

Good Morning, My name is Debra Kill from the Elk Valley USD 283, in Longton, Kansas. I have taught in the school district for 34 years as an elementary teacher. I have been a member of our very small community all of my life, along with my parents. My husband and I work and believe in the small community life and education. Without a school our community will dry up.

I want very much to keep working after my retirement in our school district. These children and families deserve the opportunity to have a school and community to call "home". Our school and teachers are working very hard to meet the needs of each student.

I feel that I should be able to work at my home district with the students and families that I know, without being penalized.

Please believe that allowing all of our state teachers the right to retire and receive a salary from their home or neighboring districts will benefit the

students of our schools. Many highly qualified teachers are willing and able to continue working. Finding a highly qualified teacher in our small community (one that wants to be in our small community) is very difficult. I have seen many come and try, but leave after a year or so.

The sunset clause of the past has been a blessing to our school district and community.

Thank you.