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LASERS to Present Pension System Update at Alexandria RSEA Meeting

Baton Rouge – Cindy Rougeou, Executive Director of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS), will speak to the Alexandria chapter of RSEA on Thursday, March 14, 9:30 a.m. at the Kees Park Community Center, 2450 Hwy. 28 East, Pineville. Active state employees and retirees from Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, Vernon, and Winn parishes are expected to attend.

Rougeou will address current issues affecting state employees and retirees' pension benefits, including the upcoming 2019 Regular Legislative Session. Rougeou will be available for interviews before and after the presentation. RSEA members will also be available for interviews.

In the Alexandria RSEA chapter region, 5,000 LASERS retirees and beneficiaries received more than \$109 million in gross retirement benefits in fiscal year 2018.

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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