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TO THE HONORABLE
JAMES E. MCGREEVEY
GOVERNOR of the STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Dear Governor McGreevey:

The Board of Trustees of the

TEACHERS' PENSION AND ANNUITY FUND

is pleased to present the Fiscal Year 2002 Annual Report in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:66-59.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harry W. Baldwin".

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SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION

CHAPTER 341, P.L. 2001

P.L.2001, c.6 provided that a member of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) or a member of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) could transfer service credit between the two retirement systems even though there was a two year period of dual membership (concurrent membership in both retirement systems). This law increases the permissible time period of dual membership from two to three years when transferring service credit between the two retirement systems.

This law was approved on January 3, 2002 and was effective immediately.

CHAPTER 353, P.L. 2001

This law provides for an increase in the special veterans retirement allowance and the ordinary and accidental disability retirement allowances for members of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) and the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS). The percentage increase is comparable to the increase provided in the service retirement formulas of those retirement systems under P.L.2001, c.133. That law increased the TPAF and PERS service retirement formulas and the veterans retirement formula for those veterans with 35 or more years of service, both of which are computed on the basis of the number of years of the retirant's service, by approximately nine percent.

PERS and TPAF Veterans and Disability Benefit Formula Changes

This law provides that the TPAF and PERS special veterans retirement allowance will increase from 50 percent to 54.5 percent of the member's compensation during the highest-paid year of service. The minimum ordinary disability retirement allowance will increase from 40 percent to 43.6 percent of "final compensation" (average compensation during the three last or highest-paid years of service), and the accidental disability retirement allowance will increase from 66.66 percent to 72.7 percent of the actual annual compensation at the time of the accident. Existing retirees, or their beneficiaries, will also receive these percentage increases in their retirement allowances.

PERS Veterans Benefit Eligibility Changes

The law also: (1) reduces from 62 to 60 the age at which a PERS veteran member with 20 years of aggregate service credit may retire on the special veterans retirement allowance; and (2) provides that a PERS veteran member who is 55 years of age with 25 years of aggregate service credit may retire on the special veterans retirement allowance. These changes establish parity between eligibility qualifications for veterans retirement under PERS and those enjoyed by TPAF veterans since 1984.

PERS-Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) Service Retirement Benefit Formula Change

The law applies the new N/55 accrual rate to non-law enforcement officer service.

Miscellaneous

The law removes an inoperative provision of the former law that had placed a cap on both ordinary and accidental disability retirement allowances. This provision had been preempted by the federal Older Workers Benefit Protection Act.

Funding

The additional annual employer normal contributions to TPAF and PERS associated with this law will be paid from the benefit enhancement funds established by P.L.2001, c.133. If the assets in these funds are insufficient to pay the normal contribution, the State will pay the normal contribution not covered by the

SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION, Continued

assets. Excess valuation assets will cover the unfunded liability created in TPAF and PERS. The State will be liable for any increased cost to local government employers participating in PERS as a result of these changes.

This law was approved January 6, 2002, and was effective immediately, retroactive to October 1, 2001.

CHAPTER 355, P.L. 2001

This law provides an exemption from the re-enrollment after retirement provisions to the following:

1. A retiree of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) who is a certificated superintendent or a certificated administrator and who becomes employed by the New Jersey Department of Education in a position of critical need as determined by the Commissioner of Education, or becomes employed by a board of education as a certificated superintendent or certificated administrator on a contractual basis for a term of not more than one year; and
2. A retiree of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) who becomes employed by the New Jersey Department of Education in a position of critical need as determined by the commissioner, or becomes employed by a board of education in a position of critical need as determined by the superintendent of the district on a contractual basis for a term of not more than one year.

A retiree employed by a board of education will be able to renew the employment contract for one additional year; however, the retiree's total period of employment with any individual board of education may not exceed a two-year period. The law also provides that the current pension re-enrollment provisions will apply if a retiree accepts employment with the same employer from which he retired within 120 days of retirement.

This law was approved January 6, 202 and was effective immediately.

CHAPTER 11, P.L. 2002

This law revises the funding of State-paid post-retirement medical (PRM) benefits for qualified retirees and their dependents under the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) and the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS).

It provides that the State's contribution to the PRM funds for each pension system to increase the fund balance by 1/2 of 1% of the salary of the active members for the valuation period will not be made by the State in fiscal years 2002 and 2003. Beginning with the actuarial valuation period ending June 30, 2002, applicable to fiscal year 2004, the contribution will be computed to provide that the balance in the PRM fund will be increased by 3/5 of 1% of the salary of the active members for the valuation period.

The law also provides that:

1. any monies in the PRM funds may be used in fiscal year 2002 to pay for the premiums or periodic charges for the benefits for qualified retirees and their dependents; and
2. the provisions of the law will not alter health care benefits for qualified retirees and their dependents or relieve the State from its obligation to fund the benefits.

This law was approved on March 26, 2002 and was effective immediately.

SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION, Continued

CHAPTER 23, P.L. 2002

This law established an early retirement incentive for eligible State employees and employees of State autonomous authorities who meet specified age and service requirements and who retire within a specified time period. State employees must retire on or after February 1, 2002, but no later than July 1, 2002. Employees of State autonomous authorities must retire on or after July 1, 2002, but no later than September 1, 2002 if the authority fiscal year ends on or before June 30, 2002. If the fiscal year ends after June 30, 2002, employees shall retire no earlier than two months before and not later than the first day of the calendar month after the close of the fiscal year. The offering of the additional retirement benefits is optional for the authorities.

The eligibility requirements and the additional benefits are as follows:

- Employees who are at least 50 years of age with at least 25 years of service credit under the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) or the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) and who retire on a service or early retirement will receive three additional years of service credit. Such members of the Alternate Benefit Program (ABP), federal Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) or the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) will receive an amount equal to 60% of base annual salary. The amounts payable to members of the ABP and the federal systems will be paid in two separate installments.
- Employees who are at least 55 years of age with 25 or more years of service credit in PERS or TPAF and who retire on a veteran's retirement will receive an additional pension in the amount of 3/55 of the compensation upon which the retirement allowance is based.
- Employees who are at least 60 years of age with at least 20, but less than 25, years of service credit in PERS, TPAF or ABP, will receive payment by the retirement system or the State of retiree health care benefits on the same basis that the State currently pays for the coverage of retirees with 25 or more years of service credit. Authority employees already eligible for authority-paid health care benefits will receive \$500 per month for 24 months, as will employees of authorities which do not offer employer-paid retiree health care coverage.
- Employees who are at least 60 years of age with at least 10, but not more than 20, years of service credit in PERS, TPAF or ABP, will receive an additional pension or payment of \$500 a month for 24 months following the date of retirement.

Amounts payable to members of the ABP will be made to the employee's retirement annuity contract, up to the amount allowed by Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code, and then to a contract on behalf of the employee that meets the requirements of Section 403(b) of the Code. Any amount in excess of the cumulative maximum contributions allowed under these Code provisions will be payable directly to the employee.

When the needs of State government or a college or university so require, an employee electing to retire under the law may continue in employment for up to one year with the approval of the employer and the agreement of the employee. When the needs of a State autonomous authority so require, an employee electing to retire under the law may continue in employment for up to one year, but no longer than until September 1, 2003, with the approval of the employer and the agreement of the employee. If the employee dies during the period of continued employment, the retirement will become effective on the first day of the month after the date of death.

SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION, Continued

A State autonomous authority may elect to provide the benefits of this law by filing a resolution with the Division. A State autonomous authority which elects to offer the benefits provided by this law to its employees who are in PERS and which also has employees under other retirement systems or pension plans would be required to provide comparable benefits to those eligible employees.

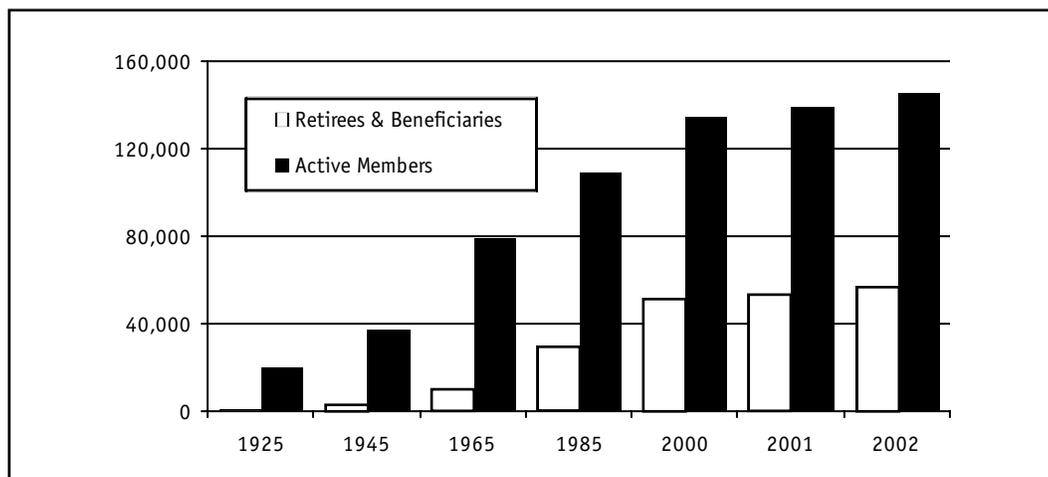
The additional PERS and TPAF pension liabilities incurred by the State and electing State autonomous authorities will be added to their accrued liability and funded pursuant current pension laws governing unfunded accrued liabilities. Cash payments to ABP members will be made by the State colleges and universities.

The Director of the Division of Pensions and Benefits is required to report annually for five years to the Joint Budget Oversight Committee on the aggregate costs and savings resulting from the enactment of this substitute.

This law was approved on May 30, 2002 and was effective immediately.

MEMBERSHIP

- As of June 30, 2002, the active membership of the Fund totaled 145,762. This includes 469 State employees and 145,293 employees from 679 participating local employers. There were 13,018 inactive members in the Fund as of June 30, 2002.
- There were 56,102 retirees and beneficiaries receiving annual pensions totaling \$1,484,867,590. *(This includes cost-of-living increases paid under the provisions of the Pension Adjustment Act).*
- Beneficiaries of 145 active and 1,947 retired members received lump sum death benefits in the amount of \$53,719,595.
- The Fund's assets totaled \$27,410,390,351 at the close of the fiscal year 2002.



MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY

During fiscal year 2002, the following transactions were processed by the Division of Pensions and Benefits on behalf of the membership of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund of New Jersey.

- **LOANS** - 19,000 loans were issued to members. The total loans receivable as of June 30, 2002 is \$256,038,595.
- **RETIREMENT** - 3,773 members retired under the following retirement types:

<u>TYPE OF RETIREMENT</u>		<u>OPTION SELECTION</u>	
Service	1,359	Maximum	1,598
Early	1,945	Option 1	425
Deferred	159	Option 2	290
Ordinary Disability	148	Option 3	315
Accidental Disability	7	Option 4	8
Veteran	155	Other	1,137
TOTAL	3,773	TOTAL	3,773

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Trustees
State of New Jersey
Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund:

We have audited the accompanying statements of fiduciary net assets of the State of New Jersey Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (the Fund) as of June 30, 2002 and 2001, and the related statements of changes in fiduciary net assets for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the State of New Jersey Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund as of June 30, 2002 and 2001, and the changes in its financial position for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 2, the Fund adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, as amended by No. 37, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments: Omnibus*, as of July 1, 2000.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and the supplementary information included in the schedule of funding progress and schedule of employer contributions are not a required part of the financial statements, but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit this information and express no opinion on it.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The schedule of changes in fiduciary net assets by fund is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of the Fund. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

KPMG LLP

September 6, 2002

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund

June 30, 2002 and 2001

Our discussion and analysis of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (the Fund)'s financial performance provides an overview of the Fund's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002. Please read it in conjunction with the basic financial statements and financial statement footnotes which follow this discussion.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Net assets held in trust for pension and post-retirement medical benefits decreased by \$3,998,316,766 as a result of this year's operations from \$31,256,451,607 to \$27,258,134,841.
- Additions for the year were (\$2,174,527,523), which are comprised of member and employer pension contributions of \$335,195,188 and investment losses of (\$2,509,722,711).
- Deductions for the year were \$1,823,789,243, which are comprised of benefit and refund payments of \$1,814,140,853 and administrative expenses of \$9,648,390.
- The Fund utilized net assets (excess assets above the required funding level) to meet this year's normal pension contribution requirements.
- Net assets held in trust for post-retirement medical benefits were used this year to pay premiums and other periodic charges for health care benefits for qualified retirees and their dependents.

THE STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS AND THE STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

This annual report consists of two financial statements: *The Statements of Fiduciary Net Assets* and *The Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets*. These financial statements report information about the Fund and about its activities to help you assess whether the Fund, as a whole, has improved or declined as a result of the year's activities. The financial statements were prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period they are earned, and expenses are recorded in the year they are incurred, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The Statements of Fiduciary Net Assets show the balances in all of the assets and liabilities of the Fund at the end of the fiscal year. The difference between assets and liabilities represents the Fund's fiduciary net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in the Fund's fiduciary net assets provide one indication of whether the financial health of the Fund is improving or declining. *The Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets* show the results of financial operations for the year. The statements provide an explanation for the change in the Fund's fiduciary net assets since the prior year. These two financial statements should be reviewed along with the information contained in the financial statement footnotes, including the required supplementary schedules, to determine whether the Fund is becoming financially stronger or weaker.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

The Fund's assets mainly consist of cash, investments and contributions due from members and participating employers. Between fiscal year 2001 and 2002, total assets decreased by \$3,963,930,535 or 12.6% from \$31,374,320,886 to \$27,410,390,351. The decrease in total assets is mainly due to a loss in the fair value of the Fund's investments and an increase in benefit payments. During the year, the Fund had an estimated investment loss of 9.0%.

Liabilities consist of pension and death benefit payments owed to members and beneficiaries, noncontributory group insurance premiums owed to the Fund's insurance provider, and other payables. Total liabilities increased by \$34,386,231 or 29.2% over last year from \$117,869,279 to \$152,255,510. This is mainly due to an increase in retirement and insurance benefit payments. In addition, accruals for insurance benefit payments include three months of premium charges and increased by 6.5 millions.

Net assets held in trust for pension and post-retirement health benefits decreased by \$3,998,316,766 or 12.8% primarily due to the investment losses realized by the Fund.

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

ADDITIONS TO FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

	2002	2001	Increase(Decrease)
Member Contributions	\$ 331,060,403	\$ 371,618,136	\$ (40,557,733)
Employer Contributions	4,134,785	177,542,203	(173,407,418)
Investment & Other	(2,509,722,711)	(3,394,654,946)	884,932,235
Totals	\$ (2,174,527,523)	\$ (2,845,494,607)	\$ 670,967,084

Additions primarily consist of member and employer contributions and earnings from investment activities. Member contributions decreased by 10.9% due to a reduction in the employee contribution rate from 4.5% to 3%. The rate change was effective 1/01/02. Employer contributions decreased significantly due to the fact that the State was not required to make a contribution in fiscal year 2002 toward the cost of post-retirement medical benefits. Under legislation passed during the year (Chapter 11, P.L. 2002), the State was permitted to use net assets held in trust for post-retirement medical benefits to cover this year's anticipated premiums. This legislation also suspended for 2002 and 2003 the annual State contribution to the Post-retirement Medical Fund.

