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AERA/AEA *monitors legislation that affects education retirees.*

We are on the front line protecting benefits for education retirees.

AERA/AEA *works with the Teachers' Retirement System to protect and strengthen your retirement funds for the benefit of PRESENT and FUTURE retirees.*

We are the ***Voice*** *for* ***All Alabama education retirees!***

AERA/AEA *has a wide array of benefits for its members.*

Retiree COLA stolen by private school voucher program

June 2013

Dear Education Retiree:

AERA/AEA lobbied for a COLA for everyone in the education family -- actives and retirees. Instead legislators passed a 2 percent "raise" only for actives. Last year these same legislators reduced actives pay by 2.5 percent, which means they are still making less. **Retirees have gone without a COLA since 2006.** Instead of a retiree COLA legislators funded the new Accountability Act that provides tax credits (vouchers) for private school students.

What can you do? **It's easy -- join us in the battle to gain a COLA and protect your retirement and health insurance programs.** Your membership can make the difference.

By joining the largest retiree association in Alabama, you can help protect your benefits. You are needed to stop the Caucus Leadership of the Super Majority! The Super Majority continues to attack public education and all associated with public education, including retirees! If you are not receiving updates from AERA/AEA, you may not know what is happening to "your money and your benefits" in Montgomery. It's time to stand up and stop diversion of ETF education dollars.

To become an AERA/AEA member, return the enclosed form with your benefit deduction authorization or mail your membership dues check today! AERA and AEA are always on the front line standing tall against diversion. You can take a stand by joining today.

Sincerely,

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