Message from Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer Tom Lee

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[We recently emailed NYSTRS members reminding them we remain at their service during the COVID-19 pandemic. The email also reassured them our fund remains strong and that pension payments continue to be made on time and in full.

Many members took the time to email us back with thanks and words of encouragement. Tom Lee shared some of them in an email to all employees as a reminder of why we do what we do. Below is the content of that email.]

From: Thomas Lee
To: All TRS Employees
Subject: Our Members

Below are thanks and words of encouragement from our members. Have a good day!

- Thanks for the update. NYSTRS has always been as sound as the Rock of Gibraltar. I retired in 1986 and my pension has been the steadfast foundation of my retirement. VERY APPRECIATIVE!!!!

- Thank you. As always, you act promptly, responsibly and fairly, choosing the right options.

- Thank you for your awesome stewardship of our pensions in this challenging financial environment.

- Thank you for this e-mail. As a retiree I was quite worried about what I would do if my pension were in trouble. This e-mail at least made me feel better about my future and NYSTRS future.

- Thank you so very much for the reassurance to the retirees of NY State. God Bless all of you who do and have always done such amazing work!

- Thank you for keeping our pension strong. It was wonderful to receive my monthly payment on time. Keep up the good work.

- Thank you for the great job that you all do for retired teachers. Keep up the wonderful work on our behalf.

- Thank you for this information and for continuing to do the fine work I, as a retiree, have come to depend upon.

- Thank you for updating us and staying in touch. Most of all, for continuing our monthly direct deposits of benefit retirement checks!

- Thank you so much for this email. I greatly appreciate hearing the good news.

- Thank you. So grateful for the NYSTRS!! Stay safe everyone!

- THANK YOU for my pension check that arrived on March 31! NYSTRS is the greatest!