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MRTA Vision:	Secure Missouri education retirement systems based upon strong advocacy for public schools.
MRTA Core Purpose:	The core purpose (mission) of Missouri Retired Teachers Association and Public School Personnel (MRTA) is to promote and protect public education resulting in a financially secure retirement (pension). The four elements of public education: Students, Public School Personnel, Public Schools & Communities

## MRTA Legislative Committee Goal and Objectives 2024

Committee Goal:To encourage MRTA members to work actively for beneficial legislation<br/>including increased public school funding, so all employees and retirees may live<br/>healthy, vital lives, and be secure economically, professionally, and socially.

## **Objectives:**

- 1. Promote MRTA membership to active and retired educators and support staff: strength in numbers!
- 2. Encourage all local units to have a legislative committee chairperson to promote and report on legislative updates at all MRTA unit meetings.
- 3. Increase enrollment in Phone2Action from 18,599 users by 3% (558 users) with a stretch goal of 5% (930 users).
- 4. Increase response for "MRTA Call to Action" and "Phone2Action" among your unit members for MRTA's positions regarding legislation and other advocacy issues.
- 5. Encourage increased attendance at MRTA Legislative Day from 250 to 300 with representation from every MRTA unit and region, as well as participation online.
- 6. Become knowledgeable about the legislative process, and the most effective means of participating in that process. Communicate the importance of a strong response by unit members to their own elected officials.
- 7. Work with Advocacy Committee to encourage letters to the editor in newspapers.
- 8. Encourage members to know their elected officials and add the information to their membership record on the membership portal.
- 9. Encourage members to consider running for office, units to host candidate forums, and elected officials to attend MRTA Regional Meetings.
- 10. Establish a good working relationship and rapport with elected officials, their staff, and other key figures in government, i.e. thank you, welcome, good wishes/freshmen campaigns.

MRTA, a 501(c)(4) not-for-profit corporation, is a grassroots advocacy association with nearly 30,000 members. MRTA is independent, nonpartisan, and does not endorse political candidates.