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Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Directors
Public School Employees' Retirement System:

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS), a component unit of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2002 and 2001, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of PSERS's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits 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 includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets of PSERS as of June 30, 2002 and 2001, and the changes in its net assets for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and Required Supplemental Schedules 1 and 2 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The Introductory, Investment, Actuarial, and Statistical sections, as well as Supplemental Schedules 1 through 3, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Supplemental Schedules 1 through 3 have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The Introductory, Investment, Actuarial, and Statistical sections have not been subject to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

As discussed in Note 2 to the basic financial statements, PSERS adopted the disclosure requirements of Statement No. 34 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments* as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002.



October 15, 2002



Management's Discussion and Analysis

This section presents management's discussion and analysis of the Pennsylvania Public School Employees' Retirement System's (PSERS, the System) financial performance for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002. It is presented as required supplemental information to the financial statements.

Overview of Financial Statements

PSERS is primarily responsible for administering a defined benefit pension plan for public school employees in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. PSERS also administers two postemployment healthcare plans, the premium assistance program (premium assistance) and the Health Options Program (HOP), for its annuitants. The financial statements present the financial activities for the pension plan and the two postemployment healthcare programs.

The *Statements of Plan Net Assets* provide a snapshot of the financial position of PSERS at June 30, 2002, including comparative amounts for the prior year.

The *Statements of Changes in Plan Net Assets* summarize PSERS' financial activities that occurred during the fiscal period from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002, including comparative amounts for the prior year.

The *Notes to Financial Statements* provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the financial statements. The notes are an integral part of the financial statements and include detailed information not readily evident in the basic financial statements.

The Required Supplemental Schedules immediately following the notes to financial statements provide two schedules showing historical information concerning the funded status of PSERS and the employer contributions.

The remaining supplemental schedules provide additional detailed information concerning the operating expenses, investment expenses and payments to non-investment consultants. All of this supplemental information is considered useful in understanding and evaluating the financial activities of PSERS.

Financial Highlights

- PSERS' plan net assets decreased by \$4.6 billion from \$48.2 billion at June 30, 2001 to \$43.6 billion at June 30, 2002. The decrease is primarily attributable to a net loss on investments and the payment of pension benefits that exceeded employer and employee contributions.
- Two significant pieces of legislation were enacted that have impacted the financial position of the Fund. Act 9 of 2001 was signed into law on May 17, 2001. Act 38 of 2002 was signed into law on April 23, 2002. See the "Pension Plan Amendments" section for additional information on these Acts' provisions and their effects on PSERS.
- The funded ratio as of the latest actuarial valuation dated June 30, 2001 decreased from 123.8% to 114.4%. The decrease is due to the net effect of the Act 9 of 2001 benefit changes, Act 38 of 2002 actuarial asset method change, and asset and experience losses.
- The rate of return for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002 (FY 2002) was (5.25)% compared to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001 (FY 2001) return of (7.34)%.
- Total employee and employer contributions remained relatively consistent with approximately \$900 million contributed during both FY 2002 and FY 2001.
- Total pension plan benefit payouts increased by 26.8% from \$2.3 billion during FY 2001 to \$2.9 billion during FY 2002. The increase is primarily due to a larger than normal number of new retirements attributable to the Act 9 of 2001 benefit changes.
- Administrative expenses increased by 1.5% from \$34.9 million during FY 2001 to \$35.4 million during FY 2002 and were within PSERS' budgeted amounts for both years.

Funded Status

PSERS uses an actuarial reserve type of funding that is financed by member contributions, employer contributions and earnings from invested assets. An independent actuarial valuation of PSERS' actuarial assets and liabilities is performed annually. As part of this valuation, the progress toward funding pension obligations of the retirement system is measured by comparing the actuarial value of assets to the actuarial accrued liability. This measurement is referred to as the funded ratio or funded status. PSERS has been at least 100% funded since 1997 which is one indicator of the financial soundness of the plan. The most recent actuarial valuation reports that PSERS is 114.4% funded as of June 30, 2001. The results of operations for FY 2002 will be reflected in the actuarial valuation for the year ended June 30, 2002. Due to the normal lag time for completion of the actuarial valuation, the resulting funded status will be available at the end of the calendar year and will be reported in the financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003.

Analysis of Plan Net Assets

(Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

Summary of Plan Net Assets:	FY 2002	FY 2001		<u>Change</u>
Assets:				
Receivables	\$ 1,386,127	\$	1,154,293	\$ 231,834
Investments	44,456,217		49,679,776	(5,223,559)
Securities Lending Collateral Pool	2,282,799		2,519,806	(237,007)
Fixed Assets	3,150		3,969	 (819)
Total Assets	48,128,293		53,357,844	(5,229,551)
Liabilities	 4,531,643		5,204,650	 673,007
Plan Net Assets	\$ 43,596,650	\$	48,153,194	\$ (4,556,544)
Summary of Changes in Plan Net Assets: Additions: Contributions Net Investment Loss	\$ FY 2002 915,017 (2,523,025)	\$	FY 2001 907,441 (3,843,713)	\$ <u>Change</u> 7,576 1,320,688
Total Additions	(1,608,008)		(2,936,272)	 1,328,264
Deductions: Benefit Payments, Refunds &				
Transfers to State Employees' Retirement System	2,913,163		2,297,332	615,831
Administrative Expenses	35,373		34,854	519
Total Deductions	2,948,536		2,332,186	616,350
Changes in Plan Net Assets	\$ (4,556,544)	\$	(5,268,458)	\$ 711,914

Investments

PSERS is a long-term investor and manages the Fund with long-term objectives in mind. A primary element of PSERS' investment philosophy is that diversification among various asset classes is the best way to achieve its goals. PSERS makes estimates of future long-term market returns and establishes an asset allocation plan taking into account the risk associated with each asset class as well as the financial objectives of the Fund.

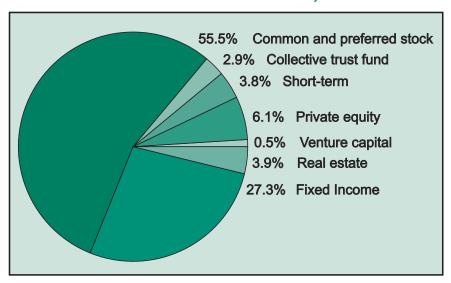
For FY 2002, PSERS' rate of return on investments was (5.25)% which is primarily attributable to downturns in the domestic and international equity markets. The annualized rate of return over the past three and five-years ended June 30, 2002 was (0.53)% and 5.07%, respectively. The Fund's long-term actuarial investment return assumption is 8.50%.

The asset distribution of PSERS' investment portfolio at June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2001, at fair market value, including postemployment healthcare assets was:

(Dollar	Amounts	in Thousands	3)
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Asset Class	FY 2002	<u>%</u>	FY 2001	<u>%</u>
Short-term	\$ 1,707,628	3.8	\$ 1,382,683	2.8
Fixed income	12,117,727	27.3	14,357,157	29.0
Common and preferred stock	24,663,004	55.5	28,879,195	58.1
Collective trust fund	1,269,174	2.9	1,189,897	2.4
Real estate	1,754,636	3.9	1,646,196	3.3
Private equity	2,712,854	6.1	1,901,038	3.8
Venture capital	231,194	0.5	323,610	0.6
Total	\$ 44,456,217	100.0	\$ 49,679,776	100.0

Asset Distribution Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002



Fixed Income

Fixed income decreased \$2.2 billion from June 30, 2001 to June 30, 2002 primarily due to reductions to the asset class during FY 2002 and the change in pending purchases/sales from FY 2001 to FY 2002. The decrease was partially offset by the positive domestic and international bond market performance during FY 2002.

Common and preferred stock

Common and preferred stock decreased \$4.2 billion from June 30, 2001 to June 30, 2002 primarily due to negative returns in the domestic and international equity markets and reductions to the asset class during FY 2002 in accordance with PSERS' asset allocation plan targets.

Private equity

Private equity increased \$0.8 billion from June 30, 2001 to June 30, 2002 due to the addition of new investment partnerships and the drawdowns of commitments to existing investment partnerships in accordance with PSERS' asset allocation plan targets.

