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CORRESPONDENCE MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 1, 2006

TO: Employee Trust Funds Board
Teachers Retirement Board
Wisconsin Retirement Board

FROM: Linda Owen, Benefit Plan Policy Analyst
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SUBJECT: Final Report on Implementation of the Solie and Baxter Court Decision

We have completed all 449 of the Solie and Baxter account reviews. This includes 18 accounts with related appeals and 431 accounts of participants (or their beneficiaries) who inquired about their eligibility. Of the 18 appeal accounts, 16 were eligible for service credit under the court's decision. Of the 431 individuals who inquired, 53 were eligible for service credit. The Department granted a total of 272.54 years of creditable service in the Solie and Baxter implementation project.

There were 39 participants who had purchased forfeited service and were eligible for full or partial refunds: we refunded a total of \$574,161.40 in forfeited service payments (including any applicable interest). The individual refunds ranged from \$471.92 to \$56,529.19.

There were 21 annuitants who received retroactive annuity increases. This resulted in a total of \$773,588.75 in retroactive annuity supplements (including interest on the retroactive payments), in addition to the prospective annuity increases. The individual retroactive supplements ranged from \$250.31 to \$153,438.42. Four of these annuitants received both an annuity increase (including a retroactive supplement) *and* a partial refund of their forfeited service payments, because they were not eligible to buy all of their forfeited service at the time of purchase.

A few annuitants who never bought their forfeited service were granted service credit under the court's decision, but the additional service did not result in a benefit increase because their annuities were still higher under the money purchase calculation. The Solie and Baxter court decision only restored years of creditable service; it did not restore any corresponding contributions to the teachers' accounts.

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