



# MEMORANDUM

Buffalo Board of Education  
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**Date:** March 17, 2017

**To:** Members of the New York State and Local Retirement System (NYSLRS)

**From:** Jamie Warren,  
Associate Superintendent for Human Resources

**Subject:** Previous Service

You may be able to obtain additional credit for your previous public employment or military service with the New York State Employee Retirement System.

Requesting credit for previous public employment as early in your career as possible ensures that;

- If there is a cost, it will be less expensive than if you wait to purchase it at a later date.
- Your retirement benefit will be processed more quickly if your service credit is in order.
- If your tier allows for a cessation of contributions after a defined period of time, you will stop paying contributions sooner.

If you performed public service prior to becoming a member and are interested in obtaining information regarding this, you will need to complete a Request for Previous Service-RS 5042 form and send it directly to the NYSLRS. The Retirement System will request your monthly earnings and hourly rates of pay directly from the participating employer, then calculate your available credit and the cost to you (if any) for purchasing service credit.

New York State & Local Retirement System  
110 State Street  
Albany, New York 12244-0001  
1-866-805-0990  
(<http://www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/>)

If you have any questions, please call Human Resources at (716) 816-3580.

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