### E-MAIL MESSAGE — October 25, 2017

TO: Certifying Officers, Human Resource Representatives, and Benefit Administrators

FROM: New Jersey Division of Pensions & Benefits, Benefits Education

#### SUBJECT: MEMBER WEBINARS — NEW TOPICS

The Division of Pensions & Benefits (NJDPB) is pleased to announce the addition of six **NEW Webinar topics** for retirement system members. These are in addition to our regular Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), Teachers' Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF), and Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) Retirement Planning webinars/seminars, and the Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) Overview for Employees webinars/seminars.

Please share the attached document with your employees. The file is in PDF format and requires Acrobat Reader which is available free from Adobe via a link at: <u>http://www.state.nj.us/acrobat.htm</u>

#### View available Dates and Register Online at:

http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/workshop-webinars.shtml

The descriptions of the new webinars are as follows:

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#### **PERS and TPAF Retirement Estimates**

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This webinar explains the various pension options for PERS and TPAF members that add financial flexibility when there is a need to provide for others after your death. The options are described in detail so that you can make an informed choice on this very important decision. We will discuss the different options that are available, who can be named as a beneficiary, the effect each option has on your own monthly benefit, and other important advantages and limitations to consider. This webinar is approximately 20 minutes long and is followed by a brief Q&A period.

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- Local Education Employees (PERS and TPAF members employed by a board of education, charter school, or a community/county college.)

### ADDITIONAL TRAINING DATES

Please check our website regularly for newly added seminar/webinar dates and/or locations. For a complete list of employee pension training opportunities, visit the NJDPB Seminar Registration page at: <a href="http://nj.gov/treasury/pensions/workshop-webinars.shtml">http://nj.gov/treasury/pensions/workshop-webinars.shtml</a>

### DISTRIBUTION OF THIS MESSAGE

Certifying Officers should make this information available to their employees, and forward this message to their Human Resources staff, benefit administrators, and any other staff members responsible for the administration of pension and benefits for employees.

**Please note:** It is important that the Certifying Officer's and all other EPIC-Users e-mail addresses are kept current with the Employer Pensions and Benefits Information Connection (EPIC) to assure the accurate and timely delivery of this information. Update your information using the Employer Demographics application in EPIC.

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Wednesday, November 8, 2017	2:00 P.M.
Monday, November 13, 2017	2:00 P.M.
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# For State Employees

Date	Time
Monday, October 30, 2017	10:00 A.M.
Tuesday, November 21, 2017	2:00 P.M.
Tuesday, December 12, 2017	11:00 A.M.
Tuesday, December 26, 2017	10:00 A.M.

# For Local Government Employees

Date	Time
Tuesday, October 31, 2017	2:00 P.M.
Wednesday, November 15, 2017	2:00 P.M.
Tuesday, November 21, 2017	9:00 A.M.
Tuesday, December 5, 2017	9:00 A.M.

# For Local Education Employees

Date	Time
Wednesday, November 1, 2017	2:00 P.M.
Friday, November 24, 2017	2:00 P.M.
Thursday, December 14, 2017	2:00 P.M.
Friday, December 29, 2017	9:30 A.M.

**To see all available seminar/webinar dates and/or locations, or to register,** please visit our registration page at: <u>http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/workshop-</u>

webinars.shtml or visit our website at: <u>http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/</u> and click on "Seminars and Webinars for Employees enrolled in PERS, TPAF, or PFRS" under "Counseling and Training" to select the appropriate program.