## St. Paul Teachers' Retirement Fund Association

Serving the retirement needs of St. Paul Teachers since 1909



Pre-Retirement Planning Seminar

# Today's Agenda

- SPTRFA Overview
- Benefit Estimates
- Preparing for Retirement
- Combined Service
  - ➤ Q&A
- Lifetime Benefit Options
  - ➤ Q&A
- I'm ready to retire! What's next?
  - > Q&A
- Additional Resources
  - > Q&A

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# Governance and Oversight



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Gordon, Mary A. Cunningham, Lillian C. Flint, M.A. Stapleton, Janie MacMillan
Florence Rood and Lisbeth M. Butler

Have associated themselves with the intention of forming a corporation under the name of

Teachers Retirement Fund Association

for the purpose of receiving property and runds for paying annual pensions to retired city school teachers of St. Paul, vinnesota, with a capital of and have complied with the statutes of this State in such case made and provided as appears from the articles of incorporation and the affidavit of proof of publication, filed in this office.

Now, therefore, I Julius A. Schmahl, Secretary of State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that said above named incorporators, their associates and successors, are legally organized as, and are hereby made, an existing corporation under the name of reachers retirement Fund Association

with the powers rights and privileges and subject to the limitations, duties and restrictions which by law appertain thereto.



Wilness my official signature hereunto subscribed and the seal of the State of Minnesota hereunto affixed this twants to day of

one thousand nine hundred and nine.

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# The St. Paul Teachers' Retirement Fund has been providing pension benefits to the teachers of St. Paul since 1909.

- Governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of nine elected active and retired members, and one *ex-officio* member appointed by the Board of the Saint Paul Public Schools.
- Plan design governed by the Minnesota State Legislature.
- Audited annually by the Office of the State Auditor.
- Actuarial and funding calculations performed by an independent firm, Gabriel Roeder Smith.
- Investment consultant evaluating investment performance and diligence by nationally recognized firm, Asset Consulting Group.
- Custodian Bank holds assets in trust for the exclusive benefit of SPTRFA Members at US Bank



# Organization

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Active Deferred

Retired

Beneficiaries

#### **Board of Trustees**

Mike McCollor, President

Michael McKay, Treasurer

Karen Odegard, Trustee

Lori Borgeson, Vice President

John Horton, Trustee

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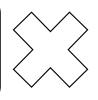
Christine MacDonald, Deputy Director & CFO

Cynthia Foster, Fund Accountant

**Janet Williams**, Chief Operating Officer

# How Is the Annual Estimate Calculated?





Years of Retirement Service Credit



**Percentage Multiplier** 

\*Assumes last five years of employment and 1% salary increase\*

\*Based on FTE worked during FYE 2022\*
Currently days worked / 170 = 1.0 year

Retirement Service Credit earned Through July 1, 2015 = 1.7% After July 1, 2015 = 1.9%



**Early Retirement Reductions** 

\*Normal Retirement Ages are 65-66\*



**Benefit Reduced or Unreduced** 

1. Please review to protect your loved ones....

2. Assumptions that explain why our estimate is just an estimate...

Coordinated Plan:

Basic Plan:

3. Core components of your benefit calculation

Member Name Address General Member Information Through June 30, 2022

SPTRFA #:

1980

First Employment Date:

Earnings Reported:

Contributions:

\$28,737.90

4. This is your SPTRFA retirement service credit

5. Have Retirement

Service in Other MN Public Pension Plans?

TRA, MSRS, PERA

Survivor / Beneficiary Information

Spousal Survivor:

None on file.

