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Estimated Range for the Next Employer Contribution Rate

Administrative Bulletin 2010-7, issued August 2010, informed you that the Retirement Board adopted an Employer Contribution Rate (ECR) of 8.62% of payroll. This rate is applicable to fiscal year 2010-11 NYSTRS member salaries and will be collected in September, October and November 2011. Based on preliminary estimates, we anticipate the ECR for the next year to be between 11.0% and 11.5% of member payroll. This rate will apply to fiscal year 2011-12 NYSTRS member salaries and will be collected in the fall of 2012. An Administrative Bulletin will be provided in February 2011 with a more precise estimate of this ECR.

The one-year rate of return on System assets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 was 12.1%. Although the capital markets rebounded and the System achieved a positive, double-digit rate of return for the fiscal year, it did not make up for the significant loss incurred during the prior fiscal year due to the global financial crisis. This loss continues to exert upward pressure on the employer contribution rate.

Although we are required to properly fund the plan, we recognize the impact this rate has on school district budgets. Our notices are sent as early as possible for planning and budgeting purposes. Future administrative bulletins will provide additional information regarding the ECR.

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

History of the Employer Contribution Rate (ECR)

Table with 2 columns: Salary Year and ECR. Rows range from 1978-79 to 2010-11.

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