LRA Advocacy Report June 2023

This past year has been a busy one in the Legislature for Education-related issues. Your Advocacy Committee has been hard at work trying to keep up with the Bills which seemed to be flying off the shelf every day. Our primary focus has been trying to secure pay raises for teachers and hopefully, that will be accomplished by Thursday, June 8th, the last day of this legislative session. Other issues have included Child Care Assistance issues HB1; assure timely COLAs for retired teachers SB18; secure timely reporting to **protect staff and students when there is a credible and imminent threat** to an educator or student, HB 348; provide extended sick leave and maternity leave HB21; enable teachers to receive extra compensation when they work outside their job description HB205; and provide payments towards reducing the UAL HB47 and HB170. Thank you for doing your part as an LRA advocacy member to secure funding for teachers, schools, and students by contacting your legislator to obtain his support for important bills.