

CT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD

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Dear Member:

Below are a few highlights of the services the CT Teachers' Retirement Board provides to members of our system. For the latest news, please visit our website www.ct.gov/trb.

<u>Retirement</u>: Retirement benefit qualifications, formulas and a power point "workshop" are all posted on our website. We recommend that you file an application for retirement six months prior to your retirement date. Shortly after we receive your application, we will provide you with a retirement benefit estimate. We are required to initiate your first retirement benefit no later than three months after your effective date of retirement, but often times we are able to initiate them earlier.

<u>Disability Allowance</u>: If you have at least five years of service and are unable to perform the duties of your job, you may be eligible for a non-duty disability allowance from this system. There is no service requirement for a duty related disability. The application is posted to our website.

<u>Service Credit</u>: A comprehensive list of purchasable service credit and required documentation is posted on our website. We must receive your completed documentation for your purchasable credit and your completed retirement application prior to the effective date of retirement. Payment for your purchase of credit must be received or postmarked by the due date on the bill for your service. If you are purchasing your service at the time of retirement and miss your due date, you will not be allowed to purchase your service, no exceptions. Working for a private employer deployed to a public school does not qualify for a pension from this system.

<u>Survivorship Benefits</u>: This system has a "mandatory" survivorship program that provides benefits to statutory survivors of members who die prior to retirement while employed as an active member of this system. If you would like to waive these benefits in favor of a non-spouse beneficiary, you must complete an active/inactive member beneficiary designation form and check the box waiving these benefits. This form is available on our website.

<u>Federal Law</u>: Minimum required distribution rules apply to inactive members of this system. Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code may limit the eligible compensation reported to this system, and the maximum benefit you can receive from this system.

<u>Post Retirement Reemployment</u>: Retired members of our system who return to work in public education in Connecticut may be subject to earnings limitations from that reemployment; failure to adhere to these limitations will impact your pension. Reemployment must be reported to this office on the appropriate form.

TRB Offices Moving: TRB is scheduled to move to 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106 in May 2020.

Please see the reversed side with any questions you may have regarding the Annual Statement.

Best,

Helen Sullivan

Administrator CT Teachers' Retirement Board