Teachers' Survivors Benefit Cost-Sharing Plan
Schedule of Employer Allocations
Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer
June 30, 2019 Measurement Date
(for Fiscal 2020 Employer Reporting)



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We have completed our audit of the Schedule of Employer Allocations and Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer for the Teachers' Survivors Benefit plan, a cost-sharing defined benefit plan administered by the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Rhode Island for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

These schedules are required for employers participating in the Teachers' Survivors Benefit plan to meet their financial reporting responsibilities under generally accepted accounting principles – specifically the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68 – Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions.

Our report is contained herein as outlined in the Table of Contents.

Sincerely,

Dennis E. Hoyle, CPA

**Auditor General** 

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## Teacher's Survivors Benefit Cost-Sharing Plan

# Schedules of Employer Allocations Schedules of Pension Amounts by Employer

June 30, 2019 Measurement Date

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Teachers' Survivors Benefit (TSB) Plan covers certain teachers employed by local educational agencies. As a cost-sharing plan, separate valuations are not made for individual employers participating in the plan. The net pension asset is apportioned based on proportionate contributions – see Schedule A.

The measurement date is June 30, 2019 – the information included herein is intended for use in Fiscal 2020 financial reporting by employers participating in the TSB plan.

The net pension asset and other measures included herein have been developed consistent with the requirements of GASB 68 – *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. Such amounts are intended for accounting and financial reporting by governments which prepare their financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. These amounts may and will likely differ from amounts reported in actuarial valuations used to measure actuarially determined contribution amounts consistent with the plan's adopted funding policies.



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE SERVICES, GENERAL ASSEMBLY, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND:

RETIREMENT BOARD OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND:

We have audited the accompanying Schedule of Employer Allocations of the Teachers' Survivors Benefit (TSB) plan as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes. We have also audited the total for all entities of the columns titled ending net pension asset, total deferred outflows of resources, total deferred inflows of resources, and total pension expense (specified column totals) included in the accompanying Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer of the Teachers' Survivors Benefit plan as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Schedules

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these schedules in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the schedules that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on the Schedule of Employer Allocations and the specified column totals included in the Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Schedule of Employer Allocations and specified column totals included in the Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Schedule of Employer Allocations and specified column totals included in the Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Schedule of Employer Allocations and specified column totals included in the Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the Schedule of Employer Allocations and specified column totals included in the Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer to design audit procedures that are proper in the circumstances, but not for expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly,

Joint Committee on Legislative Services, General Assembly Retirement Board of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Rhode Island

we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Schedule of Employer Allocations and specified column totals included in the Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the schedules referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the employer allocations and ending net pension asset, total deferred outflows of resources, total deferred inflows of resources, and total pension expense for the total of all participating entities for the Teachers' Survivors Benefit cost-sharing plan as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Other Matter

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of the Teachers' Survivors Benefit plan within the Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and our report thereon, dated December 31, 2019, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements.

#### Restriction on Use

Our report is intended solely for the information and use of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Rhode Island management, the Retirement Board of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Rhode Island, the employers participating in the TSB plan as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019 and their auditors and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Dennis E. Hoyle, CPA

Auditor General

September 30, 2020

### TEACHERS' SURVIVORS BENEFIT COST SHARING PLAN Schedule of Employer Allocations

	Fiscal 2019 employer contribution					
Participating Employer Unit		Amount		%		
Barrington	\$	34,385		4.61013799%		
Bristol-Warren		33,364		4.47319336%		
Burrillville		24,265		3.25330808%		
Central Falls Collaborative		29,972		4.01843680%		
Coventry		51,488		6.90324623%		
Cranston		122,562		16.43235117%		
Cumberland		50,296		6.74342051%		
East Greenwich		27,981		3.75153951%		
East Providence		62,822		8.42286891%		
Foster		3,220		0.43171861%		
Foster-Glocester		14,838		1.98943577%		
Glocester		6,356		0.85220717%		
Johnston		39,265		5.26445446%		
Lincoln		34,615		4.64097503%		
Little Compton		3,910		0.52422974%		
Middletown		26,859		3.60108959%		
Newport		26,795		3.59251555%		
North Smithfield		19,550		2.62114869%		
Northern RI Collaborative		3,645		0.48868535%		
Portsmouth		27,652		3.70745058%		
Scituate		16,445		2.20484860%		
Smithfield		28,620		3.83713912%		
Tiverton		21,065		2.82427095%		
Urban Collaborative		1,610		0.21585930%		
Westerly		34,276		4.59546894%		
Totals	\$	745,856		100.00000000%		

