Schedule of Employer and Nonemployer Allocations and Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer and Nonemployer

June 30, 2016

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)



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Independent Auditors' Report

Mr. Thomas G. Shack III, Comptroller Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

We have audited the accompanying schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations of the Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System (MSERS) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes. We have also audited the total for all entities of the columns titled net pension liability, total deferred outflows of resources, total deferred inflows of resources, and total employer pension expense (specified column totals) included in the accompanying schedule of pension amounts by employer and nonemployer of MSERS as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes.

Management's Responsibility for the Schedules

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on the schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations and the specified column totals included in the schedule of pension amounts by employer and nonemployer based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations and the specified column totals included in the schedule of pension amounts by employer and nonemployer are free from material misstatement.

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

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



Opinions

In our opinion, the schedules referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the employer and nonemployer allocations and net pension liability, total deferred outflows of resources, total deferred inflows of resources, and total employer pension expense for the total of all participating entities for MSERS as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016 in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Restriction on Use

Our report is intended solely for information and use of MSERS management and its board, MSERS employers and their auditors and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

KPMG LLP

Boston, Massachusetts May 4, 2017

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER AND NONEMPLOYER ALLOCATIONS

As of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 $\,$

Employer/Nonemployer	Actu Contribu		Employer/ Nonemployer Allocation Percentage
Non Special Funding Situations:			
9045 - Commonwealth of Massachusetts:			
Employer contributions	\$ 65	59,610,272	
Total Commonwealth of Massachusetts	65	59,610,272	91.85903%
6070 - Massachusetts State College Building Authority:			
Employer contributions		115,955	
Nonemployer contributions.		72,178	
Total Massachusetts State College Building Authority		188,133	0.02620%
6090 - Massachusetts Convention Center Authority:			
Employer contributions		596,735	
Nonemployer contributions		1,752,270	
Total Massachusetts Convention Center Authority		2,349,005	0.32713%
9045 - Massachusetts Department of Transportation:			
Employer contributions	,	24,890,974	
Nonemployer contributions.		8,701,445	
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Total Massachusetts Department of Transportation		33,592,418	4.67817%
8060 - Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School District:			
Employer contributions		-	
Nonemployer contributions		339,269	
Total Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School District		339,269	0.04725%
8100 - Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational School District:			
Employer contributions		-	
Nonemployer contributions		430,486	
Total Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational School District		430,486	0.05995%
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8080 - Bristol/Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District		_	
Nonemployer contributions.		215,358	
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Total Bristol/Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District		215,358	0.02999%
8160 - Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission:			
Employer contributions.		-	
Nonemployer contributions		173,146	
Total Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission		173,146	0.02411%
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8020 - Merrimack Valley Planning Commission: Employer contributions		_	
Nonemployer contributions		145,205	
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Total Merrimack Valley Planning Commission		145,205	0.02022%
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Employer/Nonemployer	Actual Contributions	Employer/ Nonemployer Allocation Percentage
8010 - Montachusett Regional Planning Commission:		
Employer contributions.	-	
Nonemployer contributions	98,614	
Total Montachusett Regional Planning Commission.	98,614	0.01373%
8090 - Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District: Employer contributions		
Nonemployer contributions	510,806	
Total Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District	510,806	0.07114%
8070 - Nashoba Associated Boards of Health:		
Employer contributions	-	
Nonemployer contributions	495,224	
Total Nashoba Associated Boards of Health.	495,224	0.06897%
8040 - North Middlesex Council of Governments:		
Employer contributions	-	
Nonemployer contributions	109,367	
Total North Middlesex Council of Governments.	109,367	0.01523%
8030 - Northeast Metro Regional Vocational Technical School District:		
Employer contributions	340,977	
Noticinployer continuations	010/277	
Total Northeast Metro Regional Vocational Technical School District	340,977	0.04749%
8170 - Old Colony Planning Council:		
Employer contributions	-	
Nonemployer contributions.	135,116	
Total Old Colony Planning Council.	135,116	0.01882%
8180 - Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical School District:		
Employer contributions	- 150,711	
Total Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical School District	150,711	0.02099%
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8110 - Pioneer Valley Planning Commission: Employer contributions	_	
Nonemployer contributions.	329,220	
Total Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.	329,220	0.04585%
8140 - Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District:		
Employer contributions	-	
Nonemployer contributions	194,453	
Total Southeastern Pagional Planning & Economic Davidonment District	104.459	0,02708%
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Employer/Nonemployer	Actual Contributions	Employer/ Nonemployer Allocation Percentage
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8120 - Southeastern Regional School District:		
Employer contributions	638,412	
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Total Southeastern Regional School District	638,412	0.08891%
8200 - Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District:		
Employer contributions	<u>-</u> '	
Nonemployer contributions.	272,501	
Total Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District	272,501	0.03795%
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8190 - Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District:		
Employer contributions	413,831	
Nonemployer contributions	54,157	
Total Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District	467,989	0.06517%
8130 - Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District:		
Employer contributions	_	
Nonemployer contributions	257,156	
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Total Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District	257,156	0.03581%
Special Funding Situations (Educational Collaboratives):		
6013 - ACCEPT Education Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	124,880	
Nonemployer contributions	162,609	
Total ACCEPT Education Collaborative	287,489	0.04004%
6022 - Assabet Valley Collaborative:	00 (47	
Employer contributions	82,647	
Nonemployer contributions	107,616	
Total Assabet Valley Collaborative.	190,263	0.02650%
6004 - Bi-County Education Collaborative:		•
Employer contributions	161,401	
Nonemployer contributions	209,390	
Total Bi-County Education Collaborative.	370,790	0.05164%
6018 - C.A.S.E. Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	327,698	
Nonemployer contributions	426,703	
Total C.A.S.E. Collaborative.	754,401	0.10506%
6016 - Cape Cod Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	185,163	
Nonemployer contributions		
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Total Cape Cod Collaborative	426,268	0.05936%

