



The following information was recently provided to NYSTRS participating employers. As a Retirement System delegate, it is important that you are aware of these issues.

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Estimated Employer Contribution Rate

Administrative Bulletin 2006-8, issued November 2006, notified you of the estimated range of 8.5% - 9.5% for the required employer contribution rate (ECR) which will be applied to fiscal year 2007-08 NYSTRS member salaries, and collected in September, October, and November of 2008. For budgeting purposes, we recommend you use an estimated ECR of 8.73% of pay. An Administrative Bulletin will be provided in August 2007, after the Retirement Board formally adopts the ECR at its July meeting. Please note the ECR is still an estimate at this point in time.

While the increase in the ECR is small this year, we still recognize the impact this rate has on school district budgets. This alert is sent as early as possible for planning and budgeting purposes. Although we are required to properly fund the plan, we are aware of school districts' budgeting concerns.

The assets of the Retirement System are prudently diversified and the asset valuation method employed in the actuarial valuation helps dampen market volatility. Although recent investment returns have been encouraging, capital market returns earlier in the decade were less than anticipated, which led to required increases in the ECR.

If you have any additional questions, please call John Cardillo, Manager of Public Information Services, at (518) 447-4743.

History of the Employer Contribution Rate (ECR)

<u>Salary Year</u>	<u>ECR</u>
1978-79	21.40%
1979-80	22.49%
1980-81	23.49%
1981-82	23.49%
1982-83	23.49%
1983-84	22.90%
1984-85	22.80%
1985-86	21.40%
1986-87	18.80%
1987-88	16.83%
1988-89	14.79%
1989-90	6.87%
1990-91	6.84%
1991-92	6.64%
1992-93	8.00%
1993-94	8.41%
1994-95	7.24%
1995-96	6.37%
1996-97	3.57%
1997-98	1.25%
1998-99	1.42%
1999-00	1.43%
2000-01	0.43%
2001-02	0.36%
2002-03	0.36%
2003-04	2.52%
2004-05	5.63%
2005-06	7.97%
2006-07	8.60%