Beneficiary(ies):

Beneficiary 1, Beneficiary 2

MN Public Funds Service Credit Through June 30, 2022

SPTRFA Retirement Service Credit Through June 30, 2022

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Total SPTRFA Retirement Service Credit:

13.1200000

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Assumptions: Salary Growth / Pension Benefit Laws / Future Employment

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- No changes in pension benefit laws affecting retirement calculation.
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# **Preparing for Retirement**

- ► Review your SPTRFA annual estimate information.
- ▶ Weigh the value of early retirement with a smaller lifetime benefit against working longer to receive a larger lifetime benefit.
- ► Update your beneficiaries Complete a <u>Designation of Beneficiary Form</u> and submit by mail to SPTRFA.
- ▶ Discuss with SPTRFA if you have retirement service with another Minnesota public pension plan:
  - Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association
  - Public Employees' Retirement Association
  - Minnesota State Retirement System

# Do you have Combined Service (CSA)? It could make a difference!

## What is Combined Service Annuity?

- Special form of portability for individuals having allowable retirement service credit with more than one MN Pension Plan.
- Requires vesting and at least one-half year of allowable retirement service credit in the other MN Pension Plans:
  - Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association
  - Public Employees' Retirement Association
  - Minnesota State Retirement System
- At retirement, CSA eligible members must apply for and receive a benefit from each separate MN Pension Plan in which a benefit has been earned.

# Why is CSA Important?

## Why does CSA matter?

- Establishes NRA 65 or 66
- May help meet vesting requirements
- Maximize final average salary and resulting pension benefits

## **Coordination of Fund information may occur**

- During your career
- At retirement
- Post retirement

# New Minnesota Public Pension Law: Out-of-State Retirement Service Purchase

## **Requirements**

- At least three years of retirement service credit with SPTRFA
- Teaching service can only be purchased for period coverage as an elementary or secondary public or charter school teacher in another state of the United States.
- The definition of teacher includes teacher, supervisor, principal, superintendent, librarian, nurse, counselor, social worker, therapist, psychologist.

- You are not entitled to receive a current, deferred or disability benefit from another sponsored pension plan for the out-of-state period coverage considered for purchase.
- You must first repay your withdrawn retirement service credit with any Minnesota Public Pension Plan.

