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EMPLOYER BULLETIN

STRENGTHENING THE EMPLOYER AND TRS PARTNERSHIP

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Did you know that you have a partner in providing TRS benefit information to TRS members?

The TRS Outreach Department is a resource for you and your TRS members at any point in their careers. The Outreach Staff is available for both virtual and in-person presentations at your school district. We can help members understand their retirement benefits including the optional Supplemental Savings Plan (SSP) and death and disability benefits. Review the types of presentations in this bulletin and contact our Outreach Staff to see how we can help you educate your TRS members about their benefits!



Types of TRS Presentations

Please review the different presentation options below and follow the instructions as noted.

TRS Member Services Overview for HR

You already know that TRS works with you to ensure accurate and timely reporting of essential employment information for all TRS members. This webinar is specifically created for Human Resources staff to review what TRS does. It explains at a high level how retirement, disability and death benefits are calculated. It also clarifies employer responsibilities relative to the retirement process and post-retirement limitations.

Register for Webinar March 5, 2025 at 10 a.m

Registration link: https://trsil-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN HiorFn28SnWgCMoi nvb7w

TRS Express!

TRS Express! is offered either in-person or virtually for your TRS members. Sessions can be held after school or as part of an institute day as one of your optional breakout sessions. It covers the basics of the TRS pension calculation, disability and death benefits, and how to interact with TRS on an ongoing basis. It also explains how the TRS Supplemental Savings Plan can be incorporated into an overall retirement plan, presented by one of our Voya Retirement Education Specialists. TRS Express! is offered virtually in most months and members will find registration links on the online TRS Calendar. To request a district-specific presentation either virtually or in-person, see the instructions under Request a Presentation on the following page.

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Subs are Teachers too!

Earnings and service credit are reported to TRS for each day of work by certified staff in your district. **This includes your substitute teachers.** Subs often do not receive benefits in the district but they are accumulating benefits with TRS, the same as your contracted staff. TRS will offer two webinars for Tier 1 subs on **March 19 at 3:30 p.m.** and on **March 20 at 3:30 p.m.** TRS will send invitations to those who are eligible. (Note: This is **not** for retired educators working in post-retirement positions).

New Hires

The benefits of being a TRS member start when a member first contributes to TRS, no matter how far away retirement may be. This webinar explains what TRS contributions provide during a member's career and in retirement. A Voya Retirement Education Specialist will participate to explain how the TRS Supplemental Savings Plan can enhance and provide additional options for our newest members.

Encourage your newer hires to register for this webinar on one of the following dates:

March 25 at 4:30 p.m.

https://trsil-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN _JixoKDisOOvZH1xbb2vuWA#/registration

April 22 at 4:30 p.m.

https://trsil-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Tw2GuJgnQLqbptqDINQ9BA#/registration

May 20 at 4:30 p.m.

https://trsil-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_B5yRYrGqQDq-KyM4FrBudQ#/registration

Request a Presentation

The TRS Outreach Staff is a small department. Please allow for advance notice in your request. To request a presentation from TRS Outreach Staff, email: Outreach@trsil.org

Please provide the following information in your email:

- Specify the presentation type.
- 1. Potential dates for the presentation.
- 2. Are you requesting a virtual or in-person presentation?
- 3. To the extent possible, the Outreach staff presents separately to Tier 1 and Tier 2 members due to their different needs and options. Can you accommodate two presentations either on different days or back-to-back?

Questions

Your questions can also be directed to the Outreach email: Outreach@trsil.org.

