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TO: PFRS CERTIFYING OFFICERS

FROM: ED DONNELLY, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
                   POLICE AND FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF NEW JERSEY (PFRSNJ)

SUBJECT: CWA MOA: Furloughs

As a result of the recently approved CWA Memo of Agreement which stipulates voluntarily employee furloughs for State employees, the Division of Pensions and Benefits (Division) will be working with a significantly diminished staff for the month of July.

We have sent to the Governor's office the designation of our PFRSNJ personnel as essential due to the amount of work we have with the very small number of staff we employ. Our PFRSNJ staff has been working diligently from home with staggered days in the office during this pandemic. The Board of Trustees commends the hard work and diligence of our staff.

With the furloughs being implemented, members should expect an overall delay in most pension related issues. Increases in even longer wait times on calls into the Division's call center should be expected. This could result in delays in notifying the Division of the death of a member and thus the processing of the claim. While these are some of the issues affected, we don't expect any issues with current retiree checks being issued on time. **PLEASE FORWARD TO ALL EMPLOYEES.**

While this situation will be cumbersome, be assured your PFRSNJ board and staff will be working with members and employers to navigate through these uncertain times we are in.

We hope you are all managing the best you can during this crisis.

Stay well,

Eddie Donnelly
PFRSNJ Chairman