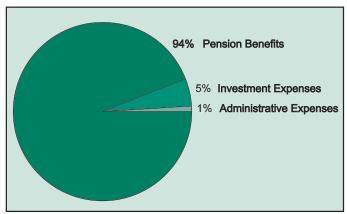
Contributions and Investment Income

During FY 2002, contributions from employers and members, including the postemployment healthcare program, totaled \$915.0 million compared to \$907.4 million during FY 2001. Employer contributions decreased by \$157.7 million due to the decrease in the pension contribution rate from 1.64% in FY 2001 to 0.00% in FY 2002. The contributions for premium assistance increased by \$81.4 million due to the increase in the premium assistance contribution rate from 0.30% in FY 2001 to 1.09% in FY 2002. The rate increase is largely attributable to the Act 9 of 2001 benefit changes that increased premium assistance payments from \$55 to \$100 per month. See "Pension Plan Amendments" section that follows for additional information on Act 9 of 2001. Net investment losses during FY 2002 were (\$2.5) billion compared to (\$3.8) billion during FY 2001. Investment losses were primarily attributable to downturns in the domestic and international equity markets during the last two fiscal years. Net investment loss also includes investment expenses as a deduction. See the "Pension Plan Benefits and Expenses" section that follows for an analysis of investment expenses.

Pension Plan Benefits and Expenses

The primary source of expense during FY 2002 was for payment of pension benefits totaling \$2.9 billion which compares to \$2.3 billion during FY 2001. Pension benefits increased \$0.6 billion primarily due to a larger than normal number of new retirements attributable to the Act 9 of 2001 benefit changes. Investment expenses increased \$19.1 million from \$143.7 million during FY 2001 to \$162.8 million during FY 2002 due primarily to the increase in management fees that resulted from the growth in private equity investments. Administrative expenses totaled \$35.4 million during FY 2002 as compared to \$34.9 million during FY 2001.

Pension Plan Benefits and Expenses Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002



Pension Plan Amendments

Act 9 of 2001 increased the pension benefit formula multiplier from 2% to 2.5% for eligible members who elected the new service class. The legislation also increased the basic employee contribution rate for those members who elected the new service class. Act 9 revised the method and time period for amortizing liabilities of the plan. Prior to the Act, amortization of actuarial liabilities was calculated over a 20-year period with installments increasing by 5% each year. The legislation amended the language to provide for 10-year amortization of actuarial liabilities with level dollar installments each year. Act 9 increased the System's unfunded accrued liability at June 30, 2001 by approximately \$5.6 billion.

Act 38 of 2002 provided a two-phase cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for retirees. Eligible members who retired prior to July 2, 1990 received a cost-of-living adjustment ranging from 8% to 25% depending on their date of retirement effective, July 1, 2002. Eligible members who retired on or after July 2, 1990 will receive a cost-of-living adjustment ranging from 2.27% to 9% based on their date of retirement effective, July 1, 2003. Act 38 also provided that the actuarial assets of the Fund will be calculated by recognizing the actuarially expected investment return immediately and recognizing the difference between the actual investment return and the actuarially expected investment return over a five-year period. In prior years, the System immediately recognized interest and dividends when earned, and recognized realized and unrealized gains and losses on the market value of assets over a three-year period. Act 38 decreased the System's unfunded accrued liability at June 30, 2001 by approximately \$4.6 billion.

The effects of both Act 9 of 2001 and Act 38 of 2002 are included in the System's actuarial valuation at June 30, 2001.

Statements of Plan Net Assets

Years ended June 30, 2002 and 2001 (Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

					20	02		
	-		F	ostemploy	me	ent Healthcare		
		Pension		Premium Assistance		Health Options Program	5	Totals
Assets:								
Receivables:								
Members	\$	166,238	\$	658	\$	31	\$	166,927
Employers		1,465		35,076		_		36,541
Investment income		180,821		411		51		181,283
Investment proceeds		1,000,379		-		_		1,000,379
Miscellaneous		713		251		33		997
Total Receivables		1,349,616		36,396		115		1,386,127
Investments, at fair value:								
Short-term		1,595,427		67,063		45,138		1,707,628
Fixed income		12,117,727		_		· -		12,117,727
Common and preferred stock		24,663,004		_		_		24,663,004
Collective trust fund		1,269,174		_		_		1,269,174
Real estate		1,754,636		_		_		1,754,636
Private equity		2,712,854		_		_		2,712,854
Venture capital		231,194		_				231,194
Total Investments		44,344,016		67,063		45,138		44,456,217
Securities lending collateral pool		2,282,799		-				2,282,799
Capital assets (net of accumulated								
depreciation of \$8,127)		3,150		_				3,150
Total Assets		47,979,581		103,459		45,253		48,128,293
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		33,703		125		14,657		48,485
Benefits payable		197,558		30		· -		197,588
Participant premium advances		_		_		10,499		10,499
Investment purchases and other liabilities		1,992,272		_		_		1,992,272
Obligations under securities lending		2,282,799		_				2,282,799
Total Liabilities		4,506,332		155		25,156		4,531,643
Net assets held in trust for pension and								
postemployment healthcare benefits								
(A schedule of funding progress is			_	400	_		_	
presented on page 53.)	\$	43,473,249	\$	103,304	\$	20,097	\$	43,596,650

Statements of Plan Net Assets

Years ended June 30, 2002 and 2001 (Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

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	Postemployment Healthcare							
		Pension		Premium Assistance	H	lealth Options Program		Totals
Assets:								
Receivables:								
Members	\$	139,072	\$	893	\$	12	\$	139,977
Employers		53,310		8,706		_		62,016
Investment income		237,055		323		98		237,476
Investment proceeds		712,808		_		_		712,808
Miscellaneous		1,976		39		1		2,016
Total Receivables		1,144,221		9,961		111		1,154,293
Investments, at fair value:								
Short-term		1,298,531		38,046		46,106		1,382,683
Fixed income		14,357,157		_		_		14,357,157
Common and preferred stock	2	28,879,195		_		_		28,879,195
Collective trust fund		1,189,897		_		_		1,189,897
Real estate		1,646,196		_		_		1,646,196
Private equity		1,901,038		_		_		1,901,038
Venture capital		323,610		_		_		323,610
Total Investments		49,595,624		38,046		46,106		49,679,776
Securities lending collateral pool		2,519,806		_		_		2,519,806
Capital assets (net of accumulated								
depreciation of \$7,385)		3,969		_		_		3,969
Total Assets	ţ	53,263,620		48,007		46,217		53,357,844
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		40,646		265		23,908		64,819
Benefits payable		23,328		37		_		23,365
Participant premium advances		_		_		12,442		12,442
Investment purchases and other liabilities		2,582,885		1,333		_		2,584,218
Obligations under securities lending		2,519,806		_		_		2,519,806
Total Liabilities		5,166,665		1,635		36,350	_	5,204,650
Net assets held in trust for pension and								
postemployment healthcare benefits								
(A schedule of funding progress is								
presented on page 53.)	\$ 4	48,096,955	\$	46,372	\$	9,867	\$	48,153,194
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Statements of Changes in Plan Net Assets

Years ended June 30, 2002 and 2001

(Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

		2002						
			F	Postemployi	ner	nt Healthcare		
				Premium	Не	ealth Options		
		Pension		Assistance		Program		Totals
Additions:								
Contributions:								
Members	\$	662,561	\$	-	\$	143,006	\$	805,567
Employers		539		108,911				109,450
Total contributions		663,100		108,911		143,006		915,017
Investment (loss) income:								
From investing activities:								
Net depreciation in fair value								
of investments		(3,776,589)		(564)		_		(3,777,153)
Short-term		43,668		2,159		1,035		46,862
Fixed income		774,029		_		_		774,029
Common and preferred stock		440,533		_		_		440,533
Collective trust fund depreciation								
and income		(10,957)		_		_		(10,957)
Real estate		131,890		_		_		131,890
Private equity		16,230		_		_		16,230
Venture capital		2,064		_				2,064
Total investment activity (loss) income		(2,379,132)		1,595		1,035		(2,376,502)
Investment expenses		(162,755)		(22)		_		(162,777)
Net (loss) income from investing activities		(2,541,887)		1,573		1,035		(2,539,279)
From securities lending activities:						_		
Securities lending income		57,391		_		_		57,391
Securities lending expense		(41,137)		_		_		(41,137)
Net income from securities lending activities		16,254		_		_		16,254
Total net investment (loss) income		(2,525,633)		1,573		1,035		(2,523,025)
Total Additions		(1,862,533)		110,484		144,041		(1,608,008)
Deductions:								
Benefits		2,707,125		51,738		130,008		2,888,871
Refunds of contributions		14,858		_		_		14,858
Net transfer to State Employees'		,						,
Retirement System		9,434		_		_		9,434
Administrative expenses		29,756		1,814		3,803		35,373
Total Deductions		2,761,173		53,552		133,811		2,948,536
Net (decrease) increase		(4,623,706)		56,932		10,230		(4,556,544)
Net assets held in trust for pension and		(-,,)		,		,		(-,,,
postemployment healthcare benefits:								
Balance, beginning of year		48,096,955		46,372		9,867		48,153,194
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Balance, end of year	Þ	43,473,249	\$	103,304	Ф	∠∪,∪ <i>∀1</i>	\$	43,596,650