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Employer/Nonemployer	Actual Contributions	Employer/ Nonemployer Allocation Percentage
6010 - CAPS Education Collaborative;		
Employer contributions.	124,165	
Nonemployer contributions	•	
Total CAPS Education Collaborative	285,843	0.03981%
6035 - Central Massachusetts Special Education Collaborative:	101.105	
Employer contributions.	121,185	
Nonemployer contributions.	157,798	
Total Central Massachusetts Special Education Collaborative	278,983	0.03885%
6012 - CHARMS Collaborative:		•
Employer contributions	. 34,344	
Nonemployer contributions	44,720	
Total CHARMS Collaborative	79,064	0.01101%
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6017 - Collaborative for Educational Services:	298,923	
Employer contributions	•	
Noneinployer contitioutions.	307,234	
Total Collaborative for Educational Services	688,157	0.09583%
6021 - CREST Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	261,428	
Nonemployer contributions	338,761	
Total CREST Collaborative.	600,189	0.08358%
6030 - EDCO Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	229,444	
Nonemployer contributions.		
Total EDCO Collaborative	472,726	0.06583%
6019 - FLLAC Collaborative:	00.400	
Employer contributions.	83,638	
Nonemployer contributions	108,907	
Total FLLAC Collaborative.	192,545	0.02681%
6034 - LABBB Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	142,659	
Nonemployer contributions.	543,582	
Total LABBB Collaborative	686,241	0.09557%
6011 - Lower Pioneer Valley Education Collaborative:		
Employer contributions.	447,767	
Nonemployer contributions.	· ·	
Total Lower Pioneer Valley Education Collaborative.	1,030,816	0.14355%

