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To: Teachers' Pension Plan Employers, including all schools,  
Human Resources/Payroll Offices and Unions

**Re: 2008/2009 Pension Seminars for Teachers' Pension Plan Members**

The Teachers' Pension Plan, in cooperation with the BC Teachers' Federation, continues to offer pension seminars to plan members.

The enclosed updated poster provides information about upcoming Teachers' Pension Plan pension seminars, including scheduling and location details. We ask your assistance in making members aware of this information.

**SCHOOLS, PLEASE POST THE ENCLOSED POSTERS IN YOUR  
STAFF LOUNGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

Plan members have a choice of two seminars: **Your Pension, Your Future** is aimed towards new and mid-career plan members. In this seminar, we'll explain pension benefits and help members understand how decisions they make today can impact their future pension income. Members will learn how to read their *Member's Benefit Statement*, and find out how they can recover time from a break in service (such as general, maternity and parental leaves) to make the most of their future pension.

**Thinking About Retiring** is just that—designed for members within five years of retirement. In this seminar, we'll provide members with a checklist to help them keep track of what they need to do before they retire. We'll talk about choosing the best pension option and what to consider when determining retirement income.

In both seminars, we will demonstrate online resources available to help members plan for their future. All plan members, including those receiving long-term disability (LTD) benefits, are welcome to attend. **Your Pension, Your Future** is one and one-half hours in length and **Thinking About Retiring** is two hours in length. There is no charge to attend either seminar.

This summer marks the launch of a new system that will allow members to register for pension seminars online through our website at [tpp.pensionsbc.ca](http://tpp.pensionsbc.ca). This new tool will allow members to register easily and save valuable time. Members will be able to sign up for seminars and track their registration through the website, and receive instant confirmation by e-mail, including date, time and location. Any changes they make will immediately show up online, where they can view course availability and their registration status in real time.

Members will be able to access the new registration in two ways:

- Log in with their My Account ID. If they have not yet logged in to My Account, their temporary account information can be found on their most recent *Member's Benefit Statement*.
- If they are a new member and have not yet received a *Member's Benefit Statement*, they can sign up for a seminar through the Tools page.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and some venues fill up quickly so *it is important to register as early as possible*.

We appreciate your help in providing this information to plan members and welcome your questions and comments regarding the seminar program. Contact Teachers' Pension Plan Seminar Services staff in Victoria at 250 356-2466, toll-free at 1 877 558-5574 or via e-mail at **TPPseminars@pensionsbc.ca**.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Payne".

Director, Teachers' Pension Plan