## **Out-of-State Retirement Service Purchase**

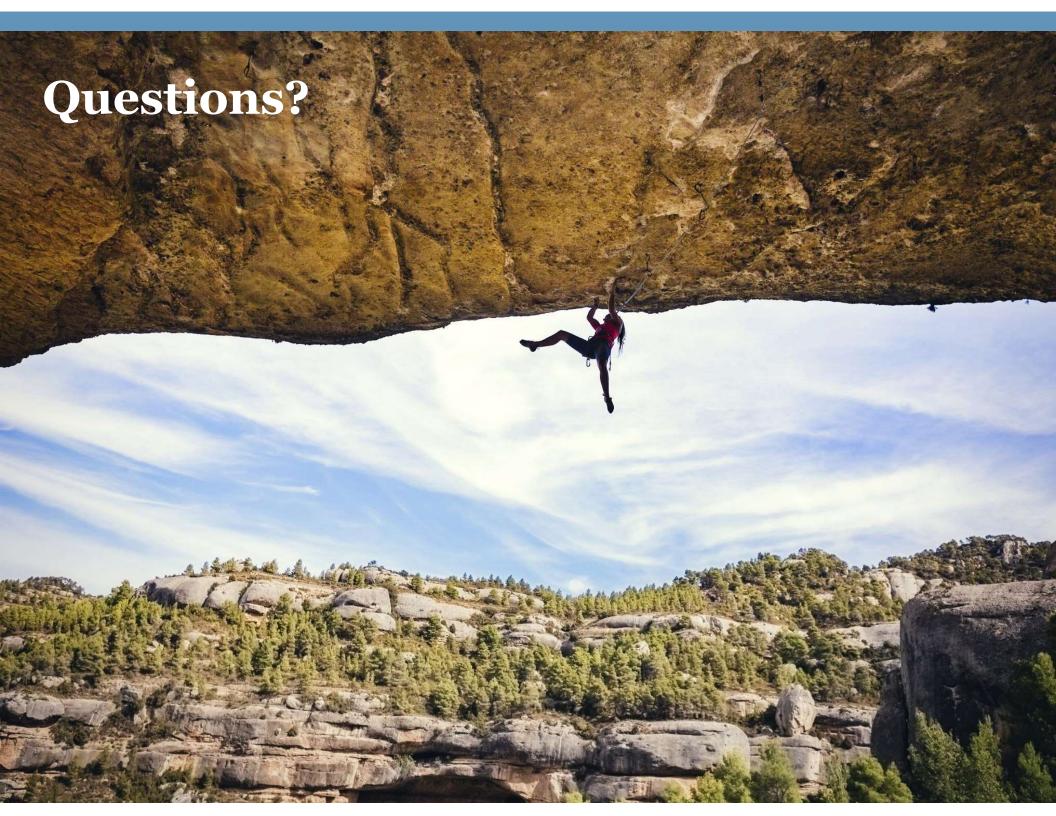
## **Process**

- The SPTRFA will calculate the out-of-state cost based on years requested for purchase. The calculation consists of an actuarial formula.
- The service purchase statement with payment cost and benefit options will accompany the Application and will be emailed to the member.

- Upon receipt of the completed application SPTRFA will verify the out-of-state service with the other sponsored pension plan.
- Payment must be made on or before the date specified on the out-of-state letter and can be made by either a personal check or tax-sheltered transfer.

#### **Please Note...**

If the out-of-state retirement service credit begin date was prior to July 1, 1989 this will <u>not</u> allow you to qualify for Tier I Rule of 90 with SPTRFA.



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# One of Your Most Important Choices: Your Retirement Option

We offer five lifetime benefit options to fit your particular needs.

- Each option provides a different level of protection for your survivors and beneficiaries.
- The amount of your monthly pension benefit will depend on your choice.
- Choose carefully, you cannot change this option once you retire.

C-1 Member Life Only

C-2 Guaranteed Refund

C-3 Life with 15 Year Certain

C-4 100% Joint & Survivor

C-5 50% Joint & Survivor

# C-1: Member Life Only

## **Key Features:**

- Monthly benefit for your lifetime.
- No further payments payable after your death.

### **Comment:**

- Highest lifetime benefit payment option.
- Payment ceases upon your death.
- ❖ No coverage for beneficiary.

# C-2: Guaranteed Refund

## **Key Features:**

- Monthly benefit payment to you for your lifetime.
- If your death occurs before you've recovered your employee contributions in benefit payments:
  - Your designated beneficiary will receive a refund of the remaining balance of your contributions.
  - If you have no designated beneficiary, your estate will receive the refund.

#### **Comment:**

❖ In this case, your benefit is reduced slightly (compared to C-1), but you protect your employee contributions to the Plan for the benefit of your beneficiaries or estate.

# C-3: 15-Year Certain

#### **Key Features:**

- Monthly benefit payment to you for your lifetime.
- If you die within the first 15 years of retirement:
  - Your monthly benefit payment will be paid to your designated beneficiary for the remainder of the 15 years.
  - If you have no designated beneficiary, your estate will receive a lumpsum payment

#### **Comment:**

- ❖ In this case, your benefit is reduced slightly (compared to C-1), but you ensure that your beneficiaries or estate are protected for the first 15 years of your retirement in the event you die during that time.
- ❖ No coverage for beneficiaries after 15 years of your retirement.

