



## St. Louis City Retirees Deliver Petition Signatures

On Tuesday, January 12th, St. Louis City retirees came to Jefferson City to hand deliver copies of the 4,433 petition signatures that they had gathered in support of a COLA for the retirees of the St. Louis City Public School Retirement System. Copies were given to all members of the Legislature from the St. Louis area. See letter presented to legislators below.

*Special Thanks to St. Louis City Retirees: Diane Rome, Barbara Carr, Erma Nevels, Josephine Carter, Vickie Henderson, Jackie Watkins, and Jackie Dyer for braving the weather and traveling all the way to Jefferson City for this great event! Thanks also to MRTA Legislative Chair Linda Greeson and MRTA Region 8 Vice President Nancy Craig for helping with this event!*



### St. Louis City Education Retirees' Petition for Respect and Fairness

Dear Saint Louis City and Saint Louis County Legislators:

We, the undersigned taxpayers and voters, compel the Board of Trustees of the Public School Retirement System of Saint Louis (PSRS of STL City) and the Special Appointed Board of Education (SAB) to grant a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to the Retired Educators of Saint Louis City Public Schools. Retirees of Saint Louis City have not received a COLA since 2006 resulting in an approximately 25% reduction in purchasing power. This is an issue of respect and fairness.

We respectfully ask the Saint Louis Area Legislators to pressure both the SAB and the PSRS of STL City to honor these education retirees and the voters who have brought forth this petition with a much needed COLA. We ask for letters and meetings of support with the proper trustees and board members. We ask for introduction, support of, and passage of Legislation such as HB 1008 of 2015 (Mitten) or other legislation resulting in Education Retirees of the Saint Louis City Schools to live healthy, vital lives and be secure economically in retirement.

The Missouri Retired Teachers Association and Public School Personnel (MRTA) is a 501(c)(4) tax-exempt organization with a statewide mission to represent all education retirees whether they are members of MRTA or not. MRTA is comprised of 25,200 dues paying members statewide and whole-heartedly supports the retirees of Saint Louis City and their quest for a COLA. The PSRS/PEERS System (outstate) have an automatic COLA in Missouri Statutes. As an issue of fairness, STL City educators deserve the same. There are several ways to achieve fairness for STL City Education Retirees if interested in pursuing other than HB 1008 of 2015 mentioned above.

Please do not hesitate to contact MRTA Executive Director Jim Kreider if you have any questions or comments or if you need assistance in any way. E-mail – [mrtadirectorkreider@mrta.org](mailto:mrtadirectorkreider@mrta.org). Cell - 417-849-5185.

**Enclosures – 4,433 signatures from Saint Louis City and County with home addresses and a 2012 letter from PSRS of STL City asking for a COLA increase.**