

SB 470

I have been a classified employee of the Reynolds School District for 10 years. I am an Educational Assistant and believe I am an indispensable member of the school community where I presently work.

Although I am well suited for this educational position, in terms of personal education and experience, and I love what I do, it has been an incredible financial hardship to continue to work for this public school district. My hourly wage is decent but with hourly and daily cuts over the past 6 years or so, I am **making less** than I was 10 years ago when I was hired. That doesn't seem right or fair that we are suffering constant salary cuts rather than receiving raises on a regular basis, commensurate with the cost of living.

I make about \$22,000 a year.

Either increase our hourly wage or allow us to claim unemployment compensation during the summer break.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Chakrallah
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Reynolds School District