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Employer/Nonemployer	Actual Contributions	Employer/ Nonemployer Allocation Percentage
6014 - North River Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	252,000	
Nonemployer contributions	380,787	
Total North River Collaborative.	632,787	0.08812%
6006 - North Shore Education Consortium:		
Employer contributions	228,033	
Nonemployer contributions.	296,927	
Total North Shore Education Consortium.	524,960	0.07311%
6007 - Pilgrim Area Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	86,128	
Nonemployer contributions	112,149	
Total Pilgrim Area Collaborative	198,277	0.02761%
6031 - READS Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	138,177	
Nonemployer contributions.		
Total READS Collaborative	318,101	0.04430%
6033 - SEEMS Collaborative:		
Employer contributions.	294,171	
Nonemployer contributions	383,047	
Total SEEMS Collaborative	677,218	0.09431%
6009 - Shore Education Consortium:		
Employer contributions	398,238	
Nonemployer contributions.	518,555	
Total Shore Education Consortium	916,793	0.12767%
6015 - South Coast Education Collaborative:	•	
Employer contributions	244,712	
Nonemployer contributions.	318,646	
Total South Coast Education Collaborative.	563,358	0.07845%
6001 - South Shore Education Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	270,010	
Nonemployer contributions	351,586	
Total South Shore Education Collaborative.	621,595	0.08656%
6003 - Southeastern Massachusetts Education Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	222,012	
Nonemployer contributions	289,087	
Nonemployer contributions.		

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Employer/Nonemployer	Actual Contributions	Employer/ Nonemployer Allocation Percentage
6002 - Southern Worcester County Education Collaborative:		
Employer contributions.	136,045	
Nonemployer contributions.	177,148	
Total Southern Worcester County Education Collaborative	313,193	0.04362%
6027 - The Educational Co-Op:		
Employer contributions	67,752	
Nonemployer contributions	88,221	
Total The Educational Co-Op.	155,973	0.02172%
6020 - Valley Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	238,217	
Nonemployer contributions	310,188	
Total Valley Collaborative	548,406	0.07637%
Special Funding Situations (Other than Educational Collaboratives): 8150 - Berkshire Regional Planning Commission:		
Employer contributions	-	
Nonemployer contributions.	144,299	
Total Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.	144,299	0.02010%
8250 - Devens Enterprise Commission: Employer contributions	_	0.004668/
Total Devens Enterprise Commission	33,446	0.00466%
6037 - Franklin Regional Council of Governments:		
Employer contributions	312,205	
- Notemployer contributions	012,200	
Total Franklin Regional Council of Governments	312,205	0.04348%
8210 - Massachusetts Development Finance Agency:		
Employer contributions.	-	
Nonemployer contributions	218,162	
Total Massachusetts Development Finance Agency	218,162	0.03038%
6200 - Massachusetts Healthcare Connector Authority:		
Employer contributions	-	
Nonemployer contributions	821,536	
Total Massachusetts Healthcare Connector Authority	821,536	0.11441%
8211 - Massachusetts Life Sciences Center:		
Employer contributions	-	
Nonemployer contributions.	39,886	
Total Massachusetts Life Sciences Center.	39,886	0.00555%
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	Actual	Employer/ Nonemployer Allocation
Employer/Nonemployer	Contributions	Percentage
6100 - Massachusetts PRIM Board:		
Employer contributions	563,141	
Total Massachusetts PRIM Board	563,141	0.07842%
6060 - Massachusetts School Building Authority:		
Employer contributions.	~	
Nonemployer contributions	616,258	
Total Massachusetts School Building Authority	616,258	0.08582%
1080 - Massachusetts Water Resources Authority:		
Employer contributions.	-	
Nonemployer contributions	824,366	
Total Massachusetts Water Resources Authority	824,366	0.11480%
8050 - Metropolitan Area Planning Commission:		
Employer contributions.	-	
Nonemployer contributions	1,125,302	
Total Metropolitan Area Planning Commission.	1,125,302	0.15671%
Total for all entities.	\$ 718,067,973	100.00000%

