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From: Cindy Klimke-Armatoski, Chief Trust Finance Officer
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Subject: 2017 Financial Statements Report and Audit Results

ETF requests the Deferred Compensation Board approve the State of Wisconsin Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust Financial Statements as of December 31, 2017 and 2016.

As part of its overall responsibilities, the Board requires an audited annual financial statements report on the health of the Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program (WDC). The purpose of the audit is to have an independent public accounting firm express its opinion whether the financial statements accurately reflect the financial position of the WDC.


The financial highlights for the past two years ending December 31, include the following:

WDC Financial Statements Report Highlights and Comparisons		
Item	2017	2016
WDC Net Position Available for Plan Benefits	\$5.0 billion	\$4.3 billion
Overall Rate of Return on Mutual Fund Investments	21.10%	10.07%
Employee Contributions	\$155.3 million	\$151.8 million
Plan Participants	61,686	59,891
Distributions	\$220 million	\$198 million
Participants Taking Distributions	8,373	7,615

Pursuant to its contract with the Board, Coleman and Williams has completed the WDC's comprehensive financial statements audit for the year ending December 31, 2017. As the attached report indicates, the auditors have issued an unqualified or "clean" opinion indicating the financial statements are free from material misstatement as of December 31, 2017.

Staff from ETF and the audit firm will be available at the meeting to discuss the 2017 financial statements and audit results with the Board.

Attachment: *draft* WDC Financial Statements, December 31, 2017 and 2016

Reviewed and approved by Matt Stohr, Administrator
 Division of Retirement Services
 Electronically Signed 5/30/18


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DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN
AND TRUST
Madison, Wisconsin**

**Financial Statements As of and for the Years
Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016
Including Independent Auditors' Report**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

State of Wisconsin Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust Board
State of Wisconsin Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the State of Wisconsin Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust (the "Plan"), which comprise the statements of net position as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of changes in net position available for plan benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control over financial reporting relevant to the Plan's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial status of the Plan as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in its financial status for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquires of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquires, the basic financial statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion, or provide any assurance, on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
December 31, 2017 and 2016**

This section presents management's discussion and analysis of the Wisconsin Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust's (the Plan) financial performance, which includes an overview of the Plan's financial position and activities as of December 31, 2017, and 2016 and for the years then ended. It is presented as required supplemental information to the financial statements.

The Plan is a supplemental retirement savings plan available to all active state and university employees. Active local government and school district employees may also be eligible if their employer has elected to offer this optional benefit program. The Wisconsin Deferred Compensation (WDC) Program is governed by Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), Wisconsin Statute § 40.80, 40.81, & 40.82 and WI Admin. Code ETF Chapter 70.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Net Position Available for Plan Benefits increased by \$688.7 million from \$4.3 billion at December 31, 2016 to \$5.0 billion at December 31, 2017. This increase was primarily due to increased participation, both the number of employees contributing and an increase in the average contribution, and increased investment income. The Net appreciation in fair value of investments increased by 166% from \$210.4 million as of December 31, 2016, to \$559.8 million as of December 31, 2017. This is mainly due to the increase in the average rate of return on variable earnings investments from 10.07% as of December 31, 2016, to 21.10% as of December 31, 2017.
- Employee contributions increased from \$151.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 to \$155.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2017. The change from 2016 to 2017 was primarily due to the increase in the number of plan participants from year to year. There were 61,686 and 59,891 plan participants as of December 31, 2017, and 2016, respectively.
- Distributions to participants increased from \$198 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 to \$220 million for the year ended December 31, 2017. This change was due to an increase in both the number of individuals receiving distributions from year to year and the average amount distributed. There were 8,373, and 7,615 individuals who received a distribution during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.
- Administrative expenses include advisory service fees paid by participants using the managed accounts service as well as administrative fees paid by all participants. Administrative fees cover the costs of the service contract with Empower Retirement as well as the costs for audits and other plan expenses. Furthermore, certain investment options provide reimbursements of fees to participants, which are netted against the administrative expenses, as shown on the following page:

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Administrative Expenses

	2017	2016
Advisory Service Fees	\$ 1,490,820	\$ 937,223
Administrative Fees	3,102,102	2,531,764
Investment Option Reimbursements	(1,626,722)	(1,470,189)
Administrative Expenses	<u>\$ 2,966,200</u>	<u>\$ 1,998,798</u>

Administrative expenses increased 48% from \$1.998 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 to \$2.966 million for the year ended December 31, 2017. The increase was primarily due to more participants using the managed account service as well as an increase in administrative fees charged to participants and an increase in overall program participation.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This financial report consists of the Statements of Net Position Available for Plan Benefits and the Statements of Changes in Net Position Available for Plan Benefits. These statements provide information about the financial position and activities of the Plan.