Statements of Changes in Plan Net Assets

Years ended June 30, 2002 and 2001

(Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

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	F	Postemployn	nent	Healthcare	i.	
		Premium	Hea	alth Options		
Pension		Assistance		Program		Totals
\$ •	\$		\$	141,875	\$	721,725
158,193		27,523		_		185,716
738,043		27,523		141,875		907,441
(5,137,879)				_		(5,137,619)
79,321		2,274		1,724		83,319
832,808		_		_		832,808
446,439		_		_		446,439
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(3, 103,300)		30,033		140,000		(2,930,212)
2 000 200		22.004		120.010		2.264.006
, ,		33,894		139,912		2,264,096
22,369		_		_		22,369
40.007						40.00
		_		-		10,867
						34,854
2,154,861		34,891		142,434		2,332,186
(5,264,767)		(4,856)		1,165		(5,268,458)
53,361,722		51,228		8,702		53,421,652
\$ 48,096,955	\$	46,372	\$	9,867	\$	48,153,194
\$ \$	\$ 579,850 158,193 738,043 (5,137,879) 79,321 832,808 446,439 (125,006) 166,006 7,681 2,717 (3,727,913) (143,663) (3,871,576) 147,852 (124,225) 23,627 (3,847,949) (3,109,906) 2,090,290 22,369 10,867 31,335 2,154,861 (5,264,767)	Pension \$ 579,850 \$ 158,193 738,043 (5,137,879) 79,321 832,808 446,439 (125,006) 166,006 7,681 2,717 (3,727,913) (143,663) (3,871,576) 147,852 (124,225) 23,627 (3,847,949) (3,109,906) 2,090,290 22,369 10,867 31,335 2,154,861 (5,264,767)	Pension Premium Assistance \$ 579,850 158,193 27,523 738,043 27,523 (5,137,879) 260 79,321 2,274 832,808 - 446,439 - (125,006) - 166,006 - 7,681 - 2,717 - (3,727,913) 2,534 (143,663) (22) (3,871,576) 2,512 (124,225) - (124,225) - (124,225) - (124,225) - (124,225) - (124,225) - (3,847,949) 2,512 (3,109,906) 30,035 2,090,290 33,894 22,369 - (10,867 - 31,335 997 2,154,861 34,891 (5,264,767) (4,856) 53,361,722 51,228	Postemployment Premium Head \$ 579,850 \$ - \$ \$ 158,193 27,523 27,523 738,043 27,523 27,523 (5,137,879) 260 2,274 832,808 - 446,439 - (125,006) - 166,006 - 7,681 - 2,717 - (3,727,913) 2,534 (143,663) (22) (3,871,576) 2,512 - 147,852 - - (124,225) - - 23,627 - - (3,847,949) 2,512 - (3,109,906) 30,035 2,090,290 33,894 - 22,369 - - 10,867 - - 31,335 997 - 2,154,861 34,891 - (5,264,767) (4,856) -	\$ 579,850 \$ - \$ 141,875 158,193 27,523 738,043 27,523 141,875 (5,137,879) 260 79,321 2,274 1,724 832,808 146,439 (125,006) 166,006 166,006 166,006 166,006 (3,727,913) 2,534 1,724 (143,663) (22) (3,871,576) 2,512 1,724 147,852 (124,225) (3,847,949) 2,512 1,724 (3,109,906) 30,035 143,599 2,090,290 33,894 139,912 22,369 10,867 10,867 31,335 997 2,522 2,154,861 34,891 142,434 (5,264,767) (4,856) 1,165	Postemployment Healthcare Pension Premium Assistance Health Options Program \$ 579,850 \$ - \$ 141,875 \$ 158,193 27,523 - 738,043 27,523 141,875 \$ 141,875 <t< td=""></t<>

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2002 and 2001

(1) Organization and Description of the Public School Employees' Retirement System (the System)

(a) Organization

The System was established on July 18, 1917, under the provisions of Public Law 1043, No. 343 as a governmental cost-sharing multiple-employer plan that provides retirement allowances and other benefits to members. Membership in the System is mandatory for nearly all qualifying public school employees in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth). In certain instances, qualifying employees of charter schools may retain membership in other retirement plans. At June 30, 2002, there were 706 participating employers, generally school districts. Membership as of June 30, 2001, the most recent year for which actual amounts are available, consisted of:

Total number of members		430,000
Total retirees and other members		187,000
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits Inactive members and vestees entitled to but not receiving benefits	133,000 54,000	
Total currently employed members		243,000
Currently employed members: Vested Nonvested	163,000 80,000	

All members are fully vested in their individual balance in the Members' Savings Account which is described in note 3.

The System is established by state law as an independent administrative board of the Commonwealth, which is directed by a governing board that exercises control and management of the System, including the investment of its assets. The System's board has fifteen members including the Commonwealth's Secretary of Education, the State Treasurer, the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, two members appointed by the Governor, six elected members (three from among the System's certified members, one from among the System's annuitants, and one from among school board members in Pennsylvania), two members from the Senate, and two members from the House of Representatives.

The State Treasurer is the custodian of the System's fund. The retirement plan of the System is a contributory defined benefit plan for which the benefit payments to members and contribution rates by employers and employees are specified in state law. Changes in benefit and contribution provisions for each retirement plan must be made by legislation. Pursuant to state law, all legislative bills and amendments proposing to change the System's retirement plan are to be accompanied with an actuarial note prepared by an enrolled pension actuary providing an estimate of the cost and actuarial effect of the proposed change.

Based upon the criterion of financial accountability as defined by governmental accounting standards, the System is considered a component unit of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania financial reporting entity and is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(b) Pension Benefits

Under the provisions of the 1975 revision of the Pennsylvania Public School Employees' Retirement Code (the Code) by the Pennsylvania General Assembly, members are eligible for monthly retirement benefits upon reaching (a) age 62 with at least 1 year of credited service; (b) age 60 and with 30 or more years of credited service; or (c) 35 or more years of service regardless of age.

Benefits are generally equal to 2% or 2.5%, depending upon membership class, of the member's final average salary (as defined in the Code) multiplied by the number of years of credited service. In most cases after completion of five years of service, a member's right to the defined benefit is vested and early retirement benefits may be elected. Under certain features of the System, active members may purchase credit for various types of prior school and non-school service on a lump-sum, installment purchase basis, or through an actuarially calculated benefit reduction.

In addition to regular retirement benefits, the System also provides for disability retirement benefits and death benefits. Participants are eligible for disability retirement benefits after completion of five years of credited service. Such benefits are generally equal to 2% or 2.5%, depending upon membership class, of the member's final average salary (as defined in the Code) multiplied by the number of years of credited service, but not less than one-third of such salary nor greater than the benefit the member would have had at normal retirement age. Members over normal retirement age may apply for disability benefits. Certain exceptions apply to normal disability retirements.

Death benefits are payable upon the death of an active member who has reached age 62 or who has at least five years of credited service. Such benefits are actuarially equivalent to the benefit that would have been effective if the member had retired on the day before death.

Members with credited service in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania State Employees' Retirement System (SERS) may elect to transfer such service to the Public School Employees' Retirement System upon commencement of employment in the public school system. Similarly, a member with credited service in the System may transfer such service to SERS upon becoming a member of that system.

Upon termination of a member's employment in the public school sector, the member's accumulated contributions plus interest are refundable from the Members' Savings Account which is described in note 3.

