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Pension Updates



THE VOICE FOR PROFESSIONAL
EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS

Update No. 13

If you've missed any past updates, they're [available on our website](#).

Organize, organize, organize!

Continue to talk to members in your local and get them signed up for our Pension Updates. Close to 5,000 members have already subscribed, and almost 400 members have attended one of our live Pension Advocacy Plan presentations. But we have a big fight ahead. We'll need as many members as possible working together to get the Legislature to invest in educators and our schools.

Education Minnesota virtual presentations

If you haven't been able to attend one of our Pension Advocacy Plan presentations, there are two new virtual options available to all members. Register for a presentation on Feb. 9 or 11 [here](#).

Clarifying TRA and EdMN

We've received a few questions about the TRA legislative agenda and the bills Education Minnesota is working toward.

The TRA and Education Minnesota are two separate organizations and create their own legislative agendas. Education Minnesota's legislative agenda includes priorities outlined by the Pension Task Force and is guided by our Legislative Action Committee and Governing Board. Separately, the TRA created its own legislative agenda through its own executive board members.

Bills are coming

There's been a lot of excitement from members about what our pension bills will look like and when they will come.

We anticipate our first pension bill to be introduced in the next week or two, and we're planning on the second bill later in February. Currently, there's a bit of a bills backlog at the revisor's office (where draft bills from legislators are crafted into the actual bills to be introduced). Whether it's a normal retirement age of 62 years of age or 35 years of service, the COVID service credit bill, the Rule of 90 or others, you can be sure we'll get some strong options on the table.

Issue Lobby Day registration is open!

Registration is open for our virtual Issue Lobby Day on pensions, which starts at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 20. [Register here!](#)

Don't forget our current call to action

Introduce yourself to your legislators by either using [our email template](#) or craft an email yourself. Share who you are, what you need as an educator and tell them you'll be contacting them with more information in the future.

Important Events/Dates:

- Pensions Issue Lobby Day – April 20 ([Register](#))
- PERA board meetings – [Dates](#)
- TRA board meetings - [Dates](#)
- SPTRFA board meetings – [Dates](#)
- LCPR meetings - [Dates](#)

Resources:

Organizing and Action	General Information
Legislative contact template	Education Minnesota pensions webpage
Tips for contacting your legislators	TRA document on pension basics
Find your legislator	PERA member resources
EdMN Lobby Day info	Public pension terminology
LCPR members	EdMN Capitol Connection e-newsletter

If you have any questions, please email [Adam Janiak](#).

Keep organizing, sharing and talking to your colleagues about our plan. [Sign up and forward this Education Minnesota Pension Updates signup today or use the QR code below!](#)