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	Beginning Net	Ending Net
	Pension	Pension
	Liability (Asset)	Liability (Asset)
\$	(4,128,543)	\$ (5,230,011)
	(3,948,426)	(5,074,652)
	(2,965,162)	(3,690,743)
	(3,614,461)	(4,558,749)
	(6,438,556)	
	(14,668,001)	
	(5,900,486)	
	(3,381,097)	
	(7,340,532)	
	(375,321)	,
	(1,735,933)	\ ' ' '
	(744,741)	
	(4,578,176)	
	(4,204,930)	
	(455,120)	
	(3,187,669)	,
	(3,246,248)	` ' ' ' '
	(2,352,105)	` ' ' ' '
	(453,127)	, , ,
	(3,202,420)	
	(1,995,211) (3,408,169)	,
	(2,491,578)	
	(2,491,576)	
	(4,233,992)	, , ,
\$		
\$	(89,229,294)	\$ (113,445,838

	Pension Expense						
		Net Amortization of					
Proportio		Deferred Amounts from					
Share		Changes in Proportion and					
Pensi		Differences Between Employer					
Plar	1	Contributions and Proportionate					
Expen	se	Share of Contributions	Total				
\$	(21,257)	\$ 11,326	\$ (9,931)				
	(20,626)	7,898	(12,728)				
	(15,001)	1,882	(13,119)				
	(18,529)	49,468	30,939				
	(31,831)	59,723	27,892				
	(75,769)	(41,354)	(117,123)				
	(31,094)	(24,952)	(56,046)				
	(17,298)	(11,421)	(28,719)				
	(38,838)	(129,430)	(168,268)				
	(1,991)	(7,106)	(9,097)				
	(9,173)	(15,713)	(24,886)				
	(3,929)	(2,273)	(6,202)				
	(24,274)	(76,209)	(100,483)				
	(21,399)	43,195	21,796				
	(2,417)	18,748	16,331				
	(16,604)	6,442	(10,162)				
	(16,565)	(36,068)	(52,633)				
	(12,086)	12,022	(64)				
	(2,253)	4,745	2,492				
	(17,095)	28,007	10,912				
	(10,166)	5,476	(4,690)				
	(17,693)	187	(17,506)				
	(13,023)	22,033	9,010				
	(995)	2,253	1,258				
	(21,190)	71,121	49,931				
\$ (40	51,096.00)	\$ -	\$ (461,096.00)				

#### Participating Employer

Barrington Bristol-Warren Burrillville Central Falls Collaborative Coventry Cranston Cumberland East Greenwich East Providence Foster Foster-Glocester Glocester Johnston Lincoln Little Compton Middletown Newport North Smithfield Northern RI Collaborative Portsmouth Scituate Smithfield Tiverton **Urban Collaborative** Westerly

Deferred Outflows of Resources							
		Difference	Changes in Proportion				
Difference		Between	and Differences				
Between		Projected	Between Employer				
Expected		and Actual	Contributions and	Total			
and Actual	Changes in	Investment	Proportionate Share	Deferred			
Experience	Assumptions	Earnings	of Contributions	Outflows			
\$ 569,953	\$ 455,716	\$ 254,861	\$ 201,625	\$ 1,482,155			
553,022	442,179	247,292	154,713	1,397,206			
402,207	321,592	179,853	208,889	1,112,541			
496,800	397,226	222,151	286,105	1,402,282			
853,449	682,392	381,632	525,142	2,442,615			
2,031,534	1,624,353	908,430	234,606	4,798,923			
833,690	666,593	372,797	152,987	2,026,067			
463,803	370,843	207,396	44,987	1,087,029			
1,041,321	832,608	465,642	159,804	2,499,375			
53,373	42,676	23,867	57,453	177,369			
245,954	196,658	109,982	52,740	605,334			
105,359	84,241	47,113	130,120	366,833			
650,845	520,396	291,035	-	1,462,276			
573,764	458,765	256,567	263,574	1,552,670			
64,811	51,821	28,981	363,632	509,245			
445,203	355,971	199,079	129,398	1,129,651			
444,143	355,123	198,605	189,177	1,187,048			
324,053	259,103	144,905	138,021	866,082			
60,416	48,307	27,016	53,575	189,314			
458,353	366,485	204,959	248,668	1,278,465			
272,586	217,951	121,891	105,503	717,931			
474,386	379,305	212,129	86,802	1,152,622			
349,165	279,182	156,134	137,616	922,097			
26,687	21,338	11,933	39,453	99,411			
568,139	454,266	254,051	413,966	1,690,422			
\$ 12,363,016	\$ 9,885,090	\$ 5,528,301	\$ 4,378,556	\$ 32,154,963			

