



Although **the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association (LRTA) does not endorse candidates for public office**, the association remains keenly interested in receiving support from elected officials on issues that are important to maintaining and improving the benefits needed to secure dignity and independence in retired life. LRTA would like to obtain your thoughts concerning its legislative priorities and share them with our membership.

LRTA adopts a list of legislative priorities each year. This list contains items that support the granting of permanent benefit increases (PBIs), maintaining the financial integrity of the Teachers’ Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL), and protecting the benefit structure offered by the retirement system. Please take a moment to respond to the questions below.

Please return the signed survey **as soon as possible** to the LRTA office. Our mailing address is:
9412 Common St., Suite 5
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

You may also return this survey by fax (225-927-8838) or email (info@lrta.net).

- 1. **LRTA opposes any legislation that would alter the defined benefit structure of the Teachers’ Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL).** During previous legislative sessions, several bills were created to switch the current defined benefit plan provided by TRSL to a hybrid plan. LRTA continues to oppose these bills, such as SB 438 (2022). If similar bills appeared in future legislative sessions, would you oppose or veto these bills?

_____ Yes _____ No If no, please explain why on the back of this page.

- 2. **LRTA supports permanent benefit increases (PBIs) to preserve the purchasing power of the retiree.** Would you support legislation that provides for supplemental benefit increases on a regular basis as the UAL is reduced and paid through the cost savings to the state?

_____ Yes _____ No If no, please explain why on the back of this page.

- 3. **LRTA opposes constitutional conventions that would remove budgetary protections for education and retirement.** If constitutional convention is proposed in a future legislative session, would you oppose or veto these bills?

_____ Yes _____ No If no, please explain why on the back of this page.

- 4. **LRTA supports the repeal of the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP).** The GPO and the WEP are Social Security federal provisions that reduce retired public employee’s individual Social Security and survivor benefits. Retired teachers in Louisiana are subject to the GPO and WEP. Given the opportunity, would you support the repeal of the GPO and WEP?

_____ Yes _____ No If no, please explain why on the back of this page.

- 5. **LRTA supports teacher and support staff pay raises and adequately funding education through the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP).** Do you support teacher pay raises and adequately funding education through the MFP?

_____ Yes _____ No If no, please explain why on the back of this page.

Signature

Date

Print name

House/Senate District No.