See accompanying notes to schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations and schedule of pension amounts by employer and nonemployer.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM SCHEDULE OF PENSION AMOUNTS BY EMPLOYER AND NONEMPLOYER As of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016

		Deferred Outflows of Resources						Deferred Inflows of Resources		Pension Expense		
Employer/Nonemployer	Net Pension Liability	Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	Betwee and Actu Earning	Differences en Projected ial Investment is on Pension investments	Changes of Assumptions	Changes in Proportion	Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	Changes in Proportion	Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	Proportionate Share of Plan Pension Expense	Net Amortization of Deferred Amounts from Change in Proportion	Total Employer Pension Expense
Non Special Funding Situations:												
Employer:	\$ 12,666,298,287	\$ 601,615,337	s	850,264,999	\$ 1,404,608,072	\$ 28,218,269	\$ 2,884,706,677	\$ 6,102,368	\$ 6,102,368	\$ 1,739,747,896	5 4,520,184	\$ 1,744,268,080
9045 - Commonwealth of Massachusetts.	3,612,661	171,592	J	242,511	400,620	202,303	1,017,026	251,890	251,890	496,208	(7,144)	489,064
6070 - Massachusetts State College Building Authority	45,107,233	2,142,473		3,027,964	5,002,091	740,665	10,913,193	477,448	477,448	6,195,592	176,221	6,371,813
9045 - Massachusetts Department of Transportation.	645,065,138	30,638,871		43,302,021	71,533,425	7,585,248	153,059,565	30,760,350	30,760,350	88,601,318	(4,575,816)	84,025,502
8060 - Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School District	6,514,880	309,439		437,332	. 722,457	637,445	2,106,673	-	-	894,835	157,160	1,051,995
8100 - Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational School District	8,266,499	392,637		554,915	916,700	189,768	2,054,020	205,856	205,856	1,135,424 568,015	(1,262) (78,496)	1,134,162 489,519
8080 - Bristol/Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District	4,135,451	196,423		277,605	458,594	129,532	1,062,154	447,453 185,353	447,453 185,353	456,679	9,125	465,804
8160 - Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission	3,324,869	157,922		223,192	368,706	363,208	1,113,028 699,323	185,353	18,541	382,985	11,368	394,353
8020 - Merrimack Valley Planning Commission	2,788,334	132,438		187,176	. 309,208 209,994	70,501	427,056	199,545	199,545	260,099	(52,298)	207,801
8010 - Montachusett Regional Planning Commission.	1,893,658 9,808,847	89,944 465,894		127,118 658,450	1,087,736	500,404	2,712,484	166,307	166,307	1,347,270	68,553	1,415,823
8090 - Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District	9,509,629	451,682		638,364	1,054,554	313,338	2,457,938	1,676,124	1,676,124	1,306,171	(368,673)	937,498
8070 - Nashoba Associated Boards of Health	2,100,151	99,752		140,979	232,893	29,685	503,309	71,586	71,586	288,461	(7,667)	280,794
8030 - North Middlesex Council of Governments	6,547,681	310,997		439,534	726,094	301,794	1,778,419	1,038,869	1,038,869	899,340	(206,240)	693,100
8170 - Old Colony Planning Council.	2,594,598	123,236		174,171	287,724	50,045	635,176	67,495	67,495	356,375 397,506	1,330 (26,391)	357,705 371,115
8180 - Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical School District	2,894,053	137,460		194,272	320,931	83,083	735,746	229,579	229,579	397,506 868,332	(76,289)	792,043
8110 - Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	6,321,921	300,274		424,379	701,059	101,844	1,527,556	301,733 137,170	301,733 137,170	512,877	(29,451)	483,426
8140 - Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District	3,734,017	177,356		250,658	414,078	33,506 132,365	875,598 2,897,052	1,548,475	1,548,475	1,683,836	(344,821)	1,339,015
8120 - Southeastern Regional School District	12,259,232	582,281		822,939 351,264	1,359,467 580,277	1,043,061	2,223,143	142,270	142,270	718,731	237,634	956,365
