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# Pension Updates



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## Update No. 21

### Focusing on budget targets

We will soon have updates on new budget targets from the House, Senate and governor. This is the next big step toward getting additional state funding in order to make benefit improvements.

Continue our call to action -- either electronically or just like the written [Snow Day letters](#) -- to contact Gov. [Tim Walz](#), Senate Majority Leader [Kari Dziedzic](#) and House Speaker [Melissa Hortman](#) and ask them to increase the pension budget targets.

### New member lobbyist

We're excited to announce the hiring of a member lobbyist who will be focusing on pension reform, along with our other legislative priorities.

Janey Atchison is a long-time member of Saint Paul Federation of Educators now on temporary leave from her middle school teaching position. She will be part of our Lobby Team for the rest of 2023 session. Welcome, Janey!

### Virtual pension town hall

Register NOW for our virtual pension town hall from 5-6 p.m. Wednesday, March 29 with LCPR Chair Rep. Kaohly Vang Her and Rep. Dan Wolgamott, lead author of our pension bill ([HF2222](#)) and LCPR member.

Members will hear from Reps. Her and Wolgamott and get their perspective on pension legislation and the overall legislative landscape.

[Register online here](#).

### Education Minnesota Pension Advocacy Plan presentation

A big THANK YOU to all the locals and intermediate organizations that hosted or have planned a virtual or in-person session since December. This includes: Hawley, Roseville, Iron Range Service Unit, Burnsville, Eden Prairie w/Edina, Great Southwest United, St. Francis, Northwest Metro Area Council, Minneapolis, Chaska, St. Cloud area, Central Lakes United, Osseo, Minnetonka, Wayzata, White Bear Lake, Dassel-Cokato, Anoka-Hennepin, Education Minnesota Western South, Cannon Valley Uniserv, Brainerd, Central Lakes United, Dakota County United Educators, Elk River, St. Francis ESPs, Spring Lake Park, Rochester, Southcentral Minnesota Uniserv,

Owatonna, Minnesota Valley Uniserv, St. Cloud, Education Minnesota Western North and Crookston.

The Pension Advocacy Plan presentation is also [available on MEA Online](#).

**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
<a href="#">Pension bill action alert</a>	<a href="#">Education Minnesota pensions webpage</a>
<a href="#">Legislative contact template</a>	<a href="#">EdMN Capitol Connection e-newsletter</a>
<a href="#">Tips for contacting your legislators</a>	<a href="#">TRA document on pension basics</a>
<a href="#">Find your legislators</a>	<a href="#">PERA member resources</a>
<a href="#">EdMN Lobby Days info</a>	<a href="#">Public pension terminology</a>
<a href="#">LCPR members</a>	<a href="#">TRA candidate voter guide</a>

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

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!](#)



