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EDUCATORS' PENSIONS POSTED ONLINE

More than 1,200 retired New York State school teachers and administrators are entitled to annual pensions of more than \$100,000, according to pension data posted today on www.SeeThroughNY.net, the government transparency website. The database from the New York State Teachers Retirement System (NYSTRS) includes name, benefit rate, retirement date and last known employer when available, for 136,644 people collecting pensions in 2010.

The highest pension benefit last year went to James Hunderfund, who retired in 2006 as the Superintendent of the Commack School District on Long Island with a maximum benefit of \$316,245. Additionally, Hunderfund serves as the Superintendent of the Malverne School District, his contract there -- also available on www.SeeThroughNY.net -- stipulates that he earn no less than \$225,000 annually through June 30, 2011. Other notable NYSTRS pensioners include Frank Tassone, the former superintendent of the Roslyn School District, who ranked 38th in 2010 with a maximum allowable benefit of \$174,251. Tassone recently served a prison term after admitting he took part in the theft of \$2 million from the school district.

A total of 1,255 retired educators were entitled to pensions with an annualized value of at least \$100,000 in 2010. These included:

- 2 people with a benefit between \$250,000 and \$300,000;
- 13 people with a benefit between \$200,000 and \$250,000;
- 72 people with a benefit between \$150,000 and \$200,000; and
- 1,167 people with a benefit between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

NYSTRS pensions in 2010 totaled over \$5 billion. The average for all retirees was \$38,924. The average pension for educators retiring in 2010 was \$52,270.

A table listing the 100 highest-paid pensioners in 2010 is attached. (Note that the "maximum annual pension" reflects the maximum benefit to which a retiree is entitled, but not necessarily the amount he or she actually collected during the past year. Some retirees began collecting benefits mid-year, or may have chosen to collect a lower monthly benefit in order to preserve a larger death benefit for their beneficiaries.)

SeeThroughNY allows the public to examine government expenditures on the Internet. In addition to pensions for nearly every retired New York state and local retiree, it includes payrolls for New York State and New York City government, counties, municipalities and school districts throughout the state, and dozens of public authorities. Also posted are pork barrel "member item" spending; state legislator office expenditures, and a benchmarking feature for comparing local government and school district spending. The site was launched July 31, 2008.

The Albany-based Empire Center is a project of the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, one of the nation's leading non-profit 501(c)3 think tanks.

100 Highest Pension in 2010 - New York State Teachers Retirement Fund

Rank	Name	Last Known Employer*	Max. Annual Benefit	Retirement Date
1	Hunderfund, James H	Commack Union Free Schools	\$316,245	9/1/06
2	Brande, Richard T	Brookhaven-Comsewogue Union Free Schools	\$290,669	9/1/06
3	Friedman, Ronald L	Great Neck Public Schools	\$267,132	8/1/09
4	Campo, Leon J	East Meadow Union Free Schools	\$232,993	6/30/08
5	Brosnan Jr, William J	Northport-East Northport Union Free Schools	\$228,706	7/1/06
6	Mc Donald, William J	Floral Park-Bellerose Union Free Schools	\$215,442	9/1/05
7	Hirt, Richard I	Locust Valley Central Schools	\$215,076	7/1/08
8	Goldstein, George A	Sewanhaka Central Schools	\$213,709	7/1/04
9	George, John H	North Tonawanda City School District	\$205,809	9/1/06
10	Watkins, Dodge R	Haverstraw-Stony Point Central Schools	\$205,286	7/1/06
11	Brooks, Martin G	Plainview-Old Bethpage Central Schools	\$205,278	7/1/07
12	Lichtenfeld, Robert V	Katonah-Lewisboro Union Free Schools	\$204,573	7/1/07
13	Lederer, Neil	Lindenhurst Public Schools	\$204,413	7/1/09
14	Bolton, William R	Copiague Union Free Schools	\$204,289	7/1/08
15	Monahan, Brian D	Various	\$202,273	8/1/09
16	Natale, Joseph L	Various	\$200,579	2/1/06
17	Murphy, Edward J	NDR	\$198,315	10/1/92
18	Weiss, Kathy G	Baldwin Union Free Schools	\$197,490	7/1/05
19	Castro, Marjorie E	Croton-Harmon Union Free Schools	\$196,365	7/1/09
20	Van Eyk, Jonathan P	Mount Sinai Union Free Schools	\$195,591	1/17/09
21	Caramore, Thomas J	Bellmore-Merrick Central Schools	\$194,203	10/1/05
22	Cronin, George T	Central Islip Union Free Schools	\$193,849	7/1/09
23	Dennis, Bruce L	Bedford Central Schools	\$192,423	7/1/04
24	Black, Leslie A	Brentwood Union Free Schools	\$190,124	7/1/06
25	Freund, Sidney A	Dobbs Ferry Union Free Schools	\$189,909	8/1/06
26	Colvin, Joan L	Jericho Union Free Schools	\$189,510	7/1/07
27	Marsh, Richard S	Bethpage Union Free Schools	\$188,638	7/1/09
28	Pereira, Lawrence F	Massapequa Public Schools	\$187,223	8/16/05
29	Chambers, John A	Byram Hills at Armonk Central Schools	\$187,222	7/1/08
30	Bonuso, Carl A	Wantagh Union Free Schools	\$187,090	7/1/09
31	Eisenberg, Carol D	West Hempstead Union Free Schools	\$186,386	7/1/07
32	Maurer, Richard E	Ardsley Union Free Schools	\$186,295	1/2/08
33	Pauline, Robert A	NDR	\$184,727	9/1/02
34	Segerdahl, Richard N	Island Trees Union Free Schools	\$180,878	7/1/04
35	Friedman, Jason P	East Ramapo Central Schools	\$180,810	1/14/06
36	Chapman, Karen M	Hewlett-Woodmere Union Free Schools	\$178,524	7/1/04
37	Vale, Ronald C	Commack Union Free Schools	\$176,447	7/1/07
38	Tassone Jr, Frank A	Roslyn Public Schools	\$174,251	7/1/04
39	Watkins, Wilson B	Briarcliff Manor Union Free Schools	\$173,204	9/1/08
40	Leitman, Stephen I	Garden City Union Free Schools	\$172,823	8/1/05
41	Fauci, Linda	New Rochelle City School District	\$170,830	8/1/06
42	Singe, Anthony L	Locust Valley Central Schools	\$169,537	4/1/06
43	Noble, Melvin S	West Babylon Union Free Schools	\$169,449	6/30/07
44	Ruck, James A	Sachem Central Schools	\$169,071	10/1/05
45	Olivo, Terrence L	Monroe-Woodbury Central Schools	\$168,999	8/1/04
46	Langlitz, Harold N	NYS Teachers Retirement System	\$168,720	2/1/95
47	Uhlich, Myrna M	NDR	\$168,643	7/1/03
48	Martin, Philip M	Fayetteville-Manlius Central Schools	\$168,613	7/1/05
49	McGoldrick, Lawrence R	Valley Stream #30 Union Free Schools	\$168,512	9/29/07
50	McGuire, Kevin	Half Hollow Hills Central Schools	\$167,854	3/1/01

