The following information was recently provided to NYSTRS’ participating employers. As a Retirement System delegate, it is important you are aware of these issues.

NYSTRS Launches Online Membership Tutorial for Employers

When processing new hires, employers are often unsure whether a NYSTRS membership is mandatory or optional. The Retirement System now has an easy and convenient solution for making the determination: the “Mandatory/Optional Membership” tutorial, which is available in the Employers section of nystrs.org.

School personnel responsible for enrolling members in NYSTRS can watch the video tutorial for a thorough explanation of the key differences between mandatory and optional membership. The interactive, self-guided tutorial clarifies important details, such as:

- What is mandatory membership?
- What is optional membership?
- What to consider when adding employees to NYSTRS reports.
- Who should join NYSTRS?
- What are the advantages of NYSTRS membership?

After completing the tutorial, viewers can test their knowledge with the “Mandatory/Optional Membership Quiz.”

The tutorial and quiz can be accessed by clicking on the Employer Tutorials tab on the left-hand menu of the Employers page of our Web site. Be sure to visit this page again in the future, as additional tutorials will be added.

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