8200 - Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District	5,232,746	248,541 426,842		603,257	996,559	314,298	2,340,956	28,638	28,638	1,234,338	80,038	1,314,376
8190 - Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District.	8,986,644 4,938,085	426,842 234,546		331,484	547,601	88,100	1,201,731	22,003	22,003	678,258	14,199	692,457
8130 - Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District	4,936,063	2,4,510		331,101	227,000							
Special Funding Situations:												
Nonemployer (Commonwealth) attributable to:							and the second second	1 - 1 - 1 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 -		758,265	8,422	766,687
6013 - ACCEPT Education Collaborative	5,520,573									501,825	5,574	507,399
6022 - Assabet Valley Collaborative	3,653,558									977,974	10,863	988,837
6004 - Bi-County Education Collaborative	7,120,179 14,486,536									1,989,762	22,101	2,011,863
6018 - C.A.S.E. Collaborative	8,185,506									1,124,300	12,488	1,136,788
6010 - CAPS Education Collaborative	5,488,951									753,921	8,374	762,295
6035 - Central Massachusetts Special Education Collaborative	5,357,234									735,830	8,173 2,316	744,003 210,849
6012 - CHARMS Collaborative	1,518,235		100							208,533 1,815,040	20,160	1,835,200
6017 - Collaborative for Educational Services	13,214,468									1,583,022	17,583	1,600,605
6021 - CREST Collaborative	11,525,248									1,246,834	13,849	1,260,683
6030 - EDCO Collaborative	9,077,617									507,845	5,641	513,486
6019 - FLLAC Collaborative	3,697,382							4.0		1,809,987	20,104	1,830,091
6034 - LABBB Collaborative	13,177,680 19,794,449	1000				- 24% × 1				2,718,817	30,199	2,749,016
6011 - Lower Pioneer Valley Education Collaborative	12,151,223									1,669,001	18,538	1,687,539
6006 - North Shore Education Consortium.	10.080,646									1,384,602	15,379	1,399,981
6007 - Pilgrim Area Collaborative	3,807,459									522,964	5,809 9,319	528,773 848,323
6031 - READS Collaborative	6,108,396									839,004 1,786,189	19,840	1,806,029
6033 - SEEMS Collaborative	13,004,413									2,418,077	26,858	2,444,935
6009 - Shore Education Consortium.	17,604,901				•					1,485,880	16,504	1,502,384
6015 - South Coast Education Collaborative	10,818,003									1,639,482	18,210	1,657,692
6001 - South Shore Education Collaborative	11,936,310 9,814,472									1,348,042	14,973	1,363,015
6003 - Southeastern Massachusetts Education Collaborative.	6,014,160									826,060	9,175	835,235
6002 - Southern Worcester County Education Collaborative	2,995,106									411,385	4,569	415,954
6020 - Valley Collaborative	10,530,873									1,446,442	16,066	1,462,508
8150 - Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.										380,593	4,227 980	384,820 89,195
8250 - Devens Enterprise Commission.	642,249									88,215 823,453	980 9,146	832,599
6037 - Franklin Regional Council of Governments.	5,995,176									823,453 575,412	6,391	581,803
8210 - Massachusetts Development Finance Agency	4,189,308									2,166,833	24,068	2,190,901
6200 - Massachusetts Healthcare Connector Authority										105,201	1,168	106,369
8211 - Massachusetts Life Sciences Center										1,485,305	16,498	1,501,803
6100 - Massachusetts PRIM Board	10,813,819									1,625,404	. 18,054	1,643,458
6060 - Massachusetts School Building Authority.	11,833,814 15,830,054									2,174,298	24,150	2,198,448
1080 - Massachusetts Water Resources Authority		<u> </u>			1.11	Liberten i	s agricination	<u> 1900 - 11 46 60 - </u>	et and unit	2,968,028	32,967	3,000,995
Total nonemployer (Commonwealth of Massachusetts)		15,527,322		21,944,816	36,252,069	15,759,604	89,483,811	12,809,013	12,809,013	44,901,825	498,736	45,400,561
		\$ 654,933,259	s	925,619,400	\$ 1,529,090,909	\$ 56,888,066	\$ 3,166,531,634	\$ 56,888,066	\$ 56,888,066	\$ 1,893,932,371	s -	\$ 1,893,932,371
Totals	\$ 13,788,844,000	p 004,733,259	3	2,517,400	705,000,000 W							