The following Summary of Net Position Available for Plan Benefits and the Summary of Changes in Net Position Available for Plan Benefits provides summary information about the financial position and activities of the Plan.

Summary of Net Position Available for Plan Benefits

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Investments	\$ 4,989,604,397	\$ 4,301,130,437
Receivables - contributions	566,451	502,092
Total Assets	<u>4,990,170,848</u>	<u>4,301,632,528</u>
Administrative expenses payable	<u>2,225,536</u>	<u>2,364,309</u>
Net Position available for plan benefits	<u>\$ 4,987,945,312</u>	<u>\$ 4,299,268,220</u>

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December 31,**

Summary of Changes in Net Position Available for Plan Benefits

	2017	2016
Additions		
Employee contributions	\$ 155,252,304	\$ 151,790,151
Transfers-in from other plans	36,844,282	35,931,506
Investment income	<u>719,604,173</u>	<u>303,315,027</u>
Total additions	<u>911,700,759</u>	<u>491,036,684</u>
Deductions		
Distributions to participants	220,057,467	198,181,179
Administrative expenses	<u>2,966,200</u>	<u>1,998,798</u>
Total deductions	<u>223,023,667</u>	<u>200,179,977</u>
Net Increase	<u><u>\$ 688,677,092</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 290,856,708</u></u>

FINANCIAL CONTACT

The Plan's financial statements are designed to present users with a general overview of the Plan's finances and to demonstrate the trustees' accountability. If you have questions about the report or need additional financial information, contact the Deferred Compensation Director for the Department of Employee Trust Funds at P.O. Box 7931, Madison, Wisconsin, 53707-7931.

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ASSETS	2017	2016
Investments:		
Fixed earnings investments	\$ 762,019,875	\$ 749,046,562
Variable earnings investments	4,160,315,904	3,491,998,037
Self-directed option investments	<u>67,268,618</u>	<u>60,085,838</u>
Total investments	4,989,604,397	4,301,130,437
Receivable - contributions	<u>566,451</u>	<u>502,092</u>
Total assets	4,990,170,848	4,301,632,528
LIABILITIES		
Administrative expenses payable	<u>2,225,536</u>	<u>2,364,309</u>
NET POSITION AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 4,987,945,312</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,299,268,220</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS
Years Ended December 31,**

	2017	2016
ADDITIONS		
Employee contributions	\$ 155,252,304	\$ 151,790,151
Transfer-in from other plans	36,844,282	35,931,506
Investment income		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	559,799,080	210,437,073
Interest and dividends	159,805,093	92,877,954
Total additions	<u>911,700,759</u>	<u>491,036,684</u>
DEDUCTIONS		
Distributions to participants	220,057,467	198,181,179
Administrative expenses	2,966,200	1,998,798
Total deductions	<u>223,023,667</u>	<u>200,179,977</u>
NET INCREASE	688,677,092	290,856,708
NET POSITION AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>4,299,268,220</u>	<u>4,008,411,512</u>
NET POSITION AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 4,987,945,312</u>	<u>\$ 4,299,268,220</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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NOTE 1- SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General

The State of Wisconsin Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust (the Plan) was established in 1981 pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section 40.80.

In accordance with Section 457 of the IRC, the Plan limits the amount of an employee's annual contributions to an amount not to exceed the lesser of \$18,000 or 100% of the employee's includable compensation for 2017 and 2016. In 2010, the federal government passed the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010, which allows 457 plans such as the WDC Program to offer a Roth contribution option effective January 1, 2011. Roth contributions are made with after-tax dollars. Participants may withdraw WDC Roth contributions and earnings income tax and penalty free once they have held the account for at least five years and severed employment. The WDC opened the Roth contribution option to participants on July 1, 2011. The Plan also provides certain catch-up contribution provisions for participants age 50 or older and for participants within three years of their normal retirement age. Amounts contributed by employees are deferred for federal and state income tax purposes until benefits are paid to the employees. The Plan allows the employer to make contributions to the Plan on behalf of employees. No such contributions were made in 2017 or 2016.

Under the Plan provisions, employees of the State of Wisconsin and public employers in Wisconsin that elect to participate are eligible to contribute to the Plan through payroll deductions. As of December 31, 2017, approximately 67% of the Plan assets were applicable to State employees and the remaining 33% represent the assets of other Wisconsin public employers participating in the Plan. This is compared to 68% State employees and 32% other Wisconsin public employers in 2016.

