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Pension Updates



THE VOICE FOR PROFESSIONAL
EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS

Update No. 49

NEW Call to Action email [here](#)! Let legislative leaders know that we need a pension budget target that allows for improvements!

LCPR Listening Session

Our educators need to stand together, with a strong voice, to achieve pension improvements at the Legislature. In an effort to continue the momentum that was started last session, we need to seize every opportunity to connect with legislators - we have an incredible opportunity on Oct. 30!

The legislators who serve on the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement will be in Duluth on Monday, Oct. 30 from 5-6:30 p.m. for a listening session to hear from workers on pensions. Educators will meet on the front steps of the Duluth Courthouse at 4:30 p.m. We will have 90 minutes face-to-face with the LCPR to positively stress that we are focused on improvements for Tier II educators. Please show your support by attending the listening session and wearing **pension purple**! If you or your colleagues would like to speak, please sign up with Sean from the LCPR at sean.kelly@lcpr.mn.gov.

Speakers should plan to condense their comments to 2-3 minutes so that everyone has time to speak and hear from legislators. Stories are most effective when persuading legislators - How does this affect you? How would lower penalties and more flexibility affect you? There should be enough time for legislators to comment and respond to questions.

If you can't make it, please tune in to our livestream on the [Education Minnesota Pension Advocacy Network](#) and use this [easy action form](#) to let Speaker Melissa Hortman, Majority Leader Kari Dziedzic and Governor Tim Walz know that you support educator pension improvements!

Mark that you're "going" on the [Facebook event](#) and invite your friends! Want to let more folks in your building know about this? Use [our flyer](#)!

Speaker Mentions Pensions

Our movement is gaining momentum! Very rarely do legislative leaders mention pensions as a needed area for investment, and Speaker Hortman did just that in her interview last week with the StarTribune:

Excerpt from [this Oct. 19 article](#): "We have to give this budget a chance to be more fully enacted and realized," she said, adding that she expects a modest supplemental budget bill to be considered next year that could invest more in areas like pensions and agriculture.

Table at MEA

Our Pension Group members and staff hosted a table at the Minnesota Education Academy conference on Oct. 19. Educators stopped by to learn about our work and get involved in the action! For printable PDF versions of our flyers, click [here](#) and [here](#).



Local Pension Organizing

Many incredible educators have begun organizing Pension Action Leaders (PALs) in their locals. To achieve the investment we need for pension improvements, we need to stand together and invite our colleagues into this work. Check out our updated [10-minute meeting document](#), and start making PALs! If you're already doing this work or would like to do this work, please fill out this [Pension Organizing Pledge](#).

Please share our [pension rally event](#) on Feb. 29 with your friends and colleagues. We need as many people there as possible to raise our collective voice for pension improvements!

Pre-registration is open for our Political Conference

Save the date and pre-register for the Education Minnesota Political Conference from Feb. 2-3 at the Radisson Blu at the Mall of America.

Pre-registration is available [here](#).

Sessions will include:

- Electoral and legislative strategy on *educator pension improvements*.
- Winning school board elections and referendum campaigns.
- Protecting the pro-labor and public education House majority.
- Getting out the vote of educators and pro-education voters.
- Meetings with statewide elected officials and state legislators.

Registration fee of \$25 includes hotel room and meals.

Resources:

Organizing and Action	General Information
Tips for contacting your legislators	Education Minnesota pensions webpage
Find your legislators	EdMN Capitol Connection e-newsletter
LCPR members	TRA document on pension basics
Education Minnesota Pension Advocacy Network	PERA member resources
Get involved flyer to share with colleagues	Public pension terminology

If you've missed any past updates, they're [available on our website](#).
If you have any questions, please email pensions@edmn.org.



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