This year is the third consecutive year that the State and local participating employers have not been required to make a normal pension contribution to the Fund. The required normal contributions have been funded using net assets (excess assets above the required funding level). Net assets have been available mainly due to Pension Security legislation passed in 1997. This legislation authorized the New Jersey Economic Development Authority to issue bonds and to use the proceeds from the bond sale to eliminate the unfunded accrued pension liabilities of the retirement systems. The Fund received bond proceeds in 1997 of \$1,547,688,633. This influx of funds, coupled with investment returns in the late 1990s, has produced excess net assets which have been utilized to cover the normal contributions from 2000 through 2002. Excess net assets also covered the full normal contribution in 1998; however, in 1999, only a partial offset was made, and the State was required to make a payment that year. For the second consecutive year, the Fund had an investment loss. In fiscal year 2002, the total investment loss for all pension funds was estimated to be 9.0% compared to 10.4% in the prior year.

DEDUCTIONS FROM FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

	2002	2001	Increase(Decrease)
Benefits	\$ 1,791,516,438	\$ 1,539,418,801	\$ 252,097,637
Refunds & Adjustments	22,624,415	23,730,536	(1,106,121)
Administrative Expenses	9,648,390	7,923,827	1,724,563
Totals	\$ 1,823,789,243	\$ 1,571,073,164	\$ 252,716,079

Deductions are mainly comprised of pension benefit payments to retirees and beneficiaries, refunds of contributions to former members and administrative costs incurred by the Fund. Benefit payments increased primarily because legislation was passed (Chapter 353, P.L. 2001 and Chapter 133, P.L. 2001) that provides a 9.09% increase in benefits to retirees and beneficiaries. The benefit enhancements were effective with the November 1, 2001 retirement checks. The number of retirees receiving benefits has also increased. The number of refunds

processed has decreased compared to last year due to fewer terminations. Administrative expenses have increased mainly due to contractual increases in salaries and higher fringe benefit costs.

RETIREMENT SYSTEM AS A WHOLE

The overall funded ratio of 108.0% indicates that the Fund has assets sufficient to meet its benefit obligations now and in the future.

CONTACTING SYSTEM FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The financial report is designed to provide our members, customers, investors and other interested parties with a general overview of the Fund's finances and to show the Fund's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Division of Pensions and Benefits, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, NJ 08625-0295.

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Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets
Years ended June 30, 2002 and 2001

	2002		2001	
	PENSION FUND	POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL FUND	PENSION FUND	POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL FUND
		TOTAL		TOTAL
Additions:				
Contributions:				
Members	\$ 331,060,403	331,060,403	371,618,136	371,618,136
Employers	4,134,785	4,134,785	1,984,203	175,558,000
Other	1,172	1,172	1,475	—
Total contributions	335,196,360	335,196,360	373,603,814	175,558,000
Investment income:				
Net (depreciation) appreciation in fair value of investments	(3,363,897,919)	(29,360,080)	(4,426,011,126)	(27,515,577)
Interest	701,328,488	701,328,488	889,672,402	—
Dividends	185,553,692	185,553,692	172,570,738	—
	(2,477,015,739)	(29,360,080)	(3,363,767,986)	(27,515,577)
Less investment expense	3,348,064	3,348,064	3,372,858	—
Net investment income	(2,480,363,803)	(29,360,080)	(3,367,140,844)	(27,515,577)
Total additions	(2,145,167,443)	(29,360,080)	(2,993,537,030)	148,042,423
Deductions:				
Benefits	1,538,587,185	252,929,253	1,330,171,296	209,247,505
Refunds of contributions	22,624,415	—	23,730,536	—
Administrative expenses	9,648,390	—	7,923,827	—
Total deductions	1,570,859,990	252,929,253	1,361,825,659	209,247,505
Change in net assets	(3,716,027,433)	(282,289,333)	(4,355,362,689)	(61,205,082)
Transfers among reserves	—	—	(122,855,335)	122,855,335
Net assets - Beginning of year	30,930,228,496	326,223,111	35,408,446,520	264,572,858
Net assets - End of year	\$ 27,214,201,063	43,933,778	30,930,228,496	326,223,111

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
TEACHERS' PENSION AND ANNUITY FUND**

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2002 and 2001

(1) DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND

The State of New Jersey Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (the Fund) is a cost-sharing contributory defined benefit plan with a special funding situation which was established as of January 1, 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:66. The Fund is included along with other state-administered pension trust and agency funds in the basic financial statements of the State of New Jersey.

The Fund's designated purpose is to provide retirement benefits, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. Membership in the Fund is mandatory for substantially all teachers or members of the professional staff certified by the State Board of Examiners, and employees of the Department of Education who have titles that are unclassified, professional and certified. The Fund's Board of Trustees is primarily responsible for the administration of the Fund.

According to the State of New Jersey Administrative Code, all obligations of the Fund will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should the Fund terminate.

