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**News Release**

**Dr. James N. Baldwin Named to NYSTRS Board**

ALBANY, N.Y. (May 27, 2009) — James N. Baldwin of North Greenbush has been appointed to the 10-member New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS) Board. The appointment was made May 19 by Commissioner of Education Richard Mills.

The Retirement Board sets policy and oversees operations for the \$68 billion System. Board members are responsible as fiduciaries to protect the long-term value of the System's investment portfolio, providing benefit security for its more than 400,000 active and retired members.

Dr. Baldwin has served since 2002 as the district superintendent of Questar III – the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) for Rensselaer, Columbia and Greene counties – which is comprised of almost two dozen component school districts. In this chief executive officer role he is responsible for the administration, operation and financial planning of the organization, which has an annual budget in excess of \$60 million and employs more than 500.

Dr. Baldwin is a longtime public servant. Prior to his current position his service included New York executive deputy secretary of state, counsel to the New York State Assembly, and deputy corporation counsel for the City of Troy. He is also a former member of the East Greenbush Central School District Board of Education.

Dr. Baldwin earned a juris doctor degree from Albany Law School, a doctorate in Education Administration at the Teachers College at Columbia University and a bachelor's degree from Union College.

The New York State Teachers' Retirement System provides retirement, disability and death benefits to eligible New York State public school teachers and administrators. NYSTRS is the second largest public retirement system in the state and one of the 10 largest systems in the nation. The System pays \$5 billion annually in benefits.

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