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To those who are determining the progress of equalizing the COLA for TRS 1 'older teachers:

Equalizing our retirements is definitely the right thing to do, but trying to keep up with the increase of property taxes, sales taxes, health care, car insurance etc. continues to take more from our monthly retirement checks including Social Security income. And of course, again, equality in comparison with all other retirement plans is the right thing to do. Inflation in every area of our life makes budgeting even more difficult.

Thank you for considering our needs as the older generation of teachers try to live in comfort and good health.

Sincerely, Victoria Johnson Hayes Retired Teacher, North Thurston Public Schools 2005.

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