Vesting and Benefit Provisions:

The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 18A:66. The Fund provides retirement, death and disability benefits, as well as medical benefits for certain qualified members. All benefits vest after eight to ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of the Fund. Retirement benefits for age and service are available at age 60 and, under recently enacted legislation referred to below, are generally determined to be 1/55 of final average salary for each year of service credit (as defined). Final average salary equals the average salary for the final three years of service prior to retirement (or highest three years' compensation if other than the final three years). Members may seek early retirement after achieving 25 years service credit, as defined, or they may elect deferred retirement after achieving eight to ten years of service credit, in which case benefits would begin the first day of the month after the member attains normal retirement age.

Members are always fully vested for their own contributions and, after three years of service credit, become vested for 2% of related interest earned on the contributions. In the case of death before retirement, members' beneficiaries are entitled to full interest credited to the members' accounts.

Eligible retirees receiving monthly benefits are entitled to cost-of-living increases equal to 60% of the change in the average consumer price index for the calendar year in which the pensioner retired as compared to the average consumer price index for a 12-month period ending with each August 31st immediately preceding the year in which the adjustment becomes payable. The regular retirement allowance is multiplied by the 60% factor as developed and results in a dollar amount of the adjustment payable. Retired members become eligible for pension adjustment benefits (COLA) after 24 months of retirement.

Significant Legislation:

Legislation was passed during the current fiscal year (Chapter 353, P.L. 2001) that provides an increase in the special veterans' retirement allowance and the ordinary and accidental disability retirement allowances. The special veterans retirement allowance increased from 50% to 54.5% of the member's compensation during the highest-paid year of service. The minimum ordinary disability retirement allowance increased from

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Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

(1) DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND, Continued

40% to 43.6% of final average compensation, and the accidental disability retirement allowance increased from 66.66% to 72.7% of the actual annual compensation at the time of the accident. Existing retirees and beneficiaries are eligible for the increases, which are effective October 2001.

Chapter 23, P.L. 2002 provides early retirement incentive benefits to State employees who meet specified age and service requirements and who retire within a specified time period that generally extends from February 1, 2002 to July 1, 2002. The incentive benefits include an additional three years of service credit to employees who are at least 50 years of age with at least 25 years of service credit; State paid health care benefits to employees who are at least 60 years of age with at least 20, but less than 25, years of service credit; and an additional monthly benefit of \$500 per month for 24 months following the date of retirement to employees who are at least 60 years of age with at least 10, but not more than 20, years of service credit. For those eligible for veteran's retirement benefit, the incentive is an additional pension of 3/55 of the compensation upon which the retirement benefit is based to employees who are at least 55 years of age with 25 or more years of service credit.

Legislation passed in fiscal year 2001 (Chapter 133, P.L. 2001) increased the retirement benefits under service, deferred and early retirement by changing the formula from 1/60 to 1/55 of final compensation for each year of service. This legislation also increased the retirement benefit for veteran members with 35 or more years of service and reduces the age qualification from 60 to 55. Existing retirees and beneficiaries received a comparable percentage increase in their retirement allowances. This benefit enhancement was effective with the November 1, 2001 benefit payments.

Membership and Contributing Employers:

Membership and contributing employers of the Fund consisted of the following at June 30:

2001	PENSION BENEFITS	POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits and employees entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them	55,109	37,530
Active members:		
Vested	77,293	29,127
Non-vested	58,557	106,723
Total active members	135,850	135,850
Total	190,959	173,380
Contributing Employers	120	1

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TEACHERS' PENSION AND ANNUITY FUND**

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

(1) DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND, Continued

2000	PENSION BENEFITS	POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits and employees entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them	52,605	35,088
Active members:		
Vested	77,994	29,385
Non-vested	51,993	100,602
Total active members	129,987	129,987
Total	182,592	165,075
Contributing Employers	122	1

(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting:

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The Fund is accounted for using an economic resources measurement focus. The Fund that focuses on total economic resources employs the accrual basis of accounting, which recognizes increases and decreases in economic resources as soon as the underlying event or transaction occurs.

The accrual basis of accounting is used for measuring financial position and changes in fiduciary net assets of the Fund. Under this method, revenues are recorded in the accounting period in which they are earned and deductions are recorded at the time the liabilities are incurred. The financial statements of the Fund conform to the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 25, "Financial Reporting for Defined Benefit Plans and Note Disclosures for Defined Contributions Plans" and No. 26, "Financial Reporting for Post-employment Healthcare Plans Administered by Defined Benefit Pension Plans." Plan assets are recorded at fair value. Employer contributions are recognized when payable to the Fund. Benefits and refunds are recognized when payable in accordance with the terms of the Fund.

New Accounting Standards Adopted:

Effective July 1, 2000, the Division adopted two new statements of financial accounting standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB):

Statement No. 34 *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*

Statement No. 37 *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments: Omnibus*

Statement No. 34 (as amended by Statement No. 37) requires as required supplementary information

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Management's Discussion and Analysis which includes an analytical overview of the Fund's financial activities.

Investment Valuation:

Investments, including short-term investments (State of New Jersey Cash Management Funds), are reported at fair value. Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates. Mortgages are valued on the basis of future principal and interest payments, and are discounted at prevailing interest rates for similar instruments. Investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair value.

