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Dear ORP Participant:

As an active Optional Retirement Plan participant, you should have received an eligibility package from the Department of Higher Education (DHE) regarding the Section 60 Pension Reform legislation. This statute provides you with the opportunity to transfer to the Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System (MSERS) with creditable service that you will purchase for time spent in the ORP and any MSERS service that you may have relinquished upon enrollment in the ORP. If you did not receive this notification, you are advised to contact the DHE right away at **ORP@bhe.mass.edu**.



The deadline for returning the Notice of Interest (NOI) form included in the state's mailing is **October 27, 2014**. That is the date the form must be received by the DHE, so please plan to allow sufficient time for mailing.

Returning this form is not a commitment to change plans. It simply expresses your interest in knowing the cost of doing so. It is important for you to understand that if the NOI form is not received by the DHE by **October 27, 2014**, you will have no further opportunity to transfer to the MSERS.

For more information, please visit these links:

- ▶ The DHE's ORP website: www.mass.edu/foremployees/orp/section60.asp
- ▶ The DHE's ORP Section 60 FAQ: www.mass.edu/foremployees/orp/section60faq.asp

If you have further questions, please contact the office of MTA Director of Higher Education Joey Hansen at 617.878.8330.

The MTA will be providing more information to members in the weeks ahead.

Sincerely,

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