	Deferred Inflows of Resources						
			Difference	Changes in Proportion			
	Difference		Between	and Differences			
	Between		Projected	Between Employer			
	Expected		and Actual	Contributions and	Total		
	and Actual	Changes in	Investment	Proportionate Share	Deferred		
Participating Employer	Experience	Assumptions	Earnings	of Contributions	Inflows		
Barrington	\$ 1,388,989	\$ -	\$ 306,364	\$ 136,466	\$ 1,831,819		
Bristol-Warren	1,347,730	-	297,265	138,583	1,783,578		
Burrillville	980,191	-	216,198	169,568	1,365,957		
Central Falls Collaborative	1,210,717	-	267,044	36,891	1,514,652		
Coventry	2,079,882	-	458,753	142,711	2,681,346		
Cranston	4,950,910	-	1,092,007	460,593	6,503,510		
Cumberland	2,031,728	-	448,132	268,678	2,748,538		
East Greenwich	1,130,303	-	249,308	104,753	1,484,364		
East Providence	2,537,730	-	559,739	810,770	3,908,239		
Foster	130,073	-	28,690	83,562	242,325		
Foster-Glocester	599,398	-	132,207	165,916	897,521		
Glocester	256,762	-	56,633	126,617	440,012		
Johnston	1,586,130	-	349,848	405,420	2,341,398		
Lincoln	1,398,281	-	308,415	31,642	1,738,338		
Little Compton	157,945	-	34,838	326,422	519,205		
Middletown	1,084,974	-	239,309	106,245	1,430,528		
Newport	1,082,391	-	238,740	360,374	1,681,505		
North Smithfield	789,727	-	174,188	79,599	1,043,514		
Northern RI Collaborative	147,236	-	32,475	23,127	202,838		
Portsmouth	1,117,019	-	246,378	141,620	1,505,017		
Scituate	664,300	-	146,523	76,997	887,820		
Smithfield	1,156,093	-	254,996	124,443	1,535,532		
Tiverton	850,926	-	187,686	29,020	1,067,632		
Urban Collaborative	65,036	-	14,345	28,539	107,920		
Westerly	1,384,571	-	305,391		1,689,962		
	\$ 30,129,042	\$ -	\$ 6,645,472	\$ 4,378,556	\$ 41,153,070		

	Collective Deferred Outflows for Plan as a Whole									
Participating Employer		2021		2022		2023		2024	2025	Thereafter
Barrington	\$	82,375	\$	(118,757)	\$	(7,345)	\$	20,502	\$ (84,365)	\$ (242,073)
Bristol-Warren		76,836		(118,321)		(10,220)		16,801	(88,826)	(262,644)
Burrillville		52,020		(89,916)		(11,295)		8,357	(66,486)	(146,095)
Central Falls Collaborative		111,397		(63,919)		33,192		57,466	(54,287)	(196,219)
Coventry		166,111		(135,064)		31,763		73,463	(102,806)	(272, 198)
Cranston		211,891		(505,021)		(107,909)		(8,648)	(418,275)	(876,624)
Cumberland		78,973		(215,229)		(52,265)		(11,530)	(146,492)	(375,929)
East Greenwich		46,395		(117,277)		(26,616)		(3,954)	(94,677)	(201,204)
East Providence		378		(367,096)		(163,545)		(112,666)	(267,866)	(498,071)
Foster		(453)		(19,288)		(8,855)		(6,247)	(10,235)	(19,879)
Foster-Glocester		14,947		(71,848)		(23,771)		(11,753)	(63,038)	(136,724)
Glocester		10,861		(26,319)		(5,725)		(577)	(18,498)	(32,921)
Johnston		4,923		(224,755)		(97,531)		(65,731)	(163,999)	(332,028)
Lincoln		114,719		(87,758)		24,398		52,432	(63,981)	(225,478)
Little Compton		26,827		3,956		16,625		19,791	(28,461)	(48,699)
Middletown		61,940		(95,169)		(8,143)		13,609	(69,768)	(203,345)
Newport		19,297		(137,437)		(50,619)		(28,918)	(94,160)	(202,620)
North Smithfield		52,417		(61,938)		1,406		17,239	(43,628)	(142,927)
Northern RI Collaborative		12,276		(9,044)		2,766		5,718	(5,379)	(19,861)
Portsmouth		85,144		(76,605)		12,991		35,386	(64,561)	(218,907)
Scituate		39,456		(56,738)		(3,454)		9,864	(44,159)	(114,858)
Smithfield		59,322		(108,084)		(15,354)		7,824	(99,163)	(227,456)
Tiverton		65,559		(57,659)		10,594		27,654	(39,682)	(152,002)
Urban Collaborative		5,580		(3,838)		1,379		2,683	(2,207)	(12,105)
Westerly		141,943		(58,548)		52,508		80,267	(30,469)	(185,241)
	\$	1,541,134	\$	(2,821,672)	\$	(405,025)	\$	199,032	\$ (2,165,468)	\$ (5,346,108)