Under provisions of the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996 (SBJPA), which became effective for plan years beginning after December 31, 1996, assets of IRC Section 457 plans must be held in a trust, custodial account, or annuity contract for the exclusive benefit of employees and beneficiaries. In March 2006, Wisconsin Act 150 was signed into law, creating Code Section s.40.80 (2)(g) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Section s.40.80 (2)(g) incorporates requirements of the federal tax code by establishing the WDC Program as a trust. Furthermore, it established the Deferred Compensation Board members as trustees with fiduciary responsibilities.

The Plan is governed by the Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Board (the Board) and is administered by a third party.

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Employees electing to participate in the Plan may contribute to or exchange within any of the following investment options:

- Fixed earnings investment of the Stable Value option managed by Galliard Capital Management, Inc.;
- Fixed earnings investment in a FDIC option managed by Nationwide Bank;
- Variable earnings investments options consisting of select mutual funds and collective investment trusts;
- Self-directed option - Personal Choice Retirement Accounts (PCRA) offered by Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Participants may exchange funds accumulated in the core options of the Plan to a PCRA account, which provides approximately 3,000 investment offerings in addition to the Plan's core options.

Employees may withdraw the value of the funds contributed to the Plan upon termination of employment with the employer, retirement, death, or financial hardship. Employees, or their beneficiaries, may select various payout options which include lump sum or periodic payments.

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and present the net position available for plan benefits and the net change in position.

Use of Estimates in Preparing Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of additions and deductions during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Contributions and Contributions Receivable

Employee contributions are recognized when such amounts are withheld. Receivable contributions represent amounts withheld from employees but not yet received or remitted to the investment carriers at fiscal year-end.

Investment Valuation

Fixed earnings investments are valued as reported by Galliard Capital Management and Nationwide Bank at fair value, which represents contributions received plus interest income earned to date less applicable charges and amounts withdrawn.

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Variable earnings investments (mutual funds) and personal choice retirement accounts are presented at fair value based on published quotations. All purchases and sales are recorded on a trade-date basis.

Distributions

Distributions are recorded at the time withdrawals are made from participant accounts.

Fixed and Variable Earnings Investment Income

Fixed and Variable earnings investment income consists of dividend income and realized and unrealized gains and losses attributed to the mutual funds.

Interest Income

The Stable Value option paid interest ranging from 1.76% to 2.03% and 1.89% to 1.91% during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the crediting rate was 2.03% and 1.90%, respectively.

The FDIC option, managed by Nationwide Bank, paid interest of 1.59% and 0.68% during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the crediting rate was 1.59% and 0.68%, respectively.

Interest income is recorded as earned on the accrual basis.

Participants' Accounts

Earnings are credited to individual participants' accounts based upon the investment performance of each specific option selected.

Transfer-In from Other Plans

Transfer-in represents the balance of assets transferred by employees from other eligible plans.

Related Party Transactions

Certain members of the Deferred Compensation Board, Wisconsin Retirement Board, Teachers Retirement Board, Group Insurance Board and Employee Trust Funds Board are participating or retired members of the Plan.

NOTE 2 – INVESTMENTS

Investments held in the name of the Plan at December 31, 2017 and 2016 can be found in a table on the following two pages. Investments marked with an asterisk (*) represent individual investment options which exceed 5% of the Net Position Available For Plan Benefits as of December 31, 2017, and 2016. Investments marked with two asterisks (**) represent international mutual funds.

