



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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TO: All Active Members of the Teachers' Retirement System
FROM: William J. Sudol, Administrator
DATE: March 16, 2001
SUBJECT: Election Ballots Mailed

The Teachers' Retirement Board, charged under Connecticut law with the management of the retirement system for public school teachers, is comprised of two state commissioners, five public members and five teachers. The teachers, three active and two retired, are elected by their peers for overlapping four-year terms. The terms of incumbent active teachers, Mary Nicholas and Martin Rudnick will expire on June 30, 2001.

Three teachers have qualified to be candidates for election to two of the active teacher positions on the board. Each candidate filed petitions signed by at least four hundred teachers qualifying them to run for a seat on the board. The three candidates have provided for your information the biographical information that appears below.

Election ballots were mailed to all active teacher members in mid March. If you did not receive your ballot, you should contact this office *in writing* immediately. Replacement ballots will be provided to any member who has completed and signed an "Application for Ballot" certifying his/her non-receipt of the original ballot.

Election ballots must be returned to the Teachers' Retirement Board no later than April 15, 2001. Since your ballot will be treated confidentially, do not include your name or other identification on the ballot or return address envelope. For planning and study purposes, we ask that you enter the name of the school district where you are currently teaching at the bottom of the ballot. The results of the election will be announced at the Board's June 2001 meeting.

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Carol Bryan	Mary Nicholas	Robert E. Scalzo
<p>From Branford, a New Haven Teacher since 1969, Graduate of Staples H. S., Westport, Received BS, MA, & 6th Yr. Degree from SCSU</p> <p>Member: AFT, CSFT, CEA and NEA and New Haven Federation of Teachers - Elected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vice President Elementary 2000 - present ▪ Vice President Administration 1997 - 2000 ▪ Board of Trustees 1993 - 1997 ▪ Executive Board 1983 - present ▪ Building Steward 1982 - present ▪ Negotiating Committee 1987 - 1993 ▪ Delegate: State, National & Quest Conventions ▪ Legislative Committee - Chairman: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobbied & testified on retirement issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to improve benefits - to eliminate the age penalty at retirement <p>Government Involvement: Former Member of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Branford's Elected Legislative Body ▪ Branford Police Commission <p>Currently Executive Board Member of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Police Commissioners Assoc. of CT ▪ CT Police Academy (P.O.S.T) ▪ Serve as Branford Elected Assessor 	<p>I, Mary Nicholas, am currently an elected Teacher Representative of the State Teachers' Retirement Board. I have served for approximately eight years in this position. Also, I serve on the Health Insurance Subcommittee of the Board.</p> <p>In addition, I am Vice Chairperson of the Connecticut Education Association Retirement Commission on which I have served for over ten years. As part of the work of this Commission, I have been engaged in presenting retirement workshops throughout the state for many years.</p> <p>I serve on the National Council on Teacher Retirement Personnel Committee.</p> <p>I have taught in Vernon for twenty-six years and served as the Negotiations Chairperson for the Vernon Education Association for nine years.</p>	<p>I am a middle school Math Specialist for the Danbury Public Schools and have been a math teacher for over three decades. At the state level, I have been an active member of the Connecticut Education Association (CEA) for my entire professional career. I have served on the CEA Retirement Commission from 1988 to the present and am a former Vice-Chair of the Retirement Commission.</p> <p>I have worked as a teacher trainer for CEA's Regional Retirement Workshops for several years and have educated hundreds of teachers about their pension benefits and the Teachers' Retirement System.</p> <p>Local School District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Teachers' Advisory Committee to the Principal ▪ Advisory Committee to the Superintendent ▪ Selected as "Teacher of the Year" representing my school <p>NEA-Danbury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grievance Chairperson from 1992 to 1996 ▪ Building Chairperson for approximately 18 years <p>I am the Chief of Phoenix Hose Company #8 Volunteer Fire Department in Danbury.</p>

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