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To: TRS Retirees  
All Interested Parties

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Subject: January 1, 2010 Cost-of-Living Adjustments

The TRS Board of Trustees grants a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to eligible retirees on July 1<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in accordance with Board policy (Administrative Rule 513-5-1-.16). A retiree is eligible to receive a COLA when the current average CPI (current index) is equal to or greater than the average CPI at the time of the retiree's retirement (base index). The current index is 215.48 and was computed as follows:

May 2009	213.86	
June 2009	215.69	
July 2009	215.35	
August 2009	215.83	
September 2009	215.97	
October 2009	<u>216.18</u>	
Total	1,292.88	÷ 6 = 215.48

The average CPI for the six-month period ending October 2008 was 218.31. This represents the base index for retirees whose date of retirement is between July 1, 2008 and December 1, 2008. Since the current index is lower than the base index, retirees who retired between July 1, 2008 and December 1, 2008 are not eligible to receive a COLA effective January 1, 2010, in accordance with Board policy. Eligibility for a COLA on July 1, 2010, will be determined by the Board of Trustees in May, 2010. If the average CPI at that time is equal to or greater than the base index of 218.31, these retirees will receive a 1.5% COLA effective July 1, 2010.

The current index is higher than the base indexes for all remaining retirees; therefore, these retirees are eligible to receive a 1.5% COLA effective January 1, 2010.

If you require additional information, please contact one of our Call Center Representatives at (404) 352-6500 or (800) 352-0650.

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