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	Fair and Carrying Value	
	2017	2016
Fixed earning investments:		
Stable Value	\$ 649,846,386 *	\$ 636,005,824 *
FDIC Bank Option	112,173,489	113,040,738
Total fixed earnings investments	<u>762,019,875</u>	<u>749,046,562</u>
Variable earnings investments:		
International equity funds		
American Funds Europacific Fund - Class R6	191,389,703 **	149,395,476 **
BlackRock EAFE Equity Index Fund - Class T	143,545,171 **	97,314,238 **
Total International Equity Funds	<u>334,934,874</u>	<u>246,709,714</u>
Mid-Cap Funds		
T. Rowe Price Instl Mid Cap Equity Growth	524,150,206 *	419,521,522 *
BlackRock Mid Cap Equity Index Fund - Collective F	203,858,740	191,201,628
Total Mid-Cap Funds	<u>728,008,946</u>	<u>610,723,151</u>
Target Date Funds		
Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire 2015 Instl	116,979,664	105,291,457
Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire 2025 Instl	226,781,873	179,467,678
Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire 2035 Instl	152,210,958	114,879,858
Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire 2045 Instl	86,387,159	62,935,109
Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire 2055 Instl	21,350,223	13,263,266
Vanguard Instl Trgt Inc Instl	45,645,562	40,666,367
Total Target Date Funds	<u>649,355,439</u>	<u>516,503,735</u>
Large-Cap Funds		
Calvert Social Investment Fund - Equity Portfolio - Class I	54,639,817	45,192,024
American Beacon Bridgeway Large Cap	3,450,660	0
Fidelity Contrafund	684,772,047 *	559,530,090 *
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Plus Shares	518,893,209 *	443,993,784 *
Vanguard Wellington Fund Admiral Share	494,212,832 *	438,340,600 *
Total Large-Cap Funds	<u>1,755,968,565</u>	<u>1,487,056,498</u>
Bonds		
BlackRock U.S. Debt Index Fund - Class W	149,965,300	123,402,778
Federated U. S. Government Securities Fund - 2-5 Institutional Shares	32,500,156	32,392,096
Vanguard Long-Term Investment Grad Fund Admiral Shares	150,717,672	129,327,354
Total Bonds	<u>333,183,128</u>	<u>285,122,227</u>

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	Fair and Carrying Value	
	2017	2016
Small-Cap		
BlackRock Russell 2000 Index Collective T	80,840,888	73,388,606
DFA US Micro Cap Fund	251,443,459 *	246,530,029 *
Total Small-Cap Funds	332,284,347	319,918,635
Money Market		
Vanguard Admiral Treasury Money Market Fund - Admiral Shares	26,580,605	25,664,078
Total Money Market	26,580,605	25,664,078
Total variable earnings investments	4,160,315,904	3,491,998,037
Self-directed option		
Personal Choice Retirement Accounts - Charles Schwab	67,268,618	60,085,838
Total Self-Directed	67,268,618	60,085,838
Total investments	\$ 4,989,604,397	\$ 4,301,130,437

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a failure of the counterparty, the Plan would not be able to recover the value of its deposits, investments, or collateral securities that were in the possession of an outside party. Investment securities are exposed to custodial credit risk if they are uninsured or not registered in the name of the Plan and are held by either the counterparty or the counterparty's trust department or agent, but not in the Plan's name.

The fixed earning investments with Nationwide Bank are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000 per participant. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, 43 and 47 individual participant accounts held more than \$250,000, respectively.

The Stable Value option, the Variable earning mutual funds, and the Self-directed option, which is limited to mutual funds, do not have securities that are used as evidence of the investments and therefore are not exposed to custodial credit risk.

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the value of an investment. Duration is the measure of a debt investment's exposure to fair value changes arising from changing interest rates based upon the present value of cash flows, weighted for those cash flows as a percentage of the investment's full price. The weighted average effective duration in years for investments held in 2017 and 2016 are on the following page.

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Weighted Average Maturity for the Years ended December 31,

	2017		2016	
	Fair Value	Weighted Average Maturity	Fair Value	Weighted Average Maturity
Fixed earnings investment:				
Stable Value	\$ 649,846,386	3.56	\$ 633,641,516	3.49
Variable earnings investments:				
Vanguard Wellington Fund Admiral Shares	494,212,832	9.6	438,340,600	9.9
Vanguard Long-Term Investment Grade Fund Admiral Shares	150,717,672	22.7	129,627,354	22.8
BlackRock U. S. Debt Index Fund-Class W	149,965,300	8.04	123,402,778	7.73
Federated U.S.. Government Securities Fund 2-5 Instl Shares	32,500,156	3.5	32,392,096	3.9
Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire Inc Instl	45,645,562	7.16	40,666,367	7.07
Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire 2015 Instl	116,979,664	7.13	105,291,457	7.42
Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire 2025 Instl	226,781,873	8.57	179,467,678	8.51
Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Instl	152,210,958	8.56	114,879,858	8.51
Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire 2045 Instl	86,387,159	8.57	62,935,109	8.51
Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire 2055 Instl	21,350,223	8.57	13,263,266	8.51

Credit risk is the risk that the Plan will lose money because of the default of the security of the issuer or investment counterparty. The stable value option and the variable earnings mutual funds are unrated.

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the Plan's investment in a single issuer. The Plan's investments are managed by several fund managers. The concentrations of investments are determined by the participants' elections to invest in the available investment options as selected by the Board. Investments that exceed 5% of net position are identified on page 12 and 13.