(c) Postemployment Healthcare Benefits

The System provides a health insurance premium assistance program (premium assistance) for all eligible annuitants who elect to participate. Under this program, employer contribution rates for premium assistance are established to provide reserves in the Health Insurance Account that are sufficient for the payment of premium assistance benefits. Effective January 1, 2002, under the provisions of Act 9 of 2001, participating eligible annuitants are entitled to receive premium assistance payments equal to the lesser of \$100 per month or their out-of-pocket monthly health insurance premium. The maximum premium assistance benefit had previously been \$55 per month. To receive premium assistance, eligible annuitants must obtain their health insurance through either their school employer or the PSERS' Health Options Program (HOP).

The HOP is a PSERS-sponsored voluntary health insurance program for the sole benefit of PSERS retirees, their spouses or surviving spouses, and their dependents. Private health care insurers and providers provide the medical coverage and services available through HOP. Program participants are offered basic health coverage through an indemnity plan, Point-of-Service, Health Maintenance Organization, or Preferred Provider Organization coverage. The HOP is funded exclusively by the premiums paid by its participants for the benefit coverage they elect. HOP purchases stop-loss insurance to safeguard the assets of the program from the potential adverse effect of catastrophic claims. The PSERS pension fund assets are not available to fund or satisfy obligations of the HOP.

(d) Contributions

The contribution policy is set by the Code and requires contributions by active members, employers, and the Commonwealth. The System's funding policy provides for periodic employer and Commonwealth contributions at actuarially determined rates, expressed as a percentage of annual covered payroll, such that they, along with employee contributions and an actuarially determined rate of investment return, are adequate to accumulate assets to pay retirement benefits when due. Level percentage of payroll employer contribution rates are determined using the entry age normal actuarial funding method. This method determines the amount of contributions necessary to (1) fully fund all current costs, which represents the estimated amount necessary to pay for the benefits earned by the employees during the current service year; and (2) liquidate the prior service cost for service earned prior to the current service year and subsequent benefit increases, which represents the amount necessary to fund accrued liabilities over a period of ten years as required by the Code.

Contribution rates for active members are set by law (redefined with the provisions of Act 9 of 2001) and are dependent upon members' class. In most cases, the contribution rates based on qualified member compensation are as follows:

Membership Class T-C	Active members hired before July 22, 1983	5.25%
Membership Class T-C	Active members hired on or after July 22, 1983	6.25%
Membership Class T-D	Active members hired before July 22, 1983	6.50%
Membership Class T-D	Active members hired on or after July 22, 1983	7.50%

Active members newly hired after July 1, 2001, the effective date of Act 9 of 2001, are automatically Class T-D. The contribution rates for all members in Membership Class T-D were effective January 1, 2002.

The total contribution rate for the employers and the Commonwealth was 1.09% and 1.94% of qualified compensation for the years ended June 30, 2002 and 2001, respectively. According to requirements established in Act 29 of 1994, the Commonwealth reimburses school entity employers a portion of the employer contributions paid to the System. The Commonwealth remits employer contributions for employers other than school entities directly to the System. All contributions from employers and the Commonwealth are shown as employer contributions on the Statements of Changes in Plan Net Assets.

A portion of each employer and Commonwealth contribution to the System is set aside for the funding of the health insurance premium assistance program. The premium assistance contribution rate is set at a level necessary to establish reserves sufficient to provide premium assistance payments for all participating eligible members for the subsequent fiscal year. The portion of the total contribution rate for employers and the Commonwealth used to fund premium assistance was 1.09% and 0.30% for the years ended June 30, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the System are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting under which expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, revenues are recorded in the accounting period in which they are earned and become measurable, and investment purchases and sales are recorded as of their trade date. Member and employer contributions are recognized in the period for which employees' salaries are reported. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan.

The accounting and reporting policies of the System conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP 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 in plan net assets during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The System follows Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) guidance as applicable to proprietary funds and applies only those Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions and Accounting Research Bulletins issued on or before November 30, 1989, that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

(b) Investments

The System's investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the amount that the System can reasonably expect to receive for an investment in a current sale between a willing buyer and a willing seller, that is, other than in a forced or liquidation sale. Short-term securities are carried at cost, which approximates fair value, unless they have a published market price or quotation from national security exchanges and securities pricing services, in which case they are valued at the published market price. Fixed income securities and common and preferred stocks are generally valued based on published market prices and quotations from national security exchanges or securities pricing services. Securities which are not traded on a national security exchange are valued by the respective fund manager or other third parties based on similar sales.

Real estate owned investments are primarily valued based on appraisals performed by independent appraisers or, for properties not appraised, at cost or the present value of the projected future net income stream. Private equity, venture capital and equity real estate investments are primarily valued based on amounts established by valuation committees. The values for private equity, venture capital and equity real estate investments are reported on a one-quarter lag (March 31) adjusted for cash flows and significant unrealized gains/losses through June 30. Futures contracts, foreign exchange contracts, and options are marked-to-market daily with changes in market value recognized as part of net appreciation/depreciation in the fair value of investments. Initial margin requirements for such financial instruments are provided by investment securities pledged as collateral or by cash.

The Collective Trust Fund investments (CTF) consist primarily of domestic and international institutional funds. The funds do not pay interest or dividends to shareholders, and reinvest all income earned on securities held by the fund. The fair value of CTF is based on the reported share value of the respective fund. CTF are managed by state-chartered banks for which various state banking departments have regulatory oversight and investment advisors for which the Securities and Exchange Commission has regulatory oversight.

Investment expenses consist of investment manager fees and those administrative expenses directly related to the System's investment operations. Unsettled investment sales are reported as investment proceeds receivable and unsettled investment purchases are included in investment purchases and other liabilities.

(c) Capital Assets

Capital assets, consisting primarily of data processing equipment, are recorded at historical cost. The System depreciates capital assets using the straight-line method over an estimated useful life of seven years.

(d) Benefits Payable

Benefits payable identifies the obligations of the System, on an accrual basis, for the estimated retirement and death benefits payable to PSERS' members or members' beneficiaries at the end of the fiscal year.

(e) Compensated Absences

The System uses the accrual basis of accounting for measuring vacation leave, sick leave, and other compensated absences liabilities. Employees of the System are paid for accumulated vacation leave upon termination or retirement. Retiring employees of the System that meet service, age, or disability requirements are paid between 30% and 100% of sick days available at retirement, up to 163 maximum days paid. As of June 30, 2002 and 2001, \$2,947,000 and \$2,819,000, respectively, was accrued for unused vacation and sick leave for the System's employees.

(f) Participant Premium Advances

Participant premium advances are for HOP premiums paid in advance in 2002 and 2001 related to health care coverage to be provided in 2003 and 2002, respectively.

(g) Federal Income Taxes

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued a determination letter dated March 3, 1978 which stated that the plan and its underlying trust qualify under the provisions of Section 501(a) of the *Internal Revenue Code* (IRC) and therefore are exempt from federal income taxes. The plan has been amended since receiving that determination letter. Additionally, the IRS issued a 1982 ruling which concluded that the fund and the board are integral parts of the Commonwealth, and are therefore not subject to federal income tax. In the opinion of the System, the plan has operated within the terms of the plan and remains qualified under the applicable provisions of the IRC.

Federal tax legislation was enacted in 2001 that modified the rules for making rollovers to or from pension systems and also established maximum amounts of retirement benefits that can be paid from pension systems. The Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 (EGTRRA) expanded the opportunity for members to roll over funds received from PSERS at retirement to a wider variety of plans including, but not limited to, 403(b) tax sheltered annuities and government 457 deferred compensation plans. The Act permits the rollover of after-tax contributions from PSERS. EGTRRA similarly expanded the variety of plans that can be used to roll money into PSERS to purchase eligible

service credits. EGTRRA increased the annual compensation limits for qualified plans to \$200,000, effective July 1, 2002, from the prior amount of \$170,000. The annual benefit limits for defined benefit plans also increased to \$160,000, effective July 1, 2001, from the previous amount of \$140,000.

(h) Risk Management

The System is exposed to various liabilities or risks of loss related to theft or destruction of assets, injuries to employees, and court challenges to fiduciary decisions. To cover such risks, the System carries policies of directors' and officers' liability insurance and fiduciary liability insurance, and it also requires asset managers to carry appropriate policies of insurance. As an administrative agency of the Commonwealth, the System is accorded sovereign immunity, and it participates in a state property insurance program. As Commonwealth employees, the System's employees receive health insurance benefits, disability retirement benefits, and workers' compensation benefits. During the last three fiscal years, insurance settlements did not exceed insurance coverage.