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51	Benardo, Steven M	Kiryas Joel Village Union Free Schools	\$167,661	2/2/07
52	McCloat, Raymond A	Harborfields Central Schools	\$167,415	8/1/05
53	Wilson, Charles T	Pelham Union Free Schools	\$167,359	8/1/08
54	Gagliano, Joseph P	NDR	\$166,861	8/31/02
55	Gangemi, John G	Nassau BOCES	\$165,901	7/1/06
56	Manheimer, Robert	NDR	\$163,682	11/1/95
57	Milliken, Edward J	NDR	\$163,640	7/1/98
58	Dodge, Arnold E	East Rockaway Union Free Schools	\$163,037	9/1/07
59	Spina, Peter A	NDR	\$162,193	11/15/99
60	Smith, Helen B	Suffolk 2 BOCES	\$161,442	1/1/06
61	Dicesare Jr, Vito P	Beacon City School District	\$159,702	7/1/06
62	Kozora Jr, Charles E	Greenport Public Schools	\$159,498	8/1/09
63	Billig, Martin L	NDR	\$159,414	7/1/01
64	Planz, Charles A	Smithtown Central Schools	\$159,113	7/22/06
65	Tooper, Ivan L	White Plains City School District	\$158,855	7/1/10
66	Coletti, Charles D	Port Chester-Rye Union Free Schools	\$158,815	7/1/06
67	Groshans, Edwin G	Great Neck Public Schools	\$158,366	7/1/04
68	Myers, Joseph D	Suffolk 2 BOCES	\$158,298	11/1/08
69	Kindelmann, Albert G	Half Hollow Hills Central Schools	\$157,705	6/30/07
70	Cheliotas, Helen	Long Beach City School District	\$157,636	7/1/09
71	Elliott, Thomas C	Pocantico Hills Central Schools	\$157,413	7/1/08
72	Beni, Vincent T	Irvington Union Free Schools	\$157,362	8/10/04
73	Bronzo, Robert J	Brentwood Union Free Schools	\$157,260	7/1/07
74	Dillon, Robert R	Various	\$156,887	9/1/07
75	Bertolotti, Carol A	Commack Union Free Schools	\$156,751	7/1/10
76	Nelson, Bert	NDR	\$156,670	7/1/98
77	Hansen, Jeffrey N	Westchester 2 BOCES	\$156,564	1/16/09
78	Mc Elheran, Timothy J	Victor Central Schools	\$156,544	3/28/09
79	Dadey, William J	NDR	\$155,446	2/18/03
80	Zampolin, Roberta R	Nyack Union Free Schools	\$155,396	7/1/05
81	Bernhard, William P	Various	\$155,287	9/1/06
82	Miller, Richard I	Syosset Central Schools	\$154,844	7/1/09
83	Tedaldi, Christie R	Brentwood Union Free Schools	\$153,821	7/1/07
84	Southard, Raymond G	Arlington Central Schools	\$153,574	7/1/09
85	Di Natale, John J	Various	\$151,965	7/1/07
86	Chapman, Lee	Baldwin Union Free Schools	\$151,344	7/1/04
87	Stroughn Sr, Reginald	Various	\$150,414	7/1/09
88	Wilson, Ronald K	Carmel Central Schools	\$150,330	8/28/08
89	Schildkraut, Michael	William Floyd Union Free Schools	\$149,887	7/1/04
90	Derose, Mary N	Kings Park Central Schools	\$149,429	7/14/07
91	Packman, Stanley H	Eastern Suffolk 1 BOCES	\$149,401	7/1/06
92	Swart, William J	Elwood Union Free Schools	\$149,309	7/1/08
93	Schissler, Mark S	NDR	\$148,810	7/1/02
94	Volp, Frederick D	Cold Spring Harbor Central Schools	\$148,668	8/8/05
95	Walter, Richard J	Various	\$148,551	2/1/08
96	Ross, Randolph H	Great Neck Public Schools	\$148,541	9/1/08
97	Roth, Seymour	Half Hollow Hills Central Schools	\$148,398	6/30/10
98	Smith, Jeffrey D	Orange-Ulster BOCES	\$148,237	10/1/06
99	Riggio, Russell V	Nassau BOCES	\$147,433	8/1/06
100	Granto Jr, Carmen A	Niagara Falls City School District	\$147,109	1/1/09

* NDR - No Data Reported