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**Subject:** Restore Plan 1 ongoing COLA for educators

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Dear legislators:

I taught 40 + years in Seattle public schools before I retired and am married to a Plan 1 retired teacher. I know that the Plan 1 COLA was dropped many years back in a crisis to balance the state budget. But considering that our numbers are regularly decreasing (most of us are 80+ years) and Plan 2 and 3 have a yearly COLA, it is more than time to reinstate ours. In the past year we have had 2 insurance payment increases and property tax increase that eat up more than that 3% on their own. I have chronic asthma and my out of pocket costs for medicine and care continue to go up. We literally need this COLA to survive financially. Please FINALLY REINSTATE this on going plan 1 COLA.

Sincerely

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