



## National Council on Teacher Retirement

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# PRESS RELEASE

## NCTR to bring on new executive director

The National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR) has selected Maureen H. Westgard to serve as the organization's executive director, effective January 1, 2018.

Westgard will join NCTR after more than 12 years as the director of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL). Prior to working at TRSL, Westgard served as deputy director of the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems and has 16 years of employee benefit experience in the private sector. She brings a variety of skills to the position, including extensive leadership experience in pension policy and administration, strategic planning, as well as executive finance and communications.

"I will certainly miss working directly with Louisiana's teaching community, but I am pleased that I will be staying in the field of teacher retirement," Westgard said. "It is so important to me that those individuals, who have one of the most important jobs in our society, can retire with dignity and the peace of mind that comes with having a reliable source of income after leaving the workforce."

Westgard will succeed NCTR's Meredith Williams, a nationally recognized leader in the public pension industry, who is retiring after five years of leading the organization. She will work on policy and national issues that impact the membership of NCTR which includes 68 state, territorial, and local pension systems.

NCTR is an independent association dedicated to safeguarding the integrity of public retirement systems in the U.S. and its territories to which teachers belong and to promoting the rights and benefits of all present and future members of the systems.

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