The State of New Jersey Division of Investment, under the jurisdiction of the State Investment Council, has the investment responsibility for all funds administered by the State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. All investments must conform to standards set by state law.

The State of New Jersey Division of Investment administers three common pension funds which are utilized by the Fund. A brief description of each common pension fund is as follows:

Common Pension Fund A - The operations of Common Pension Fund A are governed by the provisions of Article 62 of the State of New Jersey Investment Council regulations for the purpose of investing in corporate common stocks, securities convertible into corporate common stocks or covered call options.

Common Pension Fund B - The operations of Common Pension Fund B are governed by the provisions of Article 63 of the State of New Jersey Investment Council regulations for the purpose of investing in fixed income and debt securities.

Common Pension Fund D - The operations of Common Pension Fund D are governed by the provisions of Article 67 of the State of New Jersey Investment Council regulations for the purpose of investing in international debt and equity securities, currencies, currency futures, and options.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Investment, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements of the State of New Jersey Cash Management Funds, Common Pension Fund A, Common Pension Fund B and Common Pension Fund D. The financial reports may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Investment, P.O. Box 290, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0290.

The purchase, sale, receipt of income, and other transactions affecting investments are governed by custodial agreements between the Fund, through the State Treasurer, and custodian banks as agents for the Fund. State laws and policies set forth the requirements of such agreements and other particulars as to the size of the custodial institutions, amount of the portfolio to be covered by the agreements, and other pertinent matters.

GASB Statement No. 3 requires disclosure of the level of risk assumed by the Fund. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the Fund or its agent in the Fund's name. As of June 30, 2002 and 2001, all investments held by the Fund (other than mortgages and the State of New Jersey Cash Management Funds which are not categorized) are classified as Category 1.

In 2001, the Board of Trustees approved that the Post-Retirement Medical Fund earn a rate of return con-

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(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued

sistent with the Fund. In prior years, the Post-Retirement Medical Fund earned a statutorily determined fixed rate of return of 8.75%.

Federal securities are maintained at Federal Reserve Banks in Philadelphia and New York through the custodian banks in trust for the Fund. A significant portion of corporate equity and debt securities are maintained by the Depository Trust Company (DTC) through the custodian banks in trust for the Fund. The custodian banks, as agents for the Fund, maintain internal accounting records identifying the securities maintained by the Federal Reserve Banks and the DTC as securities owned by or pledged to the Fund.

Securities not maintained by the Federal Reserve Banks or DTC are in the name of a designated nominee representing the securities of the Fund, which establishes the Fund's unconditional right to the securities.

Members' Loans:

Members can borrow up to 50% of their accumulated member contributions. To obtain a loan, a member must have at least three years of service credit in the Fund. Repayment of loan balances is deducted from payroll checks and bears an interest rate of 4%. Members who retire with an outstanding loan have the option of paying the loan in full prior to receiving any benefits or continuing their monthly loan repayment schedule into retirement.

Administrative Expenses:

The Fund is administered by the State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. Administrative expenses are paid by the Fund to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, and are included in the accompanying statements of changes in fiduciary net assets.

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

GASB Statement No. 3 also requires that deposits held in financial institutions be categorized to indicate the level of risk assumed by the entity. Category 1 consists of deposits that are insured or collateralized with securities held by the entity or by its agent in the entity's name. Category 2 consists of deposits collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the entity's name. Category 3 consists of deposits which are uninsured and uncollateralized.

Based upon aggregate collateral levels maintained for all state bank accounts as a whole, substantially all cash balances maintained in financial institutions as of June 30, 2002, which include funding for the July 1, 2002 retirement payroll, are designated Category 3.

The categorization of cash and cash equivalents for all state funds, including the pension trust funds, can be found in the notes to the general purpose financial statements of the State of New Jersey.

(3) CONTRIBUTIONS

The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 18:66 and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. Members contribute at a uniform rate. In accordance with legislation passed in 2001 (Chapter 133, P.L. 2001), the employee contribution rate was lowered to 3% effective January 1, 2002. Prior to this date,

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(3) CONTRIBUTIONS, Continued

employees had been contributing at a rate of 4.5%. The rate will remain at 3% for as long as surplus assets are available in the Fund. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The annual employer contribution includes funding for basic retirement allowances, cost-of-living adjustments and noncontributory death benefits. The State of New Jersey's contribution also includes funding for the cost of medical premiums after retirement for qualified retirees. In accordance with Chapter 62, P.L. 1994, post-retirement medical benefits have been funded on a pay-as-you-go basis since 1994. Prior to 1994, medical benefits were funded on an actuarial reserve basis. Beginning 1996, the State has made an additional contribution to the Post-Retirement Medical Reserve Fund to ensure an increase in the fund balance of 1/2 of 1% of the salary of active state employees.

The State and local employers were not required to make a normal contribution to the System in 2002 and 2001. The normal contribution for basic pension benefits, noncontributory death benefits, and cost-of-living adjustments was funded by actuarially determined excess valuation assets in accordance with Chapter 115, P.L. 1997. This legislation provides for actuarially determined excess valuation assets to offset required normal contributions of the State of New Jersey and the local participating employers. Through FY 2002, excess valuation assets may be used to the extent possible to offset normal contributions. Thereafter, a certain percentage of available excess valuation assets may be used as specified in the legislation.

