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MainePERS Executive Director, Sandy Matheson, briefs ERWG members on the status of PLD Advisory Committee recommended changes to the Participating Local District Plan (LD 1440) as well as the proposed New Plan for State and Teacher Employees. No legislative action is anticipated this year on the proposed New Plan. More information on these plans is available on MainePERS homepage, www.mainebers.org. Look to the top right for the PLD Plan and legislative links icon; lower left for Proposed Plan 2.

MainePERS Acronyms - ERWG

What's an ERWG?

ERWG stands for Employer Reporting Work Group. This is a group of 18 employers representing both Teacher and Participating Local Districts.

What is ERWG's Purpose?

ERWG was formed in 2007 with an initial focus on transitioning to an employer web-based reporting system. This employer self-service system (ESS) was implemented in October 2011.

The operation of ESS continues to be an area of focus for ERWG today although the scope of information exchange has broadened. Members receive updates on current issues MainePERS is addressing that may impact employers, their employees or retirees; participate in an exchange of information regarding issues of importance and offer guidance to MainePERS on areas for improvement.

How Often Do ERWG Meetings Occur?

ERWG now meets 3-4 times yearly with an expanded membership. The next ERWG meeting is scheduled for August 28th.

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Interested in Joining?

Let us know. We are not actively recruiting for new members at this time. However, periodically some members find that they are no longer able to participate. We appreciate your interest and would be happy to keep your name on file for the future.

Current Employer Membership:

Employer	Representative	Teacher	Participating Local District
AOS #94	Sandra Padham	X	
AOS #98	Kathleen Pearce	X	X
Auburn School Department	Susan Bowen	X	X
Augusta Schools	Barbara Hingos	X	X
City of Augusta	Karen Caffyn		X
City of Portland	Janice Kimball Lori Schools		X
Easton School Department	Kimberly Hall	X	X
Lewiston Public Schools	Elaine Runyon Denise Sensenig	X	X
Maine State Housing Authority	Allison Waltz		X
Maine Turnpike Authority	Danielle Slator Cecile Thompson		X
Maine Veterans Home	Penny Redmond		X
MainePERS	Maureen Burgess Nicole Mawhinney		X
MSAD #44	Robin Gundersen	X	
MSAD #52	Ida Barker	X	X
MSAD #55	Sara Ippolito	X	
Portland School Department	Theresa Dembowski	X	X
RSU #2	Vicki Raymond	X	X
RSU #25	Candace Dunbar	X	X



Calling Teacher Employers! MainePERS Needs Comprehensive Contracts

It is that time of year again when we ask for copies of all collectively bargained agreements and master contracts for teacher members. This information allows MainePERS to accurately calculate benefits and answer members' questions about their benefits.

- Comprehensive Contracts = group salary agreements, schedules of benefits and one-time special agreements
- Teacher Members = teachers, superintendents, administrators, education technicians II and III, nurses and some secretaries

Send copies of your school's current agreements to: E-mail: teacher@mainepers.org

OR Mail: MainePERS, 46 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0046

Questions? Contact us any weekday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at 512-3100 or 1-800-451-9800.