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Notes to the Schedule of Employer and Nonemployer Allocations and the Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer and Nonemployer June 30, 2016

NOTE 1 - PLAN DESCRIPTION

The Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System (MSERS) is a public employee retirement system (PERS), that administers a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan as defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans, covering substantially all employees of the Commonwealth and certain employees of independent authorities and agencies. The former Massachusetts Turnpike Authority (MTA) employees and retirees became members of MSERS upon the creation of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). Other employees who transferred to MassDOT have been, and remain, members of MSERS. The assets and liabilities of the former MTA have been transferred to MSERS. MSERS is part of the Commonwealth's reporting entity and does not issue a stand-alone audited financial report.

Management of MSERS is vested in the Massachusetts State Retirement Board (the MSRB) which consists of five members-two elected by current and active MSERS members, one by the remaining members of the MSRB, one who is appointed by the State Treasurer and the State Treasurer, who serves as ex-officio and is the Chair of the MSRB.

Benefits provided. MSERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits to members and their beneficiaries. Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) establishes uniform benefit and contribution requirements for all contributory PERS. These requirements provide for superannuation retirement allowance benefits up to a maximum of 80% of a member's highest three-year average annual rate of regular compensation. For employees hired after April 1, 2012, retirement allowances are calculated on the basis of the last five years or any five consecutive years, whichever is greater in terms of compensation. Benefit payments are based upon a member's age, length of creditable service, and group creditable service, and group classification. The authority for amending these provisions rests with the Legislature.

Members become vested after ten years of creditable service. A superannuation retirement allowance may be received upon the completion of twenty years of creditable service or upon reaching the age of 55 with ten years of service. Normal retirement for most employees occurs at age 65; for certain hazardous duty and public safety positions, normal retirement is at age 55. Most employees who joined the system after April 1, 2012 cannot retire prior to age 60.

The MSERS' funding policies have been established by Chapter 32 of the MGL. The Legislature has the authority to amend these policies. The annuity portion of the MSERS retirement allowance is funded by employees, who contribute a percentage of their regular compensation. Costs of administering the plan are funded out of plan assets.

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Member contributions for MSERS vary depending on the most recent date of membership:

Hire Date	% of Compensation
Prior to 1975	5% of regular compensation
1975 - 1983	7% of regular compensation
1984 to 6/30/1996	8% of regular compensation
7/1/1996 to present	9% of regular compensation except for State Police which is 12%
	of regular compensation
1979 to present	An additional 2% of regular compensation in excess of \$30,000

NOTE 2 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations and schedule of pension amounts by employer and nonemployer (the Schedules) present amounts that are elements of the financial statements of the MSERS or of its participating employers and nonemployers. Accordingly, they do not purport to be a complete presentation of the financial position or changes in financial position of the MSERS or its participating employers and nonemployers. The amounts presented in the Schedules were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Such preparation requires management of the MSERS to make a number of estimates and assumptions related to the reported amounts. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations are based on actual contributions adjusted for any nonemployer contributions.

