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## 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!