The New York State Teachers’ Retirement System (NYSTRS) released its schedule of statewide Preretirement Planning Seminars for fall 2008 (see enclosure). Please copy the enclosed schedule and post in locations frequented by staff. The information is also available through the Retirement Planning page of our Web site at www.nystrs.org.

The daylong (8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.) seminars feature presentations and discussions on NYSTRS benefits, Social Security, financial planning, adjusting to retirement, legal considerations and other retirement-related topics. The purpose of the program is to focus on the questions and concerns that are important to those preparing for retirement.

The seminars are open to active NYSTRS members age 45 and older. Spouses or companions are also encouraged to attend. Instructions for making reservations, which will be accepted in the order they are received, are included on the seminar schedule. Since seminar participants are provided with personalized benefit information, they will need to show photo identification at the seminar.

We ask you to share this schedule with your staff immediately, so those wishing to attend can register before slots are filled. Thank you for your assistance.