



# THE NEW YORK STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM:

- **A SECURE RETIREMENT FOR OUR MEMBERS**
- **A STIMULUS FOR NEW YORK'S ECONOMY**



- Since 1991, NYSTRS has paid out in benefits over **four times as much** money as it has collected in contributions.
- Over the last 20 years, the market value of System assets has **more than doubled**.
- NYSTRS administers its defined benefit plan at **less than one quarter of the cost** of a typical defined contribution plan.



- Over the last 20 years, investment returns have accounted for **86% of NYSTRS' income**.
- NYSTRS **consistently exceeds** its 8% expected annual rate of return.
- The System's 25-year rate of return is **9.2%**.



- Annual retiree benefits provided by NYSTRS pump over **\$4.2 billion** into the economy of New York State.
- That money supports **137,000 jobs**.<sup>1</sup>
- Those benefits provide **\$1.7 billion in tax revenue** to the state.<sup>1</sup>

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