



## New York State Teachers' Retirement System

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### Frequently Asked Questions: NYSTRS Election for Retired Teacher Board Seat

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1. **Who are the candidates and how do I learn more about them?**

The candidates are: Incumbent Board President David P. Keefe of Hempstead (his alternate is Donna A. Martin of Albany); and Sally L. Courtright of Loudonville (Mary T. Finneran of Cairo is her alternate).

You may learn about the candidates on our website. Visit NYSTRS.org and see the headline article "[Election Being Held for Retired Teacher Board Seat](#)" found under NYSTRS News on the homepage.

The September issue of NYSTRS' [Resource](#) newsletter contained an article about the election as well and directed retirees to learn about the candidates on our website. That issue was emailed to e-subscribers on Sept. 15 and the mailing of the hard copy began Sept. 16 for those who do not receive it electronically.

You may learn more about the 10-member Board, including trustee responsibilities, on the [About Us > Retirement Board](#) page at NYSTRS.org.

2. **What is the term for this position?**

The successful candidate will serve a three-year term from Jan. 1, 2023 through Dec. 31, 2025.

3. **Who can vote in the election?**

All NYSTRS members who are retired as of Oct. 1, 2022 are eligible to vote.

4. **How are the election procedures determined?**

The election of a retired teacher member of NYSTRS' Board is handled per Section 505-a of New York State Education Law and NYSTRS' Rules and Regulations. Should you wish to learn more, please refer to NYSTRS' [Rules and Regulations](#), available on the Library > Publications > Legal page at NYSTRS.org.

5. **Who is conducting the election and how will I receive my ballot?**

NYSTRS is using the services of a third-party vendor, American Arbitration Associates (AAA), to

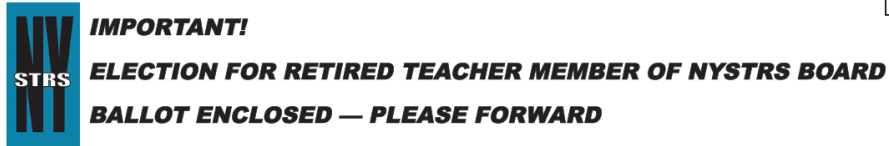
conduct a paper ballot election (i.e., mail vote). AAA will distribute and tabulate the ballots.

- 6. **When will retirees receive their ballot in the mail? How will they know it is NYSTRS material?**  
 American Arbitration Associates (AAA) began mailing ballots and postage-paid return envelopes Oct. 1 and will complete the mailing by Oct. 15.

Retirees should look for this envelope in their mailboxes:

AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION  
 120 BROADWAY - 21st FLOOR  
 NEW YORK, NY 10271-0079

First-Class Mail  
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 U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
 New York, NY  
 Permit #4430



Ballots must be returned to AAA by mail, be postmarked by Oct. 31, and be received by AAA no later than Nov. 12 to be counted.

- 7. **Will NYSTRS be able to see who I voted for?**  
 No. This is a secret ballot election. You will place your secret ballot envelope inside the postage-paid reply envelope. Although your name, address and a barcode are on the business reply envelope to confirm eligibility to vote, that envelope will be separated from the secret ballot envelope before the ballot is counted. Your vote will be confidential.
- 8. **What if I lost or damaged my ballot or the related return envelope?**  
 If you did not receive your ballot, or if you lost or damaged your ballot, please call the American Arbitration Association ballot hotline at (800) 529-5218, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, to request a duplicate ballot. Security measures are in place to prevent duplicate votes.
- 9. **What security measures are in place to prevent people from voting more than once?**  
 Security measures are in place to prevent people from voting more than once. A barcode assigned to each eligible voter is printed on the business reply envelope. When ballots are returned to American Arbitration Associates, the barcode is scanned to confirm eligibility and to prevent more than one vote.
- 10. **When will we know the results of the election?**  
 The Board of Elections will meet Monday, Nov. 14 at 1 p.m. to certify the election results. The outcome will be made public within one business day and will be announced on NYSTRS.org.