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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 8, 9:00 a.m., at the West Monroe Convention Center, West Monroe Hall, 901 Ridge Ave., 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 and will provide an overview of the upcoming 2023 Regular Legislative Session, including a proposal to reform the mechanism for granting future Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs). Rougeou will be available for interviews before and after the presentation.

In the Monroe RSEA chapter region, 3,729 LASERS retirees and beneficiaries received more than \$88 million in gross retirement benefits in fiscal year 2022.

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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