

PENSION PRESERVATION RALLY



January 4, 2013 – Springfield
(Bus will be provided.)

Your legislators need to hear from you!

On January 4, 2013, IEA will be holding a Pension Reform Rally at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield. IEA is working closely with the WE ARE ONE COALITION which is comprised of other public employee unions including, IFT, AFSCME, SEIU, The Fraternal Order of Police, The Firefighters, The Illinois Nurses Association, The Laborers and the AFL-CIO. This is our opportunity to convey our collective strength directly to the legislators regarding the pension issue, and other issues that confront us. The decisions that Legislators make in Springfield will impact just about every aspect of your career and retirement. Members' voices need to be heard! So, get your seat on the bus right now! Bring a friend!



AGENDA



6:45 a.m.... Bus leaves at 7:00 from District Office (524 E Schaumburg Rd.)
10:15 a.m.....Bus arrives at IEA HQ, Springfield
10:30 – 11:45Meet with Legislators
We will attempt to make appointments for you. If legislators are not available, we suggest you stop by their offices and leave a note! Take a picture!
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.RALLY – Capitol Rotunda
1:00Pick up BOX LUNCH – for ride home
1:30 p.m.Bus departs for home



CONTACT: Mark Fletcher (Mead JH) at
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additional information by December 20. WEAR BLUE



- Visit www.ieanea.org for updated information regarding this issue. Also visit www.ieanea.org/legislative/contact-your-legislators/ for Take Action Now Alerts.
- A heated tent will be set up in the IEA Hdqtrs Parking Lot.
- Coffee and doughnuts will be available upon arrival
- A box lunch will be provided after the rally
- IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IEA MIGHT ASK THOSE WHO ARE AVAILABLE TO RETURN TO SPRINGFIELD THE FOLLOWING WEEK IF IT APPEARS LEGISLATION IS MOVING.

THIS IS YOUR PENSION



Why should YOU care?

- Members of the Illinois General Assembly are going to try to “reform” pensions again this fall. This means cutting your retirement benefits, increasing your contribution toward your retirement, and possibly changing the Cost of Living Adjustment for current and future benefits.
- The next attempt at pension reform is imminent.

What do YOU need to know?

- TRS, SURS, and IMRF are Defined Benefit Plans – Protect them.
- Defined Benefit plan – your retirement benefit is defined for LIFE (predictability)
- Defined Contribution plan – (similar to a 401(k) plan) – your retirement benefit is determined by your ability to invest in tumultuous markets! Imagine retiring on a 401(k) in 2009 without social security benefits, as teachers receive none.

**What do YOU need to do? Send an email! Make a call!
Get on the Bus!**

➤ **To Send an Email:** Go to this webpage. <http://www.ieanea.org/legislative/contact-your-legislators/> A pre-written message is included for your convenience.

- Consider writing a hand written personal letter. It makes more of an impact on our legislators. Addresses can be found at <http://www.ilga.gov/> under Senate or House members.

Don't remember who to contact? Go to <http://www.ieanea.org/legislative/contact-your-legislators/> and click on “elected officials”. All you need is your zip code.

➤ **To Call your Legislators:** Dial 888-412-6570 or [click here to call](#). The message:
“Vote no on any bill that doesn't guarantee pension funding”

I am (writing/calling) to you as a member of the Illinois Education Association, a resident of your district and as voter. I'm urging you to vote against any pension bill that has not been negotiated with the labor unions. I also urge you to oppose any bill that does not include guaranteed funding.

➤ **GET ON THE BUS JANUARY 4!**