

RSS Update

On the Road to Retirement

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Retirement is just over the next hill. For each of you the road to that hill is a different length. If you have reached the 30-year mark, the road is short compared to someone who is at the 10-year mark for working in education. Regardless of where you are on the employment continuum, you need to be aware of your retirement financial status.

For the past couple of years, the Regional Service Specialists (RSS) have included a retirement information session as one of the no-cost, **Power Hours**. This year, we added a special session for those who have less than 10 years of service presented by Kades-Margolis Corporation. We have hosted these **Power Hours** to provide information about the retirement system and financial planning to help you make decisions.

We are delighted to have a partnership with both Kades-Margolis Corporation and Lincoln Investment Planning LLC. Both companies have associates who have presented valuable financial planning information during the **Power Hours**. They have done an outstanding job of providing information to help administrators make informed decisions. Kades-Margolis Corporation and Lincoln Investment Planning LLC have presented facts regarding retirement during their respective Power Hours and made sure the attendees had their contact information if they should have further questions or need assistance.

As a “newly retired principal”, I have two pieces of advice to offer. First, get into your PSERS account to see where you stand with your state retirement account. And second, attend one of the retirement **Power Hours**. I know PSERS offers retirement planning workshops. Actually, I suggest attending both. Together, they will provide you with a broad overview of where you are financially regarding retirement and give you the information to make sound financial planning decisions.

Regardless of the length of your road to retirement, take advantage of these workshops now. In the last few years, PSERS has seen significant changes. You may think you know how the pieces fit together, but you may not know how some of the pieces have changed.

Join us for our next *Road to Retirement Power Hour* with the Lincoln Investment associates which will be held later today, January 22nd at 4:00 p.m. [Register here.](#)