

CATEGORY 1 REFERENDUM WEBINAR CHAT RECORD

Steve Doerr: If the part time person is working in one of the identified areas requiring a teaching certificate, how would they be eligible to participate in PEERS?

Vandee DeVore: In August 1991, PSRS eligibility coverage was expanded to certified employees working at least 20 hours per week but less than full time as an option. At that time, without an election, they defaulted into PEERS. In August 1997, the law changes the default to PSRS, but continued the option for PEERS.

peggy: My question : Director of Special Education Services, are they covered by PSRS as of 7-1-2010

Vandee DeVore: That depends on the DESE Core Data Code your district is reporting that position under.

De Soto: Do we need to hold a referendum for half time staff who are not in peers because they are only in psrs?

Vandee DeVore: No. Those employees have already been addressed in a prior referendum years ago. Those employee are excluded from SS Coverage in Category 1 districts.

De Soto: What about substitute teachers who work for a district, yet they are certificated teachers, but they may not work 17 hours a week consistently?

Vandee DeVore: They are PSRS ineligible because of not meeting the minimum hour (17) requirement on a regular basis, then they are covered for Social Security.

De Soto: Can we get a copy of this powerpoint?

Vandee DeVore: The presentation will be posted on the State Administrator's website later this afternoon. You can view it any time from there. www.oe.mo.gov/acct/schooldistricts.htm then click on the Resources tab.

Vandee DeVore: If you have a question, type it in the bottom blank line and then click the enter (arrow) button to the right.

Beth Dillon: What if we determine that we need to have a referendum, but due to time constraints we cannot get it completed by the July 2010 deadline? Will there be repercussions?

Vandee DeVore: Depending on how the district, in coordination with the State Administrator, decides to date the coverage modification, there MAY be retroactive taxes due.

Vandee DeVore: This concludes the Category #1 Referendum Webinar. If you have questions that have not been answered here, please email them to 218agreements@oe.mo.gov . Thank you for your participation.