(i) Reclassifications

Certain 2001 balances have been reclassified to conform with the 2002 presentation.

(j) New Accounting Pronouncement

In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements -- and Management's Discussion and Analysis -- for State and Local Governments* (GASB 34). In June 2001, the GASB issued Statement No. 37, *Basic Financial Statements -- and Management's Discussion and Analysis -- for State and Local Governments: Omnibus*, which amended certain provisions of GASB 34. The System implemented GASB 34 in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002. The adoption of GASB 34 required the presentation of Management's Discussion and Analysis as required supplemental information preceding the financial statements. The System's adoption of GASB 34 did not have an impact on its net assets.

(k) Members Receivables

Members receivables include an amount for members' obligations to the System for the purchase of service credit in the amount of \$103,000,000. Members have a variety of options to remit purchase of service payments:

- remit a lump sum payment
- request an installment plan from one to seven years where the member's employer establishes a
 payroll deduction process. The member's employer then forwards quarterly payments of
 the withheld amounts to PSERS.
- accept an actuarial reduction debt through which the amount of the purchase plus accumulated interest will reduce the member's retirement or death benefit

Because members have control over the timing of their remittances to the System, many purchases of service receivables extend beyond one year. An estimated \$82,900,000 of the \$166,238,000 members receivables at June 30, 2002 are expected to be collected by the System subsequent to June 30, 2003.

(3) Description of Accounts

The Code requires the System to maintain the following accounts which represent reserves held for future and current benefit payments as follows:

(a) State Accumulation Account

The State Accumulation Account is credited with the contributions of the Commonwealth and the employers. Additionally, interest earnings of the System (after crediting the Members' Savings Account with 4% interest and the reserve for retirement with 5.50% statutory interest) are credited to this account. Each year, the necessary amounts, as determined by the actuary for the payment of retirement, disabilities, and death benefits, are transferred from the State Accumulation Account to the Reserve for Retirement Account increasing the reserve credit to the 8.5% valuation assumption rate determined by the actuary. All administrative expenses necessary for the operation of the System, except for premium assistance and HOP expenses, are paid from the State Accumulation Account.

(b) Members' Savings Account

The Members' Savings Account is credited with all contributions made by active members of the System. Interest is added to the member's individual account at an annual rate of 4%. Upon death or retirement of a member, the accumulated contributions plus interest are transferred to the Reserve for Retirement Account for subsequent payment of benefits.

(c) Reserve for Retirement Account

The Reserve for Retirement Account represents the amounts transferred from the Members' Savings and State Accumulation Accounts, plus additional contributions made by the Commonwealth and employers for the payment of supplemental annuities and cost-of-living increases. All death, disability, and retirement benefits are paid from this account. Annual interest of 5.50% is credited to the Reserve for Retirement Account.

(d) Health Insurance Account

The Health Insurance Account is credited with contributions of the Commonwealth and the employers for the health insurance premium assistance program. Effective January 1, 2002, under the provisions of Act 9 of 2001, participating eligible annuitants are entitled to receive premium assistance payments equal to the lesser of \$100 per month or their out-of-pocket monthly health insurance premium. The maximum premium assistance benefit had previously been \$55 per month. The Health Insurance Account pays all administrative expenses necessary to operate the health insurance premium assistance program.

(e) Health Insurance Program Account

The Health Insurance Program Account is credited with contributions from members of the HOP. All benefits related to the HOP (premium payments to the insurance companies) are paid from this account. The Health Insurance Program Account pays all administrative expenses necessary to operate the HOP.

(f) Pension and Postemployment Healthcare Net Assets

Net assets held in trust for pension and postemployment healthcare benefits at June 30 follows:

	(Dollar Amounts in Thousand			
	2002	_	2001	
Pension: State accumulation account Members' savings account Reserve for retirement account	\$ 16,040,082 7,780,370 19,652,797	·	4,403,575 7,464,404 6,228,976	
	\$ 43,473,249	\$ 4	8,096,955	
Postemployment healthcare: Health insurance account Health insurance program account	\$ 103,304 20,097	\$	46,372 9,867	

(4) Investments

(a) Summary of Investments

The Board of Trustees (the Board) has the responsibility to invest and reinvest available funds of the System, in accordance with the guidelines and limitations set forth in the Code and other applicable state law. The Board accomplishes the daily management of the System's investments through investment advisors who act as agents for the System and through internal investment managers. The Board invests the funds of the System using the "prudent person" standard which allows the Board to consider the probable safety of investments, avoid speculative investments, and invest as people of prudence, discretion, and intelligence would manage their own affairs. The Board has adopted its investment policy to formally document investment objectives and responsibilities.

A summary of the fair value of investments at June 30 follows:

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			45,138		46.106
	Postemployment Healthcare investments at fair value	\$		\$	

During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2002 and 2001, the System owned no securities issued by and made no loans to school districts, the Commonwealth, or any related parties.

(b) Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3

The System's investments are categorized below to give an indication of the level of credit (counterparty) risk assumed by the System at June 30, 2002 and 2001. In accordance with a contractual relationship between the Commonwealth's Treasury Department and a custodial agent, substantially all investments subject to categorization are held in book-entry form in the Commonwealth's name. Therefore, all such investments are reflected in Category 1, which is defined as insured or registered investments for which the securities are held by the System or its agent in the System's name.

Investments may also be categorized as Category 2, which is defined as uninsured or unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the System's name, and Category 3, which is defined as uninsured or unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker or dealer or by its agent but not in the System's name. The System has no investments that would be classified in Categories 2 or 3. The System does have investments that are not in any of the three defined categories because the securities are not used as evidence of the investment. Such investments are separately identified.

Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3 Summary of Categorized Investments As of June 30, 2002 and 2001

(Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

	Fair Value	
	2002	2001
Investments – Category 1		
U.S. government and agency obligations	\$ 411,106 \$	717,781
Domestic corporate and taxable municipal bonds	3,911,696	5,044,396
Domestic common and preferred stock	16,851,562	20,548,212
Domestic mortgage-backed securities	5,171,543	6,096,578
Miscellaneous domestic fixed income	377,566	345,068
International fixed income	1,055,057	927,537
International common stock	6,777,450	7,131,838
International short-term (1)	49,538	142,902
Other domestic short-term (2)	327,091	224,090
Subtotal	34,932,609	41,178,402
Investments - not categorized Investments held by broker dealers under securities loans:		
U.S. government and agency obligations	745,738	702,881
Domestic corporate and taxable municipal bonds	365,920	399,163
Domestic common and preferred stock	184,825	176,804
International fixed income	79,101	123,753
International common stock	849,167	1,022,341
Collective trust fund	1,269,174	1,189,897
Real estate owned	481,810	504,652
Equity real estate	1,272,826	1,141,544
Private equity	2,712,854	1,901,038
Venture capital	231,194	323,610
Pennsylvania Treasury Short-Term Investment Fund (3)	1,330,999	1,015,691
Total Pension and Postemployment Healthcare investments	\$ 44,456,217 \$	49,679,776

- (1) International short-term investments consist of foreign currency holdings.
- (2) Includes \$56,424 and \$50,264 of Postemployment Healthcare investments at June 30, 2002 and 2001, respectively. The remaining other domestic short-term investments consist primarily of U.S. Treasury bills and certain government and agency obligations due in less than one year.
- (3) Includes \$55,777 and \$33,888 of Postemployment Healthcare investments at June 30, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

(c) Securities Lending

In accordance with a contract between the Commonwealth and its custodial agent, the System participates in a securities lending program. Under this program, the custodian, acting as the lending agent, loans securities (equities, fixed income issues and money market instruments) to independent brokers and dealers in exchange for collateral in an amount not less than 102% of the fair value of any securities loaned except for non-U.S. corporations for which 105% of the fair value is required. For Euro fixed income debt issues, for which the Commonwealth receives Euros as collateral and international fixed income debt issues denominated in U.S. dollars, the collateral required to be exchanged is in an amount not less than 102% of the fair value of any securities loaned. Collateral is marked-to-market daily. If the fair value of the collateral held falls below the minimum guidelines for securities loaned, additional collateral is obtained. In lieu of certain approved securities or cash, the borrower may deliver to the lending agent irrevocable bank letters of credit as collateral. If the collateral obtained consists in whole or in part of cash, the lending agent may use or invest the cash in accordance with reinvestment guidelines approved by the Commonwealth.