# C-4 and C-5: Joint & Survivor

Lifetime Payment for Member & Survivor <u>if Married Prior</u> to Retirement

## C-4: 100% Joint & Survivor

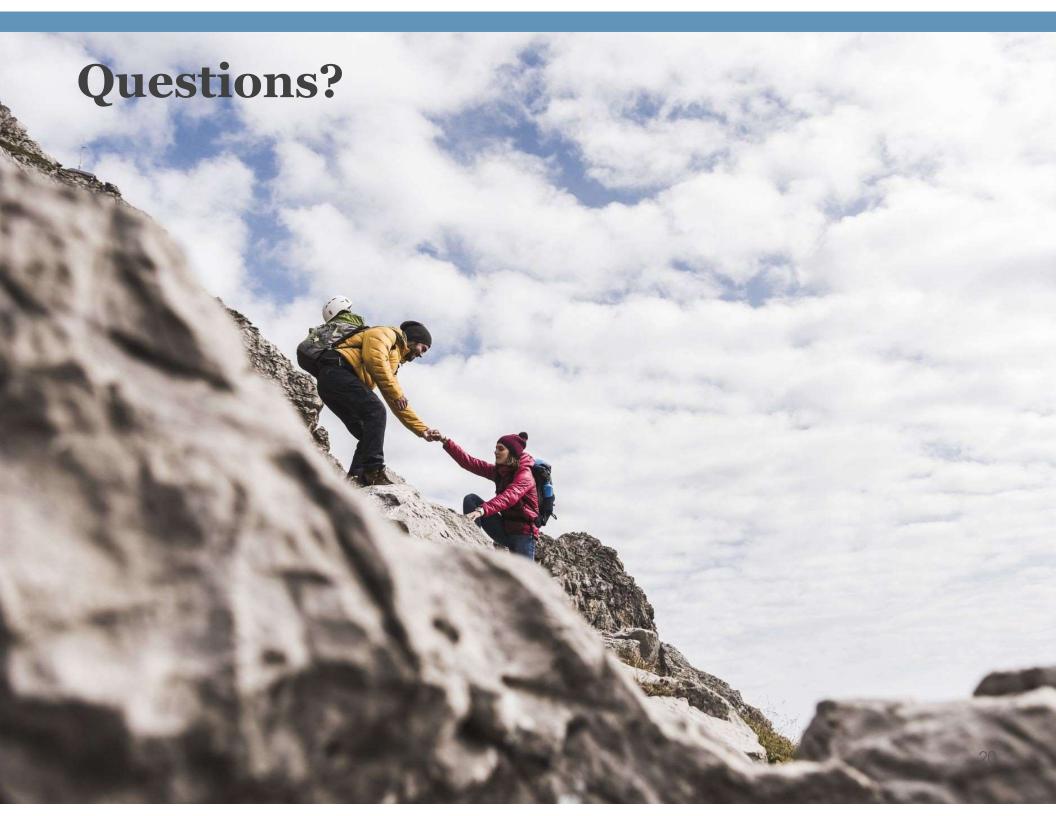
- Monthly benefit to you for your lifetime.
- Upon your death, your spouse will receive a lifetime monthly benefit equal to 100% of your benefit.
- If your spouse predeceases you, your payment will increase to the 'C-1 Member Life Only' option amount for the remainder of your life.

## C-5: 50% Joint & Survivor

- Monthly benefit to you for your lifetime.
- Upon your death, your spouse will receive a lifetime monthly benefit equal to 50% of your benefit.
- If your spouse predeceases you, your payment will increase to the 'C-1 Member Life Only' option amount for the remainder of your life.

#### **Comment:**

❖ In each case, your benefit is reduced (compared to C-1), but you ensure that your spouse will receive a lifetime benefit after your death.



# Helpful Reminders: Our Retirement Checklist

(this list will be available on our website)

#### ✓ Your Resignation Date

Must be at least one day prior to your pension date

#### √ Federal & Minnesota Tax withholding

 Federal withholding is mandatory - MN tax withholding is voluntary (we can't withhold for other states)

#### ✓ Direct Deposit

Benefit payments are only payable via direct deposit

#### **✓** Retirement Period of Separation

 May not work with SPPS for 90 days from your resignation date (this includes Teachers on Call).

