

## Retired teachers are going back to the classroom after passage of SB1

Retired teacher Joann Samuels returned to the classroom at Hartstern Elementary (Jefferson County) on Monday, September 20.

A 27-year veteran teacher, Samuels is one of the first retired teachers to take advantage of incentives in Senate Bill 1. The legislation was passed during the special session last month and permits Kentucky teachers to return full time while earning a full salary and retaining 100 percent of their pension.

This salary/pension incentive gives districts across the state a recruitment tool to help fill vacancies resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. And in some cases, even before.

Jefferson County Public Schools is taking advantage of this tool and actively recruiting.

Many retirees feel they still have something to share with students. Samuel said she still has passion to give and guide students through their education. She said she hopes other retired teachers will join her in returning to the classroom full time.