Dear Legislature,

SB 489 Testimony

I started working in the school district 21 years ago and there have been times when I had to have a second job to supplement my income during break periods. It is a hardship to myself and my co workers that we have to take on a second job to make it through these periods, not to mention the strain on my family that I had to work more hours and days to make ends meet.

School personnel take these jobs knowing there are breaks, however not all families have enough income to cover the loss of days worked, forcing us to get other jobs. The ability to get unemployment during the longest break (Summer) would be invaluable for school districts to retain and hire new staff that would create monetary stability and allow a greater pool of candidates. Not all school staff come from enough household income to allow them not to have a supplemental income.

I strongly support SB 489 to pass.

Sincerely, Jo S.