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# Pension Updates



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## Update No. 79

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### **Minnesota Senate budget plan honors funding promises, but falls short on pensions**

The Minnesota Senate released the first details of its plan for the state budget today, and while it delivers on promised increases to E-12 education, it doesn't provide enough money for improving teacher pensions.

**"The staffing shortage across the state means too many students are trying to learn in overcrowded classrooms and the workload is burning out educators at an alarming rate,"** said Education Minnesota President Denise Specht. **"The state must address this crisis head-on by investing in increased pay, pensions, and health care for all educators so districts can recruit and retain staff. The Senate plans to spend only \$45 million for all public sector pensions, not just for teachers. This is inadequate and unacceptable. This issue is too important for the Legislature to delay any longer."**

These targets are only the first step in the budget process. Education Minnesota will continue to push legislative leadership to fund improvements to pensions for Minnesota's hardworking teachers in the final state budget.

[Read President Specht's full statement.](#)

New start time for Pensions Day of Action on April 8

# PENSIONS DAY OF ACTION



April 8, 2025



On **Tuesday, April 8**, Education Minnesota is hosting a Pensions Day of Action from **11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (NEW start and end times)** to lobby legislators to support our 2025 pension reform bill.

We will meet at [Christ Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill](#) in St. Paul for a briefing and then walk to the Minnesota State Capitol. Legislators need to hear directly from teachers about the need for improved pensions, and this is our chance.

As part of this day of action, we are asking members to stay and attend the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement meeting at 5 p.m. We anticipate that our teacher pension bill will be heard by the Commission that evening, and we need your help to pack the room. Agendas are usually finalized the week before, so we will confirm then.

[Register for the Pensions Day of Action!](#)

**NOTE:** You must be logged into the Education Minnesota website to access the registration form. You can create an account or reset your password by clicking 'Login' at the top of the page (mobile) or the top right corner (desktop).

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