The State also made no post-retirement medical (PRM) contribution in FY 2002. Legislation passed in 2002 (Chapter 11, P.L. 2002) allows the State to use net assets in PRM Fund to cover required pay-as-you-go medical premiums. This legislation also suspends in fiscal years 2002 and 2003 the additional PRM contribution to increase the fund balance by 1/2 of 1% of active member salaries for the valuation period. The additional PRM contribution will resume in fiscal year 2004 and will be computed to provide an increase in the reserve fund of 3/5 of 1% of active member salaries for the valuation period.

The State made a contribution of \$175,558,000 in 2001 for post-retirement medical benefits.

To fund the benefit increases provided by Chapter 133, referred to in Note 1, the legislation provides for the use of excess assets. A special benefit enhancement fund was established from which the required normal contributions for the increased benefits will be charged. To fund the accrued liabilities incurred by the System, the actuarial value of assets for the valuation period ending June 30, 1999 was adjusted to reflect the full market value of assets.

The benefit enhancement fund will also provide funding for the benefit increases under Chapter 353, P.L. 2001. Actuarially determined excess valuation assets will cover the additional accrued liability incurred by the retirement fund.

(4) FUNDS

This Fund maintains the following legally required funds:

Members' Annuity Savings and Accumulative Interest Fund
(2002 - \$5,782,201,078; 2001 - \$5,431,880,738)

The Members' Annuity Savings Fund is credited with all contributions made by active members of the Fund.

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(4) FUNDS, Continued

Interest earned on member contributions is credited to the Accumulated Interest Fund. The annual rate of interest on member contributions, as required by Chapter 62, P.L. 1994, is 8.75%.

Contingent Reserve Fund (2002 - \$5,073,217,056; 2001 - \$ 12,374,096,154)

The Contingent Reserve Fund is credited with the contributions of employers other than post-retirement medical contributions. Interest earnings, after crediting the Accumulated Interest Fund, Retirement Reserve Fund, and Special Reserve Fund, are credited to this account. Additionally, payments for life insurance premiums are made from this Fund.

Retirement Reserve Fund (2002 - \$15,565,429,321; 2001 - \$13,047,201,732)

The Retirement Reserve Fund is the account from which retirement benefits other than life insurance premiums, contributory group insurance premiums, and post-retirement medical premiums, including cost-of-living benefits and medical benefits for certain retirees, are paid. Upon retirement of a member, accumulated contributions, together with accumulated regular interest, are transferred to the Retirement Reserve Fund from the Annuity Savings Fund. Any additional reserves needed for the retirement and cost-of-living benefits are transferred from the Contingent Reserve Fund. Annually, interest as determined by the State Treasurer (8.75% for 2001 and 2000) is credited to the Retirement Reserve Fund.

Special Reserve Fund (2002 - \$0; 2001 - \$0)

The Special Reserve Fund is the fund to which excess interest earnings and gains from sales and maturities of investments are transferred and against which any losses from the sales of securities are charged. The maximum limit on the accumulation of this account is 1% of the market value of the investments allocated to the Fund, excluding Cash Management Fund investments and bonds allocated to the Contributory Group Insurance Premium Fund which amounted to \$99,427,120 and \$78,814,799 as of June 30, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Amounts in excess of 1% are credited to the Contingent Reserve Fund.

Contributory Group Insurance Premium Fund (2002 - \$93,020,974; 2001 - \$77,049,872)

The Contributory Group Insurance Premium Fund represents the accumulation of member group insurance contributions in excess of premiums disbursed to the insurance carrier since the inception of the contributory death benefit program plus reserves held by the insurance carrier. Members are required by statute to participate in the contributory group insurance plan in the first year of membership and may cancel the contributory coverage thereafter. The current contribution rate for active members is 0.4 of 1% of salary, as defined.

Post-Retirement Medical Fund (2002 - \$43,933,778; 2001 - \$326,223,111)

The Post-Retirement Medical Fund is credited with employer contributions for post-retirement medical benefits, interest earnings on post-retirement medical reserves, and from which post-retirement medical premiums are paid.

Benefit Enhancement Reserve Fund (2002 - \$700,332,634; 2001 - \$0)

The Benefit Enhancement Reserve Fund is a special reserve fund from which required normal contributions to provide benefit increases under Chapter 353, P.L. 2001 and Chapter 133, P.L. 2001 will be charged. The fund was established in 2002 and credited with excess assets equivalent to member contributions for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 by transferring reserves in the Contingent Reserve Fund to the Benefit

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(4) **FUNDS, Continued**

Enhancement Fund. Additional transfers will be made, as required, to maintain a fund balance equal to the present value of expected additional normal contributions due to the increased benefits. The State will be required to make contributions to the Benefit Enhancement Fund on behalf of State and local members if excess valuation assets are not available.

