep. Hollins and Sen. Oumou Verbeten represent me).

My two children attend elementary school at SPPS, and my wife is an SPPS Occupational Therapist. Needless to say, we know a lot of teachers! SPPS teachers are among the best of the best, Our work is challenging and unique, and we deserve the same retirement benefits as the rest of Minnesota teachers.

Thank you for considering!

Sincerely,

Ryan Backman
Math Teacher, Central Senior High School
22 Years of Service to SPPS