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TO: SCHOOL EMPLOYERS

SUBJECT: 2003/2004 SCHOOL EMPLOYER POOL CONTRIBUTION RATE

The PERS Board of Administration, at its May 14, 2003 meeting, approved the school employer pool contribution rate of 10.420% for the 2003/2004 fiscal year effective with the first payroll period that ends in July 2003. Your employer contribution rate may continue to vary annually based on the experience of PERS members employed by school employers.

Section 2231 of the Revenue and Taxation Code provides for reimbursement of certain costs of legislatively mandated benefits programs. Normally, public agencies and Schools which have incurred mandated costs file claims for reimbursement with the State Controller's Office, which then pays approved claims from funds appropriated by the Legislature.

Previous legislation has resulted in mandated benefits for our School Employers:

Chapter 1398/74 (AB 2926)
Chapter 799/80 (SB 162)

Unused Sick Leave Credit
Increased Death Benefits

The cost of these benefit improvements is included in the 7/1/03 School Employer rate of 10.420%.

If you have any questions, please contact the Actuarial & Employer Services Division at the above listed address or telephone number.

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