The MGLs governing employer contribution requirements to MSERS are varied and vary among employers to such an extent that there is no uniform contribution method. Consequently, MSERS developed an effective contribution methodology which allocates total actual contributions amongst the employers in a consistent manner (based on an employer's share of total covered payroll). Any differences between the effective contribution and an employer's actual contributions are considered a nonemployer contribution from the Commonwealth. According to MGL, certain nonemployer contributions are the legal responsibility of the Commonwealth and have accordingly been reflected on the schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations as special funding situations.

The schedule of pension amounts presents each employer in sufficient detail to permit each contributing employer as well as each employer considered to be in special funding situation to derive the necessary information for the preparation of their individual financial statements.

For entities considered to be in a 100% special funding situation there is no net pension liability recognized. However, the notes to the financial statements for these entities must disclose the portion of the nonemployer contributing entity's total proportionate share of the net pension liability as well its portion of pension expense as both revenue and pension expense.

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The special funding situations created by MGL are described below.

Educational collaboratives

Collaboratives contribute amounts equal to the normal cost of employees' benefits at a rate established by the Public Employees' Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC), currently 5.6% of covered payroll. Legally, the collaboratives are only responsible for contributing the annual normal cost of their employees' benefits (i.e., the present value of the benefits earned by those employees in any given year) and are not legally responsible for the past service cost attributable to those employees or previously retired employees of the collaboratives. The Commonwealth as a nonemployer is legally responsible for the entire past service cost related to the collaboratives and therefore has a 100% special funding situation.

Other Special Funding Situations

MGLs established certain entities whose employees are members of MSERS. However, MGL does not provide an employer funding mechanism for these entities. Consequently, the Commonwealth is considered the nonemployer contributor and is considered legally responsible to make all actuarially determined employer contributions on behalf of these entities. Therefore these entities are also considered to be in a 100% special funding situation as defined by GASB.

NOTE 3 - RECONCILIATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Employer and nonemployer contributions

The current year employer and nonemployer contributions used in the schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations is a component of the MSERS' Pension Trust Fund financial statements contained in the Commonwealth's CAFR. The reconciliation of employer and nonemployer contributions is as follows (amounts in thousands):

Employer and nonemployer contributions reported in the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position per the audited CAFR:	
Employer and nonemployer contributions - Commonwealth and MassDOT	\$ <i>7</i> 11,741
Employer and nonemployer contributions - other	16,642
Subtotal employer and nonemployer contributions	728,383
Less: Other	(10,315)
Total employer and nonemployer contributions per Schedule of Employer and Nonemployer Allocations	\$ 718,068

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NOTE 4 - COLLECTIVE NET PENSION LIABILITY

Components of the collective net pension liability at June 30, 2016 are as follows (amounts in thousands):

Total pension liability	\$ 37,760,000
Less: Plan fiduciary net position	23,971,156
Employers/nonemployers' net pension liability	\$ 13,788,844
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	63.48%

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2016 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2016 rolled forward to June 30, 2016. This valuation used the following assumptions:

- 1. (a) 7.50% investment rate of return, (b) 3.50% interest rate credited to the annuity savings fund and (c) 3.00% cost of living increase per year.
- 2. Salary increases are based on analyses of past experience but range from 4.00% to 9.00% depending on group and length of service.
- 3. Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2011 created a one-time election for eligible members of the Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) to transfer to the State Employees' Retirement System (SERS) and purchase service for the period while members of the ORP. As a result, the total pension liability of SERS has increased by approximately \$400 million as of June 30, 2016.
- 4. Mortality rates were as follows:
 - Pre-retirement reflects RP-2000 Employees table projected generationally with Scale BB and a base year of 2009 (gender distinct)
 - Post-retirement reflects RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant table projected generationally with Scale BB and a base year of 2009 (gender distinct)
 - Disability the morality rate is assumed to be in accordance with the RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant Table projected generationally with Scale BB and a base year of 2015 (gender distinct)
- 5. Experience studies were performed as follows:
 - Dated February 27, 2014 and encompasses the period January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2011.

