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LASERS to Present Pension System Update at North Shore Chapter RSEA Meeting

Baton Rouge – Maris LeBlanc, Chief Operating Officer of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS), will speak to the North Shore chapter of RSEA on Thursday, March 22, 9:30 a.m., at the Greater Covington Convention Center, Bogue Falaya Hall, 317 N. Jefferson Avenue, Covington. Active state employees and retirees from St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington parishes are expected to attend.

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

In the North Shore RSEA chapter region, 3,998 LASERS retirees and beneficiaries received more than \$91 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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