	Net	Net	Net
	Pension	Pension	Pension
	Liability (Asset)	Liability (Asset)	Liability (Asset)
	1% Decrease		1% Increase
Participating Employer	(6.0% Discount Rate)	(7.0% Discount Rate)	(8.0% Discount Rate)
Barrington	\$ (4,030,202)	\$ (5,230,011)	\$ (6,123,357)
Bristol-Warren	(3,910,484)	(5,074,652)	(5,941,463)
Burrillville	(2,844,056)	(3,690,743)	(4,321,165)
Central Falls Collaborative	(3,512,934)	(4,558,749)	(5,337,438)
Coventry	(6,034,847)	(7,831,446)	(9,169,150)
Cranston	(14,365,231)	(18,641,818)	(21,826,064)
Cumberland	(5,895,127)	(7,650,130)	(8,956,863)
East Greenwich	(3,279,612)	(4,255,965)	(4,982,935)
East Providence	(7,363,307)	(9,555,394)	(11,187,570)
Foster	(377,410)	(489,767)	(573,425)
Foster-Glocester	(1,739,173)	(2,256,932)	(2,642,443)
Glocester	(745,003)	(966,794)	(1,131,933)
Johnston	(4,602,208)	(5,972,304)	(6,992,445)
Lincoln	(4,057,160)	(5,264,993)	(6,164,317)
Little Compton	(458,284)	(594,717)	(696,302)
Middletown	(3,148,088)	(4,085,286)	(4,783,102)
Newport	(3,140,592)	(4,075,559)	(4,771,714)
North Smithfield	(2,291,419)	(2,973,584)	(3,481,508)
Northern RI Collaborative	(427,211)	(554,393)	(649,090)
Portsmouth	(3,241,069)	(4,205,948)	(4,924,375)
Scituate	(1,927,488)	(2,501,309)	(2,928,562)
Smithfield	(3,354,443)	(4,353,075)	(5,096,632)
Tiverton	(2,468,990)	(3,204,018)	(3,751,302)
Urban Collaborative	(188,705)	(244,883)	(286,712)
Westerly	(4,017,378)	(5,213,368)	(6,103,874)
	\$ (87,420,421)	\$ (113,445,838)	\$ (132,823,741)

#### Teachers' Survivors Benefit Cost-Sharing Plan

## NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF EMPLOYER ALLOCATIONS AND PENSION AMOUNTS BY EMPLOYER June 30, 2019 Measurement Date

#### 1. Plan Description and Governance

The Employees' Retirement System of the State of Rhode Island (the System) acts as a common investment and administrative agent for pension benefits to be provided through various defined benefit and defined contribution retirement plans. The System is administered by the State of Rhode Island Retirement Board which was authorized, created and established in the Office of the General Treasurer as an independent retirement board to hold and administer, in trust, the funds of the retirement system.

Each plan's assets, including those of the Teachers' Survivors Benefit cost-sharing plan, are accounted for separately and may be used only for the payment of benefits to the members of that plan, in accordance with the terms of that plan.

The Teachers' Survivors Benefit Cost-Sharing Plan was established and placed under the management of the Retirement Board for the purpose of providing monthly benefits to certain survivors of deceased teachers previously employed in school districts that do not participate in social security. Specific eligibility criteria and the amount of the benefit is subject to the provisions of Chapter 16-16 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

#### 2. Schedule of Employer Allocations

The Schedule of Employer Allocations reflects employer contributions recognized for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 consistent with contributions reflected within the Plan's financial statements. The percentages included in the Schedules of Employer Allocations have been rounded to 8 decimal places.

