



NEWS TO USE

A newsletter for PERSI employers

March 2017

- myPERSI Security Enhancement
- Choice Plan Meetings
- Staff Changes



SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS FOR myPERSI PORTAL

PERSI has become aware that some of our members' confidential information has been exposed in cyber attacks on other entities in recent months.

To prevent the identity thieves from accessing PERSI member records, a personal identification number (PIN) program will be implemented for registering in the new myPERSI web portal. MyPERSI cannot accept new registrations until the PIN program is in place. We expect to reopen the portal to new registrations later in March.

Once the PIN program is in place, and myPERSI resumes open registration, we will notify you via the *News to Use* employer newsletter email list.

In the meantime, members already registered in myPERSI will still be able to access their accounts without a PIN.

Members with questions, or those wanting assistance can always call the PERSI Answer Center at 1-800-451-8228 or (208) 334-3365 (in the Boise & surrounding areas).

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER PAY IS NEVER PERSI ELIGIBLE

PERSI wants to remind employers that substitute teachers are exempt from PERSI membership and do not need to be reported to PERSI. Further, ***substitute teacher pay should never be combined with PERSI eligible wages.***

According to Idaho Code 1302(14)(B)(g), the definition of a PERSI eligible employee **does not include** "a person not

under contract with a school district or charter school, who on a day to day basis works as a substitute teacher replacing a contracted teacher and is paid a substitute wage as established by district policy or who, on a day to day basis works as a substitute assistant replacing a staff instruction assistant or a staff library assistant and is paid a substitute wage as established by district policy."

A person may be eligible because of other employment at the same district - e.g., as a bus driver, cook, etc., but the substitute pay is never PERSI eligible and should not be included with PERSI eligible wages.

Got a Question?
PERSI Employer Service Center
Toll-free 1-866-887-9525

CHOICE 401(k) PLAN MEETINGS

PERSI Choice 401(k) Plan Manager, Diane Kaiser is heading back out on the road for more face-to-face meetings with employer payroll and human resources contacts. The goal is to strengthen relationships, provide resources, and help with any questions you may have.

The next meetings will take place March 10th in Emmett (10 am), and Payette (2 pm). Employers interested in meeting with Diane should rsvp to DCCChoicePlan@persi.idaho.gov to confirm attendance, as space may be limited. Please indicate which city you will be meeting in, as well as the names of the staff attending.

PROGRAM STAFF CHANGES AT PERSI

We are sad for PERSI and our members, but thrilled for our friend, as we share with you the news that after more than ten years as the Hawaiian-shirted, chef's hat-wearing "Face of PERSI", Training Specialist Mike Mitchell has decided it's time to dip his own toes in the sands of retirement.

Mike will leave a big void in PERSI -- impossible to fill. He has been here through a lot of transition, agency-wide, and within the Program Department (Training, Choice 401(k) Plan, and Public Information), and has always done his best to portray himself and the agency in the best, most professional way possible. Whether welcoming new internal staff to the team, co-hosting countless "Year-end Trainings", or helping lead thousands - THOUSANDS - of PERSI members from the workplace to "the Beach", Mike has been a champion for PERSI all day, every day.

Mike has had a positive, first-person impact on every single member of today's staff, and probably every staff member since he started working for PERSI. Please join us in celebrating Mike's amazing run!

Coinciding with news of Mike's retirement, we have additional exciting news to share with you regarding the PERSI Program Department. Two new traveling Training Specialists have joined the staff, along with a new Administrative Assistant. All three will be heavily involved with our outreach efforts for you, our employer contacts.

Kelsey White and Maria Quitugua each bring unique experiences, high energy, and helpful attitudes to the team, and have been learning the training processes from Mike Mitchell and Carmen Brooks. We expect to have them both up to speed and on the streets very soon, conducting workshops and answering questions for members and employers.

Administrative Assistant Lena Rupp acts as the "hub" of the Program Department, supporting all of our functions, and coordinating our outreach efforts. She will also be working closely with Choice Plan Manager, Diane Kaiser, and supporting her in the administration and outreach efforts specific to the Choice (401)k Plan.



PERSI Program Department

*Back row (left to right): Mike Mitchell, Kelly Cross.
Front row (left to right): Lena Rupp, Maria Quitugua,
Diane Kaiser, Kelsey White, Carmen Brooks.*

PERSI INVESTMENT REPORT *

Month to Date Report

March 1, 2017

CURRENT VALUE OF THE FUND	\$	15,888,034,846
FISCAL YEAR NET CHANGE IN ASSETS	\$	1,041,181,125
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE RETURNS		8.6%
MONTH TO DATE RETURNS		0.5%

*Each month, PERSI Chief Investment Officer, Bob Maynard presents his investment report to the PERSI Retirement Board, and posts it to the PERSI website. Click [here](#) to link to the full report.