

STATE OF CONNECTICUT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD

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To: Superintendents of Schools and School Business Officials

From: John W. Coughlin, Jr., Accounting Manager

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Subject 1999 – 2000 Legislation

During the 1999 – 2000 session of the General Assembly the legislature passed legislation concerning the remitting of mandatory teacher retirement contributions.

Section 65 of Public Act 00-187 revises Subsection (b) of section 10-183n of the General Statutes to include the following:

(b) Each local treasurer or other person having custody of amounts deducted under this chapter by an employer shall transmit and report such amounts to the board so that they are received by said board no later the fifth business day of the following month. On and after July 1, 2001 all such amounts shall be transmitted via electronic transfer of funds. Such amounts shall at all times be the property of the system and while in the custody of such local treasurer or other person such person is a fiduciary with respect to such amounts and shall discharge his responsibilities solely for the benefit of the system. Said board shall be entitled to receive from an employer interest at the rate of nine per cent per year from the due date on all amounts deducted by such employer and not received by said board by the fifth day of the following month. Interest at the rate of nine per cent per year shall be compounded annually on the interest assessed from the date the payment is received to the date the interest is paid. Such interest shall be treated as an amount earned by the assets of the system.

In essence the Retirement Board must receive your September 2001 deposit no later than October 5, 2001 and this deposit must be sent electronically to our depository. The October deposit will be due November 7, 2001 and your November deposit will be due December 7, 2001 etc. As soon as specific instructions are received from Fleet Bank, our depository, we will forward these important EFT instructions to you.

The purpose of this communication is to alert you to the fact that your Payroll/Personnel staff to insure compliance to the law must implement this major change. This notice should be posted and the information be made available to all staff members who have the responsibility of remitting mandatory teacher retirement contributions.

Your continued cooperation and support in assisting this office to ensure deposits are remitted in a timely manner is most appreciated.

Specific questions concerning this memorandum should be directed to the Accounting Manager of the Teachers' Retirement Board at (860) 241-8429.

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