



Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund

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May 23, 2007

Mr. Scott Reeder, Bureau Chief  
Small Newspaper Group  
Press Room – Capitol Building  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Reeder:

In response to your FOIA request, the records of the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund have been reviewed for any revocation of pension benefits since January 1, 1997, and none have been found.

Sincerely,

Kevin B. Huber  
Executive Director

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**From:** Goltermann, Eva [Egoltermann@trs.illinois.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 06, 2007 3:22 PM  
**To:** Small Newspaper Group Reeder  
**Subject:** RE: Note from Scott Reeder

Scott,

Sorry for the delay in getting you this information. The legal researcher at TRS conducted a thorough review of the felony forfeiture cases since 1991. We have NEW numbers to give you as a result, which differ from what I gave you over the phone.

From 1991 until 2000, 49 TRS members no longer qualified for retirement benefits under the felony forfeiture act. From 2000 until the present, 35 members of TRS no longer qualified for retirement benefits under the felony forfeiture act.

The Felony Forfeiture Act, found in the Illinois Pension Code (40 ILCS 5/16-199), states : "None of the benefits provided in this Article shall be paid to any person who is convicted of any felony relating to or arising out of or in connection with his or her service as a teacher."

"Teachers" are defined in the Pension Code (40 ILCS 5/16-106).

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any follow-up questions.

Sincerely,  
Eva Goltermann

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**From:** Goltermann, Eva  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 16, 2007 9:40 AM  
**To:** 'Scott Reeder'  
**Subject:** RE: Note from Scott Reeder

Scott,

TRS knows about the felony convictions of its members because retirement system staff constantly monitors news reports. Some school districts report the convictions to TRS, although they are not required to by law. The State Board of Education is required by law to notify TRS of **all** criminal convictions, including felonies, when the teachers or administrators lose their certification.

And some TRS members self report after they are **charged** with a felony in order to receive a refund of their retirement contributions. TRS tracks those cases and takes the appropriate action to terminate membership upon conviction.

I hope that helps!

Eva

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**From:** Scott Reeder [mailto:sng@springnet1.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 15, 2007 5:45 PM  
**To:** Goltermann, Eva  
**Subject:** RE: Note from Scott Reeder

Eva,

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