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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 2:27 PM **To:** Office State Actuary, WA

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**Subject:** Plan 1 Retiree Pay Increase

## **Dear SCPP Members:**

As a retired Teacher of 26 years who retired in 2014, I am a bit shocked that the State and more specifically, the Washington State Legislature doesn't value the effort put forth by all the Teachers of Plan 1 that took education from the late 60's into the 21st Century. There will never be more change that will happen to education than in those 50+ years. We adapted curriculum, revised standards, endured all kinds of various State tests, revolving door evaluations, drastic changes in student discipline and the constant added work for less pay environment.

Now all of us are in a "penny pinching" mode as retirees. Sure, I'd like to travel; I like to have a newer car; I'd like to be able to afford the constant increase in healthcare costs...but without even a \$.01 raise since I retired in June 2014, how can I.

We are all losing ground. Sure, the current classroom Teachers just happen to be in the system now where the Legislature is giving them a small raise....but for those of us that laid the foundation for the current Teachers, we receive nothing.

Saddens me. We are "out to pasture" and forever forgotten. 50+ years of transition, of faithfulness to new tests, standards and curriculum and we receive nothing.

Difficult to understand how under-valued we are after we did so much for the children of the State of Washington. There is not one Legislator that isn't making more money now than they did in 2014!!! Are we not of more value?

Sincerely,

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