

Dear Members of the Appropriations Committee,

With reference to the March 26, 2021 public hearing in regard to the above, I strongly urge you to admit to the Teachers' Retirement Board an additional retired teacher who is a member of the Association of Retired Teachers of Connecticut. Given that there are 38,000 retired teachers who participate in the TRB's retirement plan, it is extremely important that retired teachers have adequate representation on the Board to ensure that their unique needs be equitably addressed.

I retired from the State Department of Education in 2003 and cannot emphasize enough the need that my benefits continue uninterrupted and respond to the changes in our economic situation over time. Having an additional retired ARTC teacher on the Board will provide the level of representation that retired teachers need.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

George P. De George
Retired ARTC member