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To All Retirement Committee Members:

I retired in 1998 under teachers pension plan one. Since then, I have seen a tremendous loss in my purchasing power under this plan as COLAS have not kept up with costs. Medical needs have risen five times in the past nearly 25 years, and my cost for insurance has increased at least two fold. Except for last year I have not received an increase in my teachers pension which would keep up with the cost of my medical insurance, the increased cost of food, home and auto insurance, home upkeep, as well as all the other daily expenses associated associated with being alive.

Since teachers were paid less during the 30+ years I was in the profession, our COLA for pension plan 1 is even more important. We are at the bottom of all the pension plans for teachers.

For all the reasons listed above, I strongly urge you to vote in favor of the teachers pension plan one COLA on the agenda at your meeting today.

Sincerely, Anne Sander Retired Bellevue School District Teacher <u>Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad</u>

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