



# Louisiana Retired Teachers Association

## LRTA Legislative Survey

The Louisiana Retired Teachers Association (LRTA) adopts a list of legislative priorities each year. This list contains items that support the granting of cost-of-living adjustments, maintaining the financial integrity of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL), and protecting the benefit structure offered by the retirement system. Although LRTA does not endorse candidates for public office, the association remains keenly interested in receiving support from elected officials on issues that are important to maintaining and improving the benefits needed to secure dignity and independence in retired life. LRTA would like to obtain your feelings about four issues that may come up during the 2009 Regular Legislative Session. Please take a minute to respond to the questions outlined below.

**Please return this survey by April 15, 2009 in the envelope provided or by faxing it to the LRTA office at 225.927.8838.**

1. Current law, specifically R.S. 11: 883.1., establishes the Employee Experience Account from which periodic COLAs are granted to retired educators. Payments are made based upon balances in the account, actuarial returns on investments, and inflation as determined by the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers—CPI-U.

- Will you support efforts to provide COLAs to retired educators from the Employee Experience Account and from State General Funds, when sufficient funds are not available in the account?  
\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No If not, please explain why.

2. LRTA supports the dedication of state revenues from the previous fiscal year, or the current fiscal year, for the purpose of paying down the initial unfunded accrued liability of TRSL. This liability exists because of the state's failure to properly fund benefit changes in the past.

- Will you support a dedication of funds in the Supplemental and/or General Appropriations Bill(s) for the pay-down of TRSL's initial unfunded accrued liability? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No If not, please explain why.

3. LRTA opposes any action that would consolidate TRSL with any other retirement system, and also opposes any action that would consolidate the assets of TRSL with any other retirement system.

- Will you support the consolidation of any of the state retirement systems, specifically TRSL, or its assets, with any other retirement system? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No If yes, please explain why.

4. LRTA opposes the dedication of state funds for the purpose of providing scholarships or vouchers for students to attend private schools.

- Do you support the provision of scholarships or vouchers for this purpose?  
\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No If yes, please explain why.

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Signature

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Date