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Pension Updates



THE VOICE FOR PROFESSIONAL
EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS

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

NEW: [Easy Call to Action Email](#) to ask your legislators to attend the Pension Rally! We have 100 submissions so far, please forward this to colleagues who are attending the rally!

Penalty Reduction Bill overview on MEA Online

Thank you to all who were able to attend our information session last Monday. The recording is now available on MEA Online.

To learn about the bill, the 2024 legislative session and how you can raise your voice, please watch the "Teacher Pension Penalty Reduction Bill: All-Member Meeting" on [MEA Online](#).

Please schedule meetings with your legislators!

Your legislators need to hear from you, on pensions and any other issues you care about!

Legislators will often be able to schedule calls or meetings, at the Capitol or in your district, if you're a constituent. Find who represents you [here](#), and send a quick email or call their office to set up a meeting to talk about supporting educator pensions! Remember to include your home address in the call or email, so the office can quickly verify that you're a constituent.

Those who plan to attend the Pension Rally, if they're able to get to the Capitol before the rally, should schedule a meeting with their legislators at the Capitol!



Graphic from Valentine's Day!

Get everyone you know to the Pension Rally!

NEW: [Pension Rally Countdown Flyer!](#) Please feel free to use it and pencil in how many weeks are left in the clock graphic!

NEW: Members will have access to [free t-shirts](#) on the day of the rally.

To have the best chance at getting state funding to cover Tier 2 improvements, we need as many folks as possible to raise their voices at our Pension Rally on Feb. 29 in the state Capitol rotunda. If we show up by the thousands, we'll get the media and legislator attention we need to address Tier 2 inequities. Invite friends and colleagues to our [Facebook event](#), and post [this flyer](#) where your colleagues will see it!

Education Minnesota is reimbursing the cost of two full-day subs per local, or four half-day subs per local. Members who are interested should coordinate with their local president. Education Minnesota is also reimbursing all members for the cost of mileage and parking. Reimbursement forms will be available at the event.

Some locals have even planned buses from their region for their members to attend! Check in with your local president to see if this is an option for you.

We ask that any members who plan to attend the rally and/or either of our optional prep sessions RSVP using [this form](#). We'll reach out to members who complete this form regarding updates on the rally, helpful hints for getting around the Capitol, shared materials and more!

Action items

As we approach legislative session, we'll continue to post our growing list of resources at the end of each Pension Update. As you communicate about pension advocacy in your workplace, please share these resources with members who wish to get engaged.

- [Sign up](#) for the Pension Updates e-newsletter and read previous newsletters [here](#).
- [Sign up to be a Pension Action Leader](#) and we'll contact you about action items and advocacy to your state legislators. We need a PAL in every local and legislative district!
- Use our [easy-action form](#) to contact legislative leadership asking for their support of state investment for pension improvements.
- Join the [members-only Pension Advocacy Network private Facebook group](#), which is the best place to get updates, stay involved and ask questions.
- Watch our Pension 101 and Informational Update sessions on [MEA Online](#).
- We encourage all members to [make an appointment](#) with TRA to discuss what your benefit currently looks like, and what options you have.
- Use [this flyer](#), [this flyer](#) and [this flyer](#) to communicate with your colleagues about the pension movement.
- Request a stack of [pension postcards](#) from your field staff for your local. These postcards can act as a great tool for members to write to their legislators.



