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Subject: COLA for Plan 1 retired teachers.

You are within 1 week of your next meeting. It is time you recommend a COLA for Plan 1 retired teachers. I cannot remember when we last received a COLA. During that time our medical expenses have gone up every year. In fact, I just received notification that the Medicare supplemental insurance and dental insurance are going up over one hundred dollars a month! Could you absorb an deduction of \$100 a month? Then consider you are on a fixed income and haven't received a raise in many years! Your committee needs to do more in supporting retired teachers, many of whom worked for over 30 years to educate the children of this state. During those years we worked in classrooms of 28-30 elementary students. On top of that, teachers had to spend our own time working to pass levies so we could get a raise.

This is a deplorable situation! It is an indication of how our elected officials disrespect teachers. I would consider substituting to augment our income, but I am now disabled and cannot physically do so.

It is time to honor the people who worked hard and went beyond the required duties help our students be successful citizens!

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