As of June 30, 2002 and 2001, the System had no credit risk exposure to borrowers because the amounts the System owed the borrowers exceeded the amounts the borrowers owed the System. Under the securities lending program, the lending agent provides indemnification to the Commonwealth if the borrowers fail to return the underlying securities (and the collateral is inadequate to replace the loaned securities) or fail to pay income distributions on them. There were no losses during the fiscal years ended June 30, 2002 and 2001 resulting from a default of the borrowers or the lending agent.

All securities loans can be terminated on demand by either the System or the borrower, although the average term of the loan is one day. There were no term loans as of June 30, 2002 and 2001.

Cash collateral is invested in the lending agent's short-term investment pool. The System's income from securities lending represents its pro-rata share from participating in the program. The weighted-average maturity of the investments in the pool was 27 days and 23 days at June 30, 2002 and 2001, respectively. The relationship between the maturities of the investment pool and the System's loans is affected by the maturities of the securities loans made by other entities that use the lending agent's pool, which the System cannot determine. The System cannot pledge or sell collateral securities received unless the borrower defaults. In the event of a default, the lending agent may use the collateral to replace the loaned securities.

As of June 30, 2002, the fair value of loaned securities was \$2,364,972,000 which includes \$140,221,000 of loaned securities which are collateralized by securities and irrevocable letters of credit that are not included in the Statement of Plan Net Assets. The fair value of the associated collateral was \$2,426,955,000 of which \$2,282,799,000 was cash. As of June 30, 2001, the fair value of loaned securities was \$2,553,391,000 which includes \$128,449,000 of loaned securities which are collateralized by securities and irrevocable letters of credit that are not included in the Statement of Plan Net Assets. The fair value of the associated collateral was \$2,652,874,000 of which \$2,519,806,000 was cash. The securities lending collateral pool is not categorized as to credit risk because securities are not used as evidence of the investment.

(5) Derivative and Other Similar Investments

The System enters into a variety of financial contracts, which include options and futures. The System also enters into foreign exchange positions, such as forward and spot contracts to hedge foreign currency exposure; collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs); other forward contracts, and U.S. Treasury STRIPS. The System is not a dealer, but an end-user of these instruments. The contracts are used primarily to enhance performance and reduce the volatility of the portfolio. Short-term investments and cash equal to or greater than performance obligations under these contracts is maintained at all times. The System is exposed to credit risk in the event of non-performance by counterparties to financial instruments. As the System generally enters into transactions only with high quality institutions, no losses associated with counterparty nonperformance on derivative financial instruments have been incurred. Legal risk is mitigated through selection of executing brokers and review of all documentation. The System is exposed to market risk, the risk that future changes in market conditions may make an instrument less valuable. Exposure to market risk is managed in accordance with risk limits set by senior management, through buying or selling instruments or entering into offsetting positions.

The notional or contractual amounts of derivatives indicate the extent of the System's involvement in the various types and uses of derivative financial instruments and do not measure the System's exposure to credit or market risks and do not necessarily represent amounts exchanged by the parties. The amounts exchanged are determined by reference to the notional amounts and the other terms of the derivatives.

The following table summarizes the aggregate notional or contractual amounts for the System's derivative financial instruments at June 30, 2002 and 2001 (in thousands):

	2002	2001
Futures contracts – long	\$ 4,974,538 \$	6,726,727
Futures contracts – short	3,286,061	3,998,444
Foreign exchange forward and spot contracts, gross	3,287,684	3,444,850
Options – calls purchased	83,000	55,528
Options – calls sold	214,148	10,483
Options – puts sold	129,602	9,840

Futures contracts are contracts in which the buyer agrees to purchase and the seller agrees to make delivery of a specific financial instrument at a predetermined date and price. Gains and losses on futures contracts are settled daily based on a notional (underlying) principal value and do not involve an actual transfer of the specific instrument. Futures contracts are standardized and are traded on exchanges. The exchange assumes the risk that a counterparty will not pay and generally requires margin payments to minimize such risk. In addition, the System enters into short sales, sales of securities it does not presently own, to neutralize the market risk of certain equity positions. Initial margin requirements on futures contracts and collateral for short sales are provided by investment securities pledged as collateral or by cash held in segregated accounts by the System's custodial bank or short sale broker. Although the System has the right to access individual pledged securities, it must maintain the amount pledged by substituting other securities for those accessed. The value of securities pledged and the amount of cash held at June 30, 2002 and 2001 represent a restriction on the amount of assets available as of year-end to use for other purposes.

Option contracts provide the option purchaser with the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell the underlying security at a set price during a period or at a specified date. The option writer is obligated to buy or sell the underlying security if the option purchaser chooses to exercise the option. The System generally uses exchange listed currency, index, stock, and futures options. The System has authorized an investment manager to write covered call stock index option spreads up to a notional amount of \$500,000,000.

Foreign exchange contracts involve an agreement to exchange the currency of one country for the currency of another country at an agreed-upon price and settlement date. The contracts reported above primarily include forwards. The \$3,287,684,000 of foreign currency contracts outstanding at June 30, 2002 consist of "buy" contracts, which represent the U.S. dollar equivalents of commitments to purchase foreign currencies of \$2,223,356,000 and "sell" contracts, which represent U.S. dollar equivalents of commitments to sell foreign currencies of \$1,064,328,000. The \$3,444,850,000 of foreign currency contracts outstanding at June 30, 2001 consist of "buy" contracts of \$2,008,293,000 and "sell" contracts of \$1,436,557,000. The unrealized gain/(loss) on contracts of \$54,776,000 and (\$8,916,000) at June 30, 2002 and 2001, respectively, is included in the System's net assets and represents the fair value of the contracts.

The System also invests in mortgage-backed securities (MBS) such as CMOs and MBS forwards to maximize yields. These securities are sensitive to prepayments by mortgagees, which may result from a drop in interest rates. The MBS forwards are subject to credit risk in the event of nonperformance by counterparties. The fair value of CMOs at June 30, 2002 and 2001 is \$2,229,059,000 and \$1,903,057,000, respectively.

The System invests in U.S. Treasury STRIPS which essentially act as zero coupon bonds and are subject to market volatility from a rise or drop in interest rates.

Through certain collective trust funds, the System also indirectly holds various derivative financial instruments. The collective trust funds invest in futures and options thereon; forward foreign currency contracts; options; interest rate, currency, equity, index, and total return swaps; interest-only STRIPS, and CMOs, to enhance the performance and reduce the volatility of their portfolios.

Swap agreements are used to modify investment returns or interest rates on investments in the collective trust funds. Swap transactions involve the exchange of investment returns or interest rate payments without the exchange of the underlying principal amounts. These swaps expose the collective trust funds entering into these types of arrangements to credit risk in the event of nonperformance by counterparties.

(6) Pension Plan for Employees of the System

The System contributes to the Commonwealth's State Employees' Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement, death, and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries according to Commonwealth statute. SERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained by writing to SERS, 30 N. Third Street, P.O. Box 1147, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA 17108-1147.

The contribution requirements of plan members and the System are mandated by Commonwealth statute. Most SERS plan members are required to contribute 5% or 6.25% of their annual covered payroll depending upon service class. The System is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The rates applied to annual covered payroll were 0% at June 30, 2002 and .61% at June 30, 2001. The System's annual required contributions to SERS for the years ending June 30, 2002 and 2001 were \$0 and \$87,000, respectively.

(7) Litigation and Contingencies

The System is subject to various threatened and pending lawsuits which deal with the questions of benefit calculation and eligibility. It is the opinion of management that the ultimate liability arising from such threatened and pending litigation will not have a material effect on the financial position of the System.

(8) Act 2001 - 9

On May 17, 2001, the Pennsylvania Governor signed into law an act containing major pension legislation. The numerous provisions included in this legislation (known as Act 2001 - 9) became effective July 1, 2001. A summary of the amendments to the System's Code follow.

