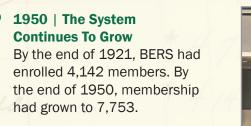
On August 31, 1921, the Board of Education Retirement System (BERS) was established for the payment of retirement allowances and benefits to employees of the Board of Education of the City and school district of New York. The BERS membership initially consisted of permanently appointed Board of Education employees who were not entitled to participate in the Teacher's Retirement System. Henry Cook, an Auditor working in the Finance department, was the very first employee to enroll as a BERS member. The BERS office was located at



Public education was free in 1860. but for some children, being part currence. In 1894, New York tate implemented compulsory children between the ages of 6 The 1920 census records show L.860.109 children between the

500 Park Avenue in New York City





1970s | From Ink To Bytes - The Digital Revolution Begins

In the early Seventies, BERS contracted with the Prudential Insurance Company to manage the retirement account balances of BERS members, including the monthly posting of interest. Desktop computers were not in wide use at that time,

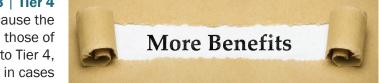


n February 1, 1970, the BERS Tax Deferred Annuity (TDA) Program was inaugurated. Authorized by Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, the BERS TDA Program offers certain members of the BERS Qualified Pension Plan an optional way to save additional retirement its members. unds by deferring income tax payments on their voluntary contributions until after retirement, or until withdrawal of their contributions.

DID YOU KNOW? BERS pays over \$288 million in retiree

Tier 4 was established on September 1, 1983. Because the although they retained the right to claim Tier 3 benefits in cases where those would be more beneficial.

terms of Tier 4 were generally more advantageous than those of Tier 3, all existing Tier 3 members were incorporated into Tier 4,



In May 1988, the Doctors Council v. NYCERS decision was decided by the New York Court of Appeals, holding that parttime City employees have the right to join NYCERS. In May 1989, the holding of this case was applied to BERS. This opened the door to optional BERS membership for employees in many titles, including school lunch helpers, substitute

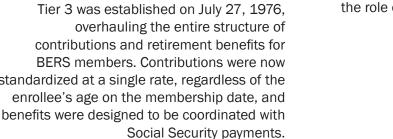
maintained a satellite office in a school in the Bay Ridge neighborhood of Brooklyn.

In 1993, Horatio Sparkes became the Executive Director of BERS

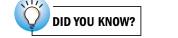


BERS has 52,000+ members and provides benefits to New York City employees in 898 different titles.

In 1977, John Carrubba was named the Executive Director of BERS. Two years later, in 1979, Dwight Kearns assumed the role of Executive Director.



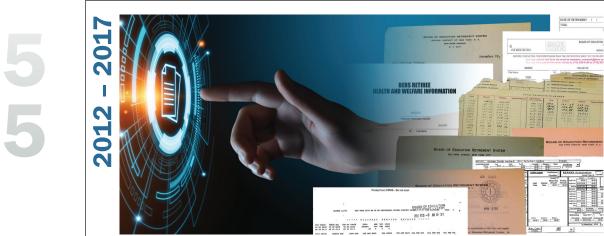
1976 | Tier 3



1996. The 55/25 Early Retirement Program was optional for existing Tier 2 and Tier 4 BERS members in eligible titles, while the 57/5 Early Retirement Program was mandatory for new Tier 4 enrollees in eligible titles. Both programs also offered a 50/25 component for employees in physically taxing titles. In the years to follow, the New York State legislature would establish additional early retirement programs available to members of BERS, including an automotive program, a special officers program, and programs for employees represented by



which granted BERS the authority to establish its own budget and to pay ninistrative expenses from its corpus of contributions and investment return:



the normal retirement age for new enrollees to 63 At present, BERS is establishing 10-year vesting for all members, and the only retirement revising the structure of employee contributions system in the entire Within the last two weeks before the closing of Tier 4 **United States where** to new enrollees, BERS staff processe membership is 7,562 enrollment application

Tier 6 was established on April 1, 2012, rai

● 2012 | A Picture Is

Worth A Thousand Words

BERS transitioned to using the OnBase system for its records management needs. Purchased to digitize and manage member records, it was chosen because of its seamless integration with the new Comprehensive Pension Management System, which was then in development.



2020 | Member Self-Service n March 13, 2020, BERS staff began

working remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Agency continued to be operational, serving members and processing account transactions during this challenging period. On October 19, 2020, the Member Self Service portal (MSS) was launched. This new portal allowed users to view their account balances, send and receive secure messages, and request certain transactions. BERS ran an email campaign to encourage members to



In January 2021

the Outreach team

launched an enrollment

drive through emails.

This eblast campaign

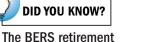
vielded an increase in

membership of 2.5%.

2018 — 2019 | Thank You For Calling BERS,

On January 1, 2018, BERS established a Call Center staffed with 3 team members. The following year, the Call Center expanded to 11 representatives and 1 supervisor. BERS also created an Outreach Unit, whose main goal is to be a bridge between stakeholders and BERS membership-eligible City employees. The Outreach Unit participates in seminars and provides information about the





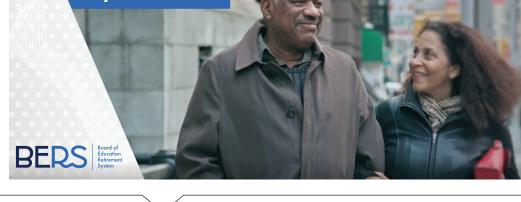
portfolio has a total o \$8BN in assets as of 06/30/2022 and is invested in over 180 funds worldwide!



Services Department remaining at 65 Court Street in Brooklyn. A new logo has been designed to convey the security and partnership between the Retirement System and its members. Work continues on the next iterations of CPMS, to provide greater convenience and flexibility than ever before.

Congratulations to our members, BERS staff, and other stakeholders, who throughout the last hundred years, helped make the Retirement System what it is, an institution dedicated to the mission of Securing Your Financial Future Today!

2021 | BERS Centennial On August 31, 2021, BERS celebrated 100 years of





serving the employees of the City of New York. BERS has now grown to over 55,000 members, and is now one of the largest multi-employer, multi-tiered retirement systems in the United States. Today, BERS members are employed in such agencies as the Department of Education, the School Construction Authority, the Police Department, and throughout the City of New York.





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for BERS members.

process BERS' data files every month.

Tier 2 was established on July 1, 1973, increasing the normal

retirement age for newly enrolled members from 55 to 62.

This plan also offered death benefits to retirees for the first time.

benefits each year to

1988 | Doctors Council

teachers, and many more.

As the membership continued to grow, additional staff were hired to work at BERS, but space at the Court Street location was limited. For two and a half years, BERS temporarily

1996 | Early Retirement Programs The first early retirement programs were rolled out on June 28,

the United Federation of Teachers (UFT).



April 2002, BERS appointed a new Executive Director, Christine Bailey.



optional.

2016 | A More Efficient Use Of Space In January 2016, Sanford Rich became the Executive Director of the retiremen system. Development of the new

omprehensive Pension Management System kicked into high gear. The office was redesigned to accommodate more in-person visitors and provide additional



2014 | The World Wide Web

In 2014, BERS launched its

new website. Hosted by the

members could now go online

about their retirement accounts.

Prudential Financial Inc.,

to review basic information

custom-designed system eplaced the Prudential nainframe system which had been in place for over 45 years. For the first time, all key functions relating

sign up for online accounts.

to member accounts, including monthly interest document imaging, loans, refunds, retirement, death benefits, and more,

were interconnected, and could be viewed through a single system.