CERTIFYING OFFICER LETTER – June 6, 2016

TO: Certifying Officers of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund

FROM: The New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits

SUBJECT: Pension Contribution Rate Changes for the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

Pursuant to Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, Pension and Health Benefit Reform, PERS and TPAF employee pension contribution rates will increase from 7.06% to 7.2% of salary with the first paycheck on or after July 1, 2016. Please notify your employees of the upcoming contribution rate changes.

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Certifying Officers should forward this message to their human resources staff, benefit administrators, and any other staff members responsible for the administration of benefits for employees.

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