I am considering retirement in the next 2-4 years but if you solve the PERS problem by asking educators to pay down the debt, I may have to teach much longer. I am willing to do my part but as a member of Tier 2, you are going to break me. After 30 years of teaching, 21 in Oregon, I feel as if my service is being taken for granted. PERS is a mess because someone didn't do the math or due diligence. We all need to work toward an AFFORDABLE solution. What kind of cut are legislators willing to shoulder and lead the way? Be leaders, be heroes, do the necessary math (or hire someone who can) and figure out a way for PERS to be reformed and not cause financial disaster for public servants.

Torree Abrams, 3rd grade, Lava Ridge Elem. "No one ever sings to get to the end of the song"