(a) Benefit Formula Change

- (1) Created a new Class T-D service as of July 1, 2001. Allowed certain members to elect to have prior school service and intervening military service converted to Class T-D service. To qualify for the Class T-D service conversion, an individual had to:
 - (i) Be a school employee and either an active member or an inactive member on June 30, 2001 and July 1, 2001; or a multiple service member who was a state employee and a member of SERS on July 1, 2001; and
 - (ii) Affirmatively elect Class T-D service by filing a written notice on or before December 31, 2001, or the termination of school service, whichever was earlier.
- (2) Upon election to become a Class T-D member, all prior school service and intervening military service that had been classified as Class T-C service was converted to Class T-D service. All other non-school service is not eligible for Class T-D service and will remain Class T-C service.
- (3) Members who chose not to elect Class T-D membership by December 31, 2001 must have their service remain as Class T-C. Those members cannot convert this Class T-C service to Class T-D service at any time in the future.
- (4) Persons who are newly enrolled on or after July 1, 2001, or retirees who returned to service on or after July 1, 2001 and have prior school service, automatically become Class T-D members and receive Class T-D service for all service performed thereafter. Such persons, however, cannot receive Class T-D service for their prior school service until the member earns three eligibility points by performing school service after July 1, 2001. Non-school service purchases are not eligible for Class T-D service.

(5) Amended the definition of standard single life annuity to increase the multiplier for members with Class T-D service from 2% to 2.5%. (Note: Because non-school service except for intervening military service will remain at Class T-C, for these members there will be a two-tiered method of calculating the benefit: (1) 2% times the years of non-school service; plus (2) 2.5% times the years of school service.)

(b) Member Contribution Rate

- (1) Amended the definition of basic contribution rate to provide that all new hires, and current members who were paying 6.25% (i.e. those who began employment or became reenrolled on or after July 22, 1983) and elected Class T-D service, will pay a member contribution rate of 7.50%. Current members who were paying 5.25% (i.e. those employed before July 22, 1983) and elected Class T-D service will pay a member contribution rate of 6.50%.
- (2) Established that the new member contribution rate for Class T-D service (either 6.50% or 7.50%) applies to service performed on and after January 1, 2002.

(c) Section 415(b) Limits

Specified that upon election to become Class T-D, members agree to have their benefits subject to the benefits limitations contained in IRS Code Section 415(b), which limits the maximum annual payment for an annuity.

(d) Vesting Period

- (1) Reduced the vesting period for all members from ten years to five years, effective July 1, 2001 with certain exceptions.
- (2) In determining whether a former member who returns to service has five eligibility points for vesting, only the eligibility points earned after July 1, 2001 shall be counted, until the member earns one eligibility point. Thereafter, the prior eligibility points earned will be counted.
- (3) Members earning ten eligibility points before the one-year period can vest without returning for the full one-year time period.
- (4) Vesting does not automatically convert a member's prior service to Class T-D. A member newly enrolled after July 1, 2001 must still earn three eligibility points for the conversion to Class T-D on the prior service, even though the member may be vested after one year.

(e) Multiple Service Membership - (service in the System and SERS)

- (1) Created an open window allowing members active on or after July 1, 2001 to elect multiple service membership at any time from July 1, 2001 through December 31, 2003. New members or newly-enrolled members after July 1, 2001 had until the later of one year or December 31, 2003 to make the election. After December 31, 2003, new members or newly enrolled members have one year to make the election.
- (2) Established ability for members electing multiple service membership to pay for this service through an actuarial debt placed against their retirement benefit.

(f) Postemployment Healthcare Benefits

- (1) Restated the Board's authority to operate the HOP.
- (2) Established a health insurance fund in the State Treasury.
- (3) Established a reserve account for expected participant insurance claims.
- (4) Increased maximum premium assistance payments to eligible annuitants electing to participate from \$55 per month to \$100 per month, effective January 1, 2002.

The future cost related to this benefit increase to the System's premium assistance program required a recertification of the employer contribution rate previously established by the System's Board for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002. On May 19, 2001, the Board recertified that rate from .32% to 1.09% of qualified retirement compensation. The actuarial requirement for the premium assistance program comprised the entire employer contribution rate for fiscal year ended June 30, 2002.

(g) Miscellaneous Provisions

- (1) Amended the various provisions of the Code to provide that the new benefits in the Act will be funded over a ten-year period, with level dollar funding, beginning July 1, 2002. Also, it provided that all the existing actuarial liabilities and assets, whether or not they represent actuarially realized or unrealized gains or losses, will be refinanced over a ten-year funding period, with level dollar funding beginning July 1, 2002. Future actuarial gains and losses are to be amortized using the ten-year level dollar funding.
- (2) Established that superannuation age remains the same for Class T-C and Class T-D members.
- (3) Granted temporary relief from the 95-day emergency return-to-service provisions. For the time period of July 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001, if a retiree returned to school service under the emergency return to service provisions of the Retirement Code, the days worked during that period shall not be counted in calculating the 95 days a retiree may work without affecting the annuity.
- (4) Allowed the System to collect from the appropriations of the Commonwealth's Department of Education any delinquent contribution payments due from charter schools. Once the Board certifies a delinquency, the Department of Education must remit the delinquent amount directly to the System rather than to a sponsoring school district or the charter school.

(9) Act 2002 - 38

On April 23, 2002, the Pennsylvania Governor signed into law an act containing major pension legislation. The numerous provisions included in this legislation (known as Act 2002 - 38) amend the System's Code as follows.

(a) Annuitant Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)

Provided separate COLA's for two groups of retirees:

(i) Those who retired before July 2, 1990 start receiving a COLA beginning July 1, 2002, with funding over ten years at level dollar beginning July 1, 2003. The percentages of increase in monthly benefits are based upon retirement date:

Date of Retirement Percentage Increase Before July 2, 1980 25.00% July 2, 1980 - July 1, 1983 15.00% July 2, 1983 - July 1, 1988 10.00% July 2, 1988 - July 1, 1990 8.00%

(ii) Those who retired on or after July 2, 1990 and on or before July 1, 2002 will receive a COLA beginning July 1, 2003, with funding over ten years at level dollar beginning July 1, 2004. This second COLA includes retirees from July 2, 2001 through July 1, 2002, but excludes anyone who has any PSERS Class T-D, SERS Class D-4 or SERS Class AA service credit. The percentages of increase in monthly benefits are based upon retirement date:

Date of Retirement	Percentage Increase
July 2, 1990 - July 1, 1994	9.00%
July 2, 1994 - July 1, 1998	7.50%
July 2, 1998 - July 1, 1999	6.35%
July 2, 1999 - July 1, 2000	4.87%
July 2, 2000 - July 1, 2001	3.08%
July 2, 2001 - July 1, 2002	2.27%

(b) PSERS Actuarial Funding Methodology

- (i) Required PSERS to use a five-year smoothing methodology of recognizing investment gains and losses, based upon the SERS method. This method immediately recognizes the difference between the actual investment return and the actuarially expected investment return (total investment return including interest, dividends and realized and unrealized gains and losses) over a five-year period. Previously, PSERS immediately recognized interest and dividends when earned, and recognized realized and unrealized gains and losses on the market value of assets over a three-year period.
- (ii) Provided for an employer contribution rate floor of 1%, exclusive of the healthcare premium assistance rate. In effect, this imposes a minimum employer pension rate of 1%, plus the amount necessary to fund healthcare premium assistance. Established that the total employer contribution rate for fiscal year ended June 30, 2003 cannot exceed 1.15%. Required PSERS' Board of Trustees to recertify the previously adopted employer contribution rate of 5.64% for fiscal year ended June 30, 2003 within ten days of enactment of the legislation. In compliance, the PSERS Board of Trustees met on April 26, 2002 and recertified the employer contribution rate for fiscal year ended June 30, 2003 at 1.15%. The 1.15% is composed of a .97% rate for healthcare insurance premium assistance and a .18% rate for pensions.

