

NEW YORK STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

MEMBERSHIP OPTION

Since January 1, 1986, all public school districts have been required by law to inform any "teacher" who is not a full-time per annum employee, such as a part-time or substitute teacher, of her/his right to elect to become a member of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS). Membership in the NYSTRS for full-time per annum teachers is mandatory and not subject to election.

As a result, districts secure and retain a written acknowledgement from each teacher who has the option of joining the NYSTRS, stating (s)he has been advised of the right to membership.

Please review the statement below, sign and return this form to the North Tonawanda City School District Personnel Office, 176 Walck Rd., N. Tonawanda, NY 14120.

I _____ hereby acknowledge that I have been informed by the North Tonawanda City School District, my employer, that as a "teacher" not currently a member of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS) who is or will be rendering less than full-time service, I may, as a matter of right, join the NYSTRS. I further acknowledge that I understand under present law if I elect to join the NYSTRS, I must complete a Retirement System membership application which must be filed with the Retirement System in order for membership to be effective.

I also understand if I do not elect to join, I may be unable to obtain credit at a later date for service rendered during the period I was not a member.

Signature

Date

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PERSONNEL OFFICE