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**DELEGATE NEWS**

**SUBJECT: Abandoned Accounts**

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For your information, we are providing a copy of the most recent Administrative Bulletin sent in May to all BOCES Superintendents.

Each year many STRS memberships are terminated as a result of members rendering insufficient creditable service in New York State public schools. When this occurs, the System makes every effort to contact these former members to advise them their contributions on deposit with the System are refundable.

However, we are unable to process a refund for many members because they do not have a current address on file with the System. We have advertised the unclaimed accounts in various teacher-related publications and currently make the complete list available on our Web site ([www.nystrs.org](http://www.nystrs.org)). Despite these efforts, there remains a large number of former members who have not claimed their refunds.

We are enclosing a copy of our most recent abandoned accounts list and ask for your assistance, where possible, in locating these former members. If you or your staff know any person(s) on the enclosed list, please encourage them to call us at (800) 348-7298, extension 6090.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Enclosure