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Subject: Weekly Workers' Compensation

The purpose of this communication is to inform you of changes to wage and contribution reporting effective July 1, 2010. Per Act 300 of 1980, Weekly Workers' Compensation (WWC) earnings are reportable compensation and must be reported to the Office of Retirement Services (ORS). That includes any WWC paid to the employee beginning July 1, 1992 to present.

Effective July 1, 2010, *employee* contributions for WWC earnings will be posted by ORS to the member's account with the understanding that these contributions will be collected by the school, consistent with other compensation. These changes are effective for all WWC *reported* to ORS after June 30, 2010, regardless of when it was paid to the employee. This applies to schools that are self-insured as well as those schools that use a 3rd party vendor to pay WWC claims. The employee contributions owed will be reflected on the employer statement in the month they are reported to ORS.

It is suggested this information be forwarded to your vendor to ensure any needed payroll reporting programming changes are made prior to the July 1, 2010 effective date.

If you have unreported WWC earnings for employees and you report them to ORS by June 30, 2010, the member will be responsible for paying ORS the corresponding employee contributions. After June 30, 2010, employers will be responsible for the employee contributions on WWC and ORS will no longer bill and collect contributions directly from the members.

Beginning July 1, 2010, the wage code 01 and class code 8000 combination must be used when reporting WWC earnings. Wage codes 07 and 75 in combination with class code 8000 will no longer be available.

If you have questions on the reporting of WWC, please see the Reporting Instructions Manual (RIM), Chapter 5, located at www.state.mi.us/dmb/ors/emp/psru/RIM. If you have additional questions after consulting the RIM, please contact Web Reporting at ORS_Web_Reporting@michigan.gov or call 517-636-0166.