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## **LASERS to Present Pension System Update at Monroe RSEA Meeting**

**Baton Rouge** – Cindy Rougeou, Executive Director of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS), will speak to the Monroe chapter of RSEA on Wednesday, March 7, 9:00 a.m., at the West Monroe Convention Center, 901 Ridge Ave., West Monroe. Active state employees and retirees from Caldwell, East and West Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, and Union parishes are expected to attend.

Rougeou will address current issues affecting state employees and retirees' pension benefits, including a new retirement plan for future state employees proposed in the upcoming 2018 Regular Legislative Session. Rougeou will be available for interviews before and after the presentation. RSEA members will also be available for interviews.

In the Monroe RSEA chapter region, 3,886 LASERS retirees and beneficiaries received more than \$82 million in gross retirement benefits in fiscal year 2017.

LASERS administers a defined benefit pension plan that covers approximately 100,000 members. *LASERS Benefits Louisiana* by paying over \$1 billion in annual benefits to beneficiaries, providing a strong and reliable economic stimulus for the state.

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