#### **✓** Earnings Limitation

- If you are re-employed by SPPS & under your normal retirement age, a **\$46,000** earnings limitation applies
- For every \$3 over the limit, your benefit payment decreases by \$1

#### ✓ Your First Payment Date

- Varies depending upon completion of paperwork
- All required documents must be received prior to processing

#### ✓ Annual Post-Retirement Increase

- Set by the MN Legislature
- Pro-rated for new retirees

# **Application Forms and Certificates**

(list and forms will be available on our website)

# SPTRFA Forms You'll Need to Complete:

- Pension Application (notarized)
- Direct Deposit form
- Federal/MN Withholding Tax form

## Certificates and Documents SPTRFA must receive copies of:

- Your birth certificate or valid photo passport (must be in English or with certified translation)
- Full certified copy of a judge-signed divorce decree - If divorced during or after your SPPS employment.
- If married and choosing a Joint and Survivor optional annuity:
  - Spouse's birth certificate or valid photo passport
  - Copy of your Marriage certificate

# **Payment Planning Dates**

Schedule an appointment with SPTRFA pension benefits counselors	Info@sptrfa.org				
Teacher Contract deadlines for the submission of early retirement notification - submit SPPS resignation to:  SPPS Benefits Technician	Due: December 1 and February 1				
Pension application & supporting documentation deadlines for a July 1st payment date complete	Preferred by May 1				
Resignation Date From SPPS service	On or before June 15				
SPTRFA pension benefit date	June 16				
First benefit payment deposited to your bank account (Example is retroactive to June 16 pension benefit date)	July 1				
Re-Employment by Saint Paul Public Schools  Members must wait a period of 90 days effective from their resignation date before returning to work for or at St. Paul Schools, without jeopardizing their pension benefit status. Re-employment includes any employment for or with the District, including summer school and Teachers On Call.	September				

# Meet with Us! Schedule your Virtual Appointment Online

Four to twelve months prior to retirement, request an appointment.

## During your session we'll cover:

- The five life plan options
- Your retirement benefit estimate
- Retirement application procedures
- And more ...

## **Make Virtual Appointments**

E-mail: info@sptrfa.org

Website electronic request form:

https://sptrfa.org/contact-us/make-an-appointment

#### **Virtual Office Hours**

**Monday – Friday** 

8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

#### **General Information**

Phone: 651-642-2550

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#### **SPPS Human Resources/ Employee Benefits Administers:**

- Your SPPS Resignation Process
- Post-retirement benefits including:
  - Health, Dental, and Life insurance coverage
  - Sick leave conversion to Severance pay
  - Early Retirement Incentive bonus

### **SPPS Human Resources Department - 651-767-8200**

## Your Contact for Post-Employment Health Insurance:

SPPS Employee Benefits - <u>benefits@spps.org</u>
 When contacting SPPS HR or Employee Benefits please provide your full name, employee number, and a phone number where you can be reached.



## www.spps.org/Page/3506

# REVIEW RETIREMENT SAVINGS IN YOUR TSA - TAX SHELTERED ACCOUNTS (403B & 457)

If you decide to put aside additional money towards retirement, you have three options to choose from:

**Fidelity** offers a 403(b) plan. (Plan #51224) They can be reached at: Phone #: 1 (800) 343-0860 Website: <a href="www.mysavingsatwork.com">www.mysavingsatwork.com</a>

**VOYA (formerly ING)** also offers a 403(b) plan. (Plan #666212) Capital Street Financial Services is our VOYA provider. They can be reached at: Phone #: (651) 665-4300 Website: <a href="www.capitalstreet.biz">www.capitalstreet.biz</a>

MN Deferred Comp (MNDCP 457) offers a 457 plan. They also offer the option for after-tax deductions into a Roth 457 account. Please note that while MNDCP's forms ask you to indicate a percentage of pay or dollar amount that you wish to contribute, the District can only accept dollar amounts. MNDCP can be reached at: Phone #: 651-284-7723

MNDCP General Information Website: www.mndcplan.com



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# Thank you for attending!