The Schedule of Employer Allocations (Schedule A) reflects employer contribution amounts which are the preliminary basis for allocating the pension amounts to each employer. The final or effective allocations also include any changes in allocations between years which are reflected as deferred outflows/inflows and recognized over the remaining service lives of the respective employee group.

#### 3. Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer

The Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer was prepared by the Plan's actuary using amounts from (1) the Plan's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, (2) Required Supplementary Information prepared in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 67, and (3) certain data from the actuarial valuation of the Plan performed at June 30, 2018 rolled-forward to June 30, 2019. This Schedule utilizes the proportionate employer contribution schedule detailed in the Schedule of Employer Allocations to apportion each employer's amounts for the cost-sharing plan.

The Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer includes the sensitivity of the net pension liability (asset) to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the net pension liability (asset) of the employers calculated using the discount rate of 7.0 percent, as well as what the employers' net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate.

#### Net Pension Liability (Asset) – Sensitivity Analysis

1.00% Decrease		D	iscount Rate	1.0	00% Increase	
		(6.0%)		(7.0%)		(8.0%)
TSB	\$	(87,420,421)	\$	(113,445,838)	\$	(132,823,741)

#### Teachers' Survivors Benefit Cost-Sharing Plan

## NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF EMPLOYER ALLOCATIONS AND PENSION AMOUNTS BY EMPLOYER June 30, 2019 Measurement Date

#### 4. Relationship to the Plan financial statements

The components associated with pension expense and deferred outflows and inflows of resources have been determined based on the net increase in fiduciary net position as reflected for the TSB Plan in the System's financial statements and consistent with the requirements of GASB Statements No. 67 and 68.

#### Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting – The underlying information to prepare the allocation schedules is based on the System's financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019. The financial statements of the System are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the wages, subject to required contributions, are earned for the performance of duties for covered employment. Employer contributions to the plan are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions.

#### 6. Net Pension Liability (Asset)

The components of the net pension liability of the employers participating in the TSB Plan at June 30, 2019 were as follows:

Fiscal year ended June 30, 2019							
Total pension liability Plan Fiduciary net position	\$	225,971,393 339,417,231					
Employers' Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$	(113,445,838)					
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a							
percentage of total pension liability		150.2%					

#### 7. Actuarial methods and assumptions

The total pension liability was determined by actuarial valuations performed as of June 30, 2018, rolled forward to 2019, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

Actuarial Cost Method - Entry Age Normal - the Individual Entry Age Actuarial Cost methodology is used.

Investment Rate of Return - 7.00%

Projected Salary Increases – 3.0% to 13.0%

#### Mortality:

- Male Employees, RP-2014 Combined Healthy for Males with White Collar adjustments, projected with Scale Ultimate MP16.
- Female Employees, RP-2014 Combined Healthy for Females with White Collar adjustments, projected with Scale Ultimate MP16.

Inflation - 2.50%

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#### 7. Actuarial methods and assumptions (continued)

Cost of Living Adjustments: eligible survivors receive a yearly cost of living adjustment based on the annual social security adjustment – for valuation purposes, a 2.50% cost of living adjustment is assumed.

The long-term expected rate of return best-estimate on pension plan investments was determined by the actuary using a building-block method. The actuary started by calculating best-estimate future expected real rates of return (expected returns net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) for each major asset class, based on a collective summary of capital market expectations from 34 sources. These return assumptions are then weighted by the target asset allocation percentage, factoring in correlation effects, to develop the overall long-term expected rate of return best-estimate on an arithmetic basis.

#### 8. Discount rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability of the TSB plan was 7.0 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from the employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

#### 9. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

Consistent with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 68, differences between expected and actual experience and changes in assumptions are recognized in pension expense using a systematic and rational method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan (active employees and inactive employees) determined as of the beginning of the measurement period.

Differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments are to be recognized in pension expense using a systematic and rational method over a closed five-year period. Projected earnings of the plan reflect the plan's investment return assumption or discount rate of 7.0%.

Changes in proportion between the June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019 measurement dates are also recognized in pension expense using the expected remaining service lives of teachers.

For teachers, the average of the expected remaining service lives for purposes of recognizing the applicable deferred inflows/outflows of resources established in fiscal 2019 is 8.3395 years.