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TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA

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**TO: Superintendent of Schools and/or Financial Officers**

**FROM: Tommy C. Beavers, Executive Secretary**

**SUBJECT: TRS MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2008-09**

The Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System is required to set a matching contribution rate local employers must make for employees when salaries are paid by federal funds or externally sponsored agreements such as grants, contracts and cooperative agreements.

**ON MARCH 26, 2008, THE BOARD SET THE MATCHING CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR THE 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR AT 7.5%.** This is an increase of one-half of one percent compared to the current school year. The matching contribution is required by 70 O.S. § 17-108(B) and is based on the State's contribution for employees whose salaries are paid by state funds.

**THE 7.5% MATCHING CONTRIBUTION IS IN ADDITION TO THE LOCAL EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION.** The local employer contribution is scheduled to increase to 8.50% for EESIP covered schools. The local employer contribution for non-EESIP schools (four-year colleges and universities) will remain at 7.55% until January 1, 2009. Effective January 1, 2009, the local employer contribution rate will increase to 9.0% for EESIP schools and 8.05% for non-EESIP schools. The increase in local contribution rates are contingent upon appropriations to cover the rate increases. Schools will be advised if these rate increases are effective at the end of this year's Legislative Session.

THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATE, WHICH WILL REMAIN AT 7% OF REGULAR ANNUAL COMPENSATION.

If you have questions about this or other retirement matters, please contact the Retirement Office. Our toll-free telephone number is 1-877-738-6365 or local at 405-521-2387.