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of the investment. The Plan allows the option of investments in mutual funds of countries outside the U.S. that invest in securities and are not required to disclose the individual assets within the fund. The fair value of these investments was \$334,934,874 and \$246,709,714 as of December 31, 2017, and 2016, respectively. The individual funds are identified on page 12.

Fair Value Measurement: The Plan categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to

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quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The inputs to the three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

- Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Significant other observable inputs, including quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active and other market corroborated inputs.
- Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs.

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair Value
December 31, 2017				
Bond Funds	\$ 0	\$ 333,183,127	\$ 0	\$ 333,183,127
Fixed Earnings	0	762,019,875	0	762,019,875
Money Market	26,580,605	0	0	26,580,605
Large-Cap equity funds	1,755,968,565	0	0	1,755,968,565
Mid-Cap equity funds	728,008,946	0	0	728,008,946
Small-Cap equity funds	332,284,348	0	0	332,284,348
International equity funds	334,934,874	0	0	334,934,874
Target date funds	649,355,439	0	0	649,355,439
Self-directed brokerage mutual funds	67,268,618	0	0	67,268,618
Totals	<u>\$ 3,894,401,395</u>	<u>\$ 1,095,203,002</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 4,989,604,397</u>

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair Value
December 31, 2016				
Bond Funds	\$ 0	\$ 285,422,227	\$ 0	\$ 285,422,227
Fixed Earnings	0	749,046,562	0	749,046,562
Money Market	25,664,078	0	0	25,664,078
Large-Cap equity funds	1,487,056,498	0	0	1,487,056,498
Mid-Cap equity funds	610,723,150	0	0	610,723,150
Small-Cap equity funds	319,918,635	0	0	319,918,635
International equity funds	246,709,714	0	0	246,709,714
Target date funds	516,503,735	0	0	516,503,735
Self-directed brokerage mutual funds	60,085,838	0	0	60,085,838
Totals	<u>\$ 3,266,661,648</u>	<u>\$ 1,034,468,789</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 4,301,130,437</u>

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An agreement was reached between the Board and Great-West Life on April 27, 1994, whereby the Plan purchased a single premium group annuity policy on May 1, 1994 for \$12,946,917 (the balance in the annuity payout reserve at the time of purchase). Under the terms of the policy, Great-West Life assumed the contractual liability for the remaining annuity terms and amounts and assumed all risk related to market fluctuation. The actuarial value of the group annuity contracts, as determined by Great-West Life was \$1,209,291 and \$1,340,288 at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

NOTE 3 - PLAN ADMINISTRATION

The cost of the Plan is paid for primarily with participant administrative fees. Each participant in the Plan is charged a fee based upon their account balance and a tiered dollar charge. The following fees were in effect for 2017:

<u>Participant Account Balance</u>	<u>Monthly/Annual Participant Fee</u>
\$1 - \$5,000	\$0/\$0
\$5,001 - \$25,000	\$1/\$12
\$25,001 - \$50,000	\$3/\$36
\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$6/\$72
\$100,001 - \$150,000	\$8/\$96
\$150,001 - \$250,000	\$11/\$132
More than \$250,000	\$16.50/\$198

Fees assessed in excess of the Plan administrative expenses as of December 31, 2017, and 2016, were \$2,225,536 and \$2,364,309, respectively. The amounts are reported on the Statements of Net Position Available for Plan Benefits as Administrative expenses payable. At the Board's discretion, these excess fees are invested and available to defray future administrative expenses and participant fee increases.

NOTE 4 - TAX STATUS

The Plan is reviewed by legal counsel to ensure conformity with Section 457 of the IRC. Accordingly, any amount of compensation deferred under the Plan and any income attributable to the amounts deferred shall be included in the gross income of the participant only for the taxable year in which such compensation or other income is paid or otherwise made available to the participant or beneficiary.

NOTE 5 - CONTINGENCIES

The Plan is subject to various threatened and pending claims. It is the opinion of management that the ultimate liability arising from such threatened and pending claims will not have a material effect on the financial position of the Plan. The Plan is exposed to various other liabilities and risks related to the fiduciary responsibility of directors and officers.

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NOTE 6 - RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan, as directed by participants, may invest in various types of investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks.

Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is possible that changes in the values of investment securities may occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Position Available for Plan Benefits.

NOTE 7 - PLAN TERMINATION

The State may terminate the Plan at any time, although no intent to terminate the Plan has been expressed. In the event of termination, all participants will remain fully vested.

NOTE 8 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan evaluated subsequent events through May XX, 2018, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, for events requiring reporting or disclosure in the Plan's financial statements. Management believes no material events have occurred.