(5) **INCOME TAX STATUS**

Based on a 1986 declaration of the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey, the Fund is a qualified plan as described in Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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Schedule of Funding Progress

ACTUARIAL VALUATION DATE	ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS (a)	ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY (b)	UNFUNDED (OVERFUNDED) ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY (b - a)	FUNDED RATIO (a / b)	COVERED PAYROLL (c)	UNFUNDED (OVERFUNDED) ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY AS A PERCENTAGE OF COVERED PAYROLL ((b - a) / c)
March 31, 1996	\$20,843,247,418	\$19,828,428,735	\$(1,014,818,683)	105.1%	\$5,594,150,132	(18.1%)
March 31, 1997	22,045,481,579	21,224,484,588	(820,996,991)	103.9%	5,771,763,164	(14.2%)
March 31, 1998	24,478,860,383	23,484,403,450	(994,456,933)	104.2%	5,989,748,156	(16.6%)
June 30, 1999	27,457,451,678	25,546,083,289	(1,911,368,389)	107.5%	6,254,198,406	(30.6%)
June 30, 2000	30,203,205,322	27,404,618,051	(2,798,587,271)	110.2%	6,571,641,181	(42.6%)
June 30, 2001	35,351,379,511	32,745,357,185	(2,606,022,326)	108.0%	6,948,381,383	(37.5%)

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Schedule of Funding Progress - Additional Actuarial Information

Significant actuarial methods and assumptions used in the most recent June 30, 2001 and June 30, 2000 actuarial valuations included the following:

	June 30, 2001	June 30, 2000
Actuarial cost method	Projected unit credit	Projected unit credit
Asset valuation method	5 year average of market value	5 year average of market value
Amortization method	Level percent, closed	Level percent, closed
Payroll growth rate for amortization	5.00%	5.00%
Remaining amortization period	40 years for UAAL balance 10 years for asset method change	8 years
Actuarial assumptions:		
Interest rate	8.75%	8.75%
Salary range	5.95%	5.95%
Cost-of-living adjustments	2.40%	2.40%

Annual covered payroll is an estimate based upon annualizing one quarter's actual payroll.

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 Schedule of Employer Contributions

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30,	ANNUAL REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION	EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS ⁽¹⁾	PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTED
1997	\$ 372,060,546	\$ 1,601,688,633 ⁽²⁾	430.5%
1998	297,219,462	—	0.0%
1999	314,671,482	258,816,649	82.2%
2000	368,904,564	—	0.0%
2001	—	—	N/A
2002	—	—	N/A

Notes to Schedule:

(1) Excludes post-retirement medical contributions and contributions received from other State of New Jersey retirement systems or funds for certain members who transferred their eligible prior service credit to the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund.

In accordance with Chapter 115, P.L. 1997, available excess valuation assets were used to fund, in full or in part, required employer contributions.

(2) For the year ended June 30, 1997, the employer contributions exceeded the annual required contributions as a result of legislation that was enacted (Chapter 114, P.L. 1997) authorizing the New Jersey Economic Development Authority to issue bonds, notes or other obligations for the purpose of financing, in full or in part, the State of New Jersey's portion of the unfunded accrued liability under the State of New Jersey retirement systems.

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Schedule of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets by Fund
Year ended June 30, 2002

	MEMBERS' ANNUITY SAVINGS AND ACCUMULATIVE INTEREST FUND	CONTRIBUTORY GROUP					TOTAL
		CONTINGENT RESERVE FUND	RETIREMENT RESERVE FUND	SPECIAL RESERVE FUND	POST- RETIREMENT MEDICAL FUND	BENEFIT ENHANCEMENT FUND	
Additions:							
Contributions:							
Members	\$ 302,659,834	—	—	—	—	—	331,060,403
Employers	—	4,134,785	—	—	—	—	4,134,785
Other	—	—	—	—	—	1,172	1,172
Total contributions	302,659,834	4,134,785	—	—	—	1,172	335,196,360
Distribution of net investment income	423,817,564	(4,228,689,288)	1,271,050,873	—	14,856,037	(29,360,080)	(2,509,723,883)
Total additions	726,477,398	(4,224,554,503)	1,271,050,873	—	43,256,606	(29,360,080)	(2,174,527,523)
Deductions:							
Benefits	—	26,434,091	1,484,866,418	—	27,285,504	252,929,253	1,791,516,438
Refunds of contributions	21,981,949	642,466	—	—	—	—	22,624,415
Administrative expenses	—	9,648,390	—	—	—	—	9,648,390
Total deductions	21,981,949	36,724,947	1,484,866,418	—	27,285,504	252,929,253	1,823,789,243
Net increase (decrease) before transfers among reserves	704,495,449	(4,261,279,450)	(213,815,545)	—	15,971,102	(282,289,333)	(3,998,316,766)
Transfers among reserves:							
Retirements	(355,332,829)	(901,967,381)	1,257,300,210	—	—	—	—
Other	1,157,720	(2,137,632,267)	1,474,742,924	—	—	661,731,623	—
Net increase (decrease)	350,320,340	(7,300,879,098)	2,518,227,589	—	15,971,102	(282,289,333)	(3,998,316,766)
Net assets held in trust for pension and post- retirement medical benefits:							
Beginning of year	5,431,880,738	12,374,096,154	13,047,201,732	—	77,049,872	326,223,111	31,256,451,607
End of year	\$ 5,782,201,078	5,073,217,056	15,565,429,321	—	93,020,974	43,933,778	27,258,134,841

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