MRTA Mission Statement

The Missouri of Missouri Retired Teachers Association and Public School Personnel (MRTA) is to grow membership and work actively with government and its entities so that all public school personnel will be secure economically, socially, and professionally in retirement.

MRTA Vision

The vision of Missouri Retired Teachers Association and Public School Personnel (MRTA) is to promote and protect pensions, programs, and benefits of all public school personnel in retirement.

MRTA has strength in numbers

- Organized — 1960
- Members — 26,000
- Local Units — 145
- State Regions — 14
- Regional and local unit meetings
- Informative Newsletters, E-Newsletter & Facebook
- Unit President Summit
- State Annual Meeting (Fall)
- Annual MRTA Legislative Day, MO State Capitol
- Branson Fun Day (Alternating October & December)
- MRTA Distinguished Retiree of the Year

MRTA Member discounts
(see www.mrta.org for full listing)

- $1,000,000 Classroom Liability coverage for only $17.25/year
- Advantica Dental Insurance
- Long Term Care and Medicare Supplements through Forrest T. Jones & Co.
- Prepaid Legal Service & Identity Theft Protection
- EyeMed Vision Care Plan
- Travel Discounts through Travelers Lane — Pat Lane, MRTA Member
- Senior Solutions Home Health Care Plan

- **MRTA is the “Watchdog” for Your Pension Benefits**

- **MRTA Protects and Improves Your Pension Benefits**

- **MRTA is a Small Investment for a Strong Voice in the State Capitol**

Join Now and Be Counted!

MRTA is the largest retiree association in Missouri at 26,000 and growing. At MRTA the education retiree is our #1 priority

Protect your pension benefits by joining MRTA
A Few of MRTA’s Accomplishments

**PSRS — Retired Educators (Certified)**

- Thanks to MRTA, all retired educators are now exempt from Missouri State income taxes up to $35,939 per year — HB 444 (2007). Six-year phase in, 2007: 20%; 2008: 35%; 2009: 50%; 2010: 65%; 2011: 80%; 2012: 100%. Also, all out-of-pocket healthcare premiums are 100% deductible for all education retirees including long-term care insurance. Kansas City and Saint Louis retirees are also eligible for these tax cuts.
- MRTA was the primary force in defeating SB 842 that would have taken away the decision-making process of our PSRS/PEERS Board of Trustees (2012).
- MRTA was instrumental in defeating legislation regarding vouchers, elimination of teacher tenure/RIF, expansion of charter schools, etc. (2012-2014).
- MRTA was “the point of the spear” in killing legislation detrimental to education retirees, including the conversion of our defined benefit plan to a defined contribution plan, and a proposed state takeover of our retirement funds through a state investment board. (2010).
- MRTA sponsored legislation, which is now law, to stop the abusive practice of “Spiking” FAS SB 406 (2007).
- MRTA introduced legislation to increase COLA Cap from 80% to 90% (2007).
- MRTA advocated a monthly increase of $3 times the number of creditable years of service (2001).
- MRTA advocated a 3.5% across-the-board increase for retirees and beneficiaries (2000).

**PEERS — Retired Support Personnel (Classified)**

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- MRTA advocated name change of NTRS to PEERS (Public Education Employees Retirement System) HB 443 (2005).
- MRTA advocated lifetime COLA increase to 80% (2000).
- MRTA worked for the 7.1% across-the-board increase for PEERS retirees (2001).
- MRTA advocated the increased multiplier to 1.51% (2000).
- MRTA advocated the across-the-board 3.4% increase for PEERS retirees (2000).
- MRTA advocated the 7.4% across-the-board increase (1999).

MRTA supports improvements to the Kansas City and St. Louis City Retirement Systems.