

**For Immediate Release
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LASERS to Present Pension System Update at Shreveport RSEA Meeting

Baton Rouge – Cindy Rougeou, Executive Director of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS), will speak to the Shreveport chapter of RSEA on Tuesday, March 7, 9:30 a.m., at the Northwest Technical College, Building E, 2011 North Market Street, Shreveport. Active state employees and retirees from Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Red River, and Webster 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 Shreveport RSEA chapter region, 4,117 LASERS retirees and beneficiaries received more than \$99 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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