(c) Miscellaneous Provisions

- (i) Increased the minimum death benefit eligible for an annuity from \$5,000 to \$10,000.
- (ii) Allowed multiple service members to take advantage of the System's debt plan for payment of member debts.
- (iii) Required school districts to reduce their real estate taxes by the amount saved by the recertification of the employer contribution rate for Fiscal Year 2002-2003 if those tax rates had already been increased. School districts that had not raised their tax rates were required to base that portion of the tax millage attributable to pension costs on the recertified employer contribution rate for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

Required Supplemental Schedule 1 Schedule of Funding Progress*

(Unaudited - see accompanying auditors' report) (Dollar Amounts in Millions)

Valuation as of June 30		(1) Actuarial accrued liabilities (AAL)	(2) Actuarial value of assets	l	(3) (Funded) Jnfunded actuarial accrued liabilities AL) or UAAL (1) - (2)	(4) Ratio of assets to AAL (2) / (1)	(5) Covered payroll	(6) (FAAL) or UAAL as a percentage of covered payroll (3) / (5)
	 #			\$				
2001	#	4 , 66	\$ 54,830.3	Ф	(6,913.0)	114.4%	\$ 9,414.9	(73.4)%
2000		39,822.8	49,293.0		(9,470.2)	123.8%	8,939.6	(105.9)%
1999		37,499.1	44,606.5		(7,107.4)	119.0%	8,247.6	(86.2)%
1998		36,136.2	39,969.0		(3,832.8)	110.6%	8,091.5	(47.4)%
1997		33,209.5	34,872.6		(1,663.2)	105.0%	7,745.0	(21.5)%
1996		31,629.8	30,170.9		1,458.9	95.4%	7,616.6	19.2 %

See accompanying notes to required supplemental schedules.

^{*} The amounts reported in the Schedule of Funding Progress do not include assets or liabilities for premium assistance and HOP.

[#] Includes the effects of Act 9 of 2001 and Act 38 of 2002.

Required Supplemental Schedule 2 Schedule of Employer Contributions*

(Unaudited - see accompanying auditors' report) (Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

Year ended June 30	req	Annual required contributions		
2002	\$	539	100%	
2001		158,193	100%	
2000		390,504	100%	
1999		513,940	100%	
1998		718,431	100%	
1997		796,205	100%	

The Board adopted all contribution rates as recommended by the Actuary.

* The amounts reported in the Schedule of Employer Contributions do not include premium assistance contributions.

See accompanying notes to required supplemental schedules.

Notes to Required Supplemental Schedules June 30, 2002 and 2001

(Unaudited - see accompanying auditors' report)

(1) **Description of Schedule of Funding Progress**

Each time a new benefit is added which applies to service already rendered, an "unfunded accrued liability" is created. The laws governing PSERS require that these additional liabilities be financed systematically over a period of future years. Also, if actual financial experiences are less favorable than assumed financial experiences, the difference is added to unfunded accrued liabilities.

In an inflationary economy, the value of the dollar is decreasing. In this environment, employees pay in greater dollar amounts, resulting in a dollar increase in unfunded accrued liabilities. This occurs at a time when the actual substance of these items may be decreasing. Looking at just the dollar amounts of unfunded accrued liabilities can be misleading. Unfunded accrued liabilities divided by active employee payroll provides an index which clarifies understanding. The smaller the ratio of unfunded liabilities to covered payroll, the stronger the system. Observation of this relative index over a period of years will give an indication of whether the system is becoming financially stronger or weaker.

(2) Actuarial Assumptions and Methodologies

(a) Funding Method

An entry-age normal actuarial cost method of valuation is used in determining benefit liabilities and normal cost. The outstanding balance of the June 30, 2001 unfunded accrued liability is being amortized over a 10-year period commencing July 1, 2002, with level dollar funding. Changes in the unfunded accrued liability, including actuarial gains and losses, subsequent to June 30, 2001 are to be amortized over a period of 10 years from the first day of July next following the change, with level dollar funding.

(b) Asset Valuation Method

For actuarial purposes, assets are valued using a five-year moving market average value that will recognize the 8.5% actuarial expected investment return immediately and spread the difference between actual and expected investment return (beginning with fiscal year ending June 30, 2001) over a period of five years (adopted as of June 30, 2001). Previously, PSERS immediately recognized interest and dividends when earned, and recognized realized and unrealized gains and losses on the market value of assets over a three-year period.

Notes to Required Supplemental Schedules (Continued)

(c) Actuarial Assumptions

Significant actuarial assumptions employed by the actuary for funding purposes as of June 30, 2001, the date of the most recent actuarial valuation include:

- Investment return 8.5%, includes inflation at 3.5%
- Salary increases 6.25%, which reflects an allowance for inflation of 3.5%, national productivity of 1%, and merit or seniority increases of 1.75%
- Amortization method level dollar funding
- Remaining amortization period 10 years
- Benefit payments no postretirement benefit increases assumed in the future
- Multiple Decrement Tables mortality, vesting, retirement age, and withdrawal estimates are based upon tables provided by the actuary.

The System's actuarial values are calculated separately for retirees and beneficiaries and for active and inactive members.

The actuarial present value of benefits to be paid to retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits and deferred survivor beneficiaries, whose benefits have been determined, is calculated using the assumptions noted above. The Reserve for Retirement Account with interest credited thereon at an annual rate of 5.50% is compared to the actuarial accrued liability for the remaining lifetimes of the retirees and beneficiaries and any deficiency is then funded by a transfer from the State Accumulation Account. Consequently, all such determined benefits are fully funded.

The actuarial accrued liability for active and inactive members is calculated on the projected benefit basis using the entry-age normal actuarial cost method under which the present value of each member's expected benefit payable at retirement or death is determined. The assets of the Members' Savings Account, State Accumulation Account and the fair value adjustment are subtracted from this present value to arrive at the funded or unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

Supplemental Schedule 1 Schedule of Operating Expenses Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

(Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

	_	Administrative Investment expenses (1) expenses (2)			Total
Personnel costs:					
Salaries and wages	\$	12,577	\$	2,116	\$ 14,693
Social security contributions		960		134	1,094
Retirement contributions		17		_	17
Employees' insurance contributions		2,233		250	2,483
Other employee benefits		484		12	496
Total personnel costs		16,271		2,512	18,783
Operating costs:					
Investment managers' fees		_		157,133	157,133
Custodian fees		_		344	344
Specialized services		8,263		4	8,267
Rental of real estate, electricity		1,560		117	1,677
Consultant and legal fees		869		1,241	2,110
Treasury and other Commonwealth					
services		803		82	885
Postage		1,838		_	1,838
Contracted maintenance services		475		_	475
Office supplies		920		128	1,048
Rental of equipment		544		1	545
Printing		1,108		_	1,108
Travel		238		18	256
Telephone and telegraph		870		12	882
Miscellaneous expenses		678		1,185	1,863
Total operating expenses		18,166		160,265	178,431
Fixed charges:					
Depreciation		936			 936
Total fixed charges		936		_	936
Total operating expenses	\$	35,373	\$	162,777	\$ 198,150

⁽¹⁾ Includes administrative expenses of \$1,814 related to Postemployment Healthcare Premium Assistance and \$3,803 related to Postemployment Healthcare Health Options Program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002.

⁽²⁾ Does not include \$33,563 in capitalized broker commissions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002.

Supplemental Schedule 2 Summary of Investment Expenses Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

(Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

	Assets under			
	<u>r</u>	management *	_	Fees
External management				
Domestic equity	\$	6,170,000	\$	18,926
Domestic fixed		5,671,000		8,808
International equity		7,407,000		19,421
International fixed		1,699,000		2,187
Real estate		2,322,000		28,090
Private equity		2,713,000		61,957
Venture capital		231,000		10,912
Global asset allocation		3,660,000		6,832
Total external management		29,873,000		157,133
Total internal management		13,773,000		3,602
Total investment management	\$	43,646,000		160,735
Custodian fees				344
Consultant and legal fees				1,241
Miscellaneous expenses				457
Total investment expenses			\$	162,777

^{*}Net asset value at June 30, 2002.

Supplemental Schedule 3 Schedule of Payments to Non-Investment Consultants Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

(Payment amounts greater than \$50,000)

Consultant	Fees	Services Provided
CoreSource, Inc.	\$ 1,581,350	Postemployment healthcare benefits administration
Buck Consultants, Inc.	827,711	Pension benefit actuarial services
Info-Matrix Corporation	752,042	Computer programming / analysis
L. R. Wechsler Ltd.	269,859	Information technology consulting
Peterson Consulting	266,163	Data analysis & consulting
Intellimark, Inc.	252,276	Information technology consulting
Whitehead Mann, Inc.	117,975	Chief Investment Officer search
AON	116,819	Communication services, HOP open enrollment, HOP consulting
Gartner Group, Inc.	114,285	Information technology consulting
KPMG LLP	103,500	Financial audit of pension system and postemployment healthcare programs