Investment assets of MSERS are with the Pension Reserves Investment Trust (PRIT) Fund. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class.

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These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage. Best estimates of geometric rates of return for each major asset class included in the PRIT Fund's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2016 are summarized in the following table:

		Long-Term
	Target	Expected Real
Asset Class	Allocation	Rate of Return
Global Equity	40.0%	6.9%
Core Fixed Income	13.0%	1.6%
Private Equity	10.0%	8.7%
Real Estate	10.0%	4.6%
Value Added Fixed Income	10.0%	4.8%
Hedge Funds	9.0%	4.0%
Portfolio Completion Strategies	4.0%	3.6%
Timber/Natural Resources	4.0%	5.4%
Total	100.0%	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rates and the Commonwealth's contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rates. Based on those assumptions, the net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity Analysis

The following illustrates the sensitivity of the collective net pension liability to changes in the discount rate as of June 30, 2016. In particular, the table presents the MSERS collective net pension liability assuming it was calculated using a single discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower or one-percentage-point higher than the current discount rate (amounts in thousands):

1% Decrease	Cur	rent Discount	1% Increase			
to 6.50%	I	Rate 7.50%	to 8.50%			
\$ 17,969,000	\$	13,788,844	\$ 10,246,000			

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NOTE 5 - DEFERRED OUTFLOW AND INFLOW OF RESOURCES

The following table summarizes the changes in both deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources excluding employer specific amounts (change in proportion) (amounts in thousands):

	Year of Deferral	Amortization Period	Balance Ju1y, 2015	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2016
Deferred Outflows of Resources:						
Difference between expected						
and actual experience	2015	5.5 years	\$ 225,000	\$ -	\$ (50,000)	\$ 175,000
	2016	5.4 years	_	589,009	(109,076)	479,933
Subtotal			225,000	589,009	(159,076)	654,933
Net difference between projected						
and actual earnings on plan						
investments	2014	5 years	(1,142,841)	-	380,948	(761,893)
	2015	5 years	815,746	-	(203,937)	611,809
	2016	5 years		1,344,630	(268,926)	1,075,704
. Subtotal			(327,095)	1,344,630	(91,915)	925,620
Change of assumptions	2014	5.5 years	64,909	-	(18,546)	46,363
	2015	5.5 years	1,906,364		(423,636)	1,482,728
Subtotal			1,971,273		(442,182)	1,529,091
Total deferred outflows of reso	urces		\$ 1,869,178	\$1,933,639	\$ (693,173)	\$ 3,109,644

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in the collective pension expense as follows (amounts in thousands):

Fiscal Year	
Ending June 30	
2017	\$ 693,173
2018	693,173
2019	1,064,847
2020	614,820
2021	43,631
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Total	\$ 3,109,644

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NOTE 6 - COLLECTIVE PENSION EXPENSE

The following table shows the components of pension expense, excluding employer specific pension expense for changes in proportion, as of June 30, 2016 (amounts in thousands):

Service cost	\$ 813,975
Interest on the total pension liaiblity	2,638,929
Employee contributions	(591,948)
Projected earnings on plan investments	(1,767,568)
Transfers and reimbursements from other systems	(194,250)
Member make up, redeposits and payments from	
rollovers	(138,873)
Cost of living adjustment reimbursements	(25,235)
Other reimbursements	(38,720)
Administrative expense.	20,624
Other expenses that do not reduce the total pension	
liability	83,825
Recognition (amortization) of deferred outflows and	
inflows of resources:	
Differences between expected and actual experience	159,076
Differences between projected and actual earnings on	
plan investments	91,915
Changes of assumptions	442,182
Change in benefit terms	400,000
Pension expense	\$ 1,893,932

The employer/nonemployer proportionate share of the collective pension expense is equal to the collective pension expense multiplied by the employer/nonemployer proportionate share percentage for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 as shown in the schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations.