→ FCPS is Launching a Retirement Notification Incentive ←

What is the incentive and how will it be awarded?

• A one-time payment of \$500 will be processed on the pay period following your actual retirement date. Example: retirement date is May 1, the incentive will be processed May 15th.

Why is the incentive being offered?

- Knowing what positions will be vacant early in the Spring will allow us to fill vacancies with internal transfers, employees returning from leave and/or new applicants. This will help us to resolve staffing challenges in a timely fashion.
- It also allows our Budget Department to more accurately forecast salary costs for the 2017-18 school year.

Who is eligible to receive the incentive?

- An employee who has <u>already submitted retirement</u> notification with an effective date of March, April, May, June, or July 2017.
- An employee who gives notification of their March, April, May, June or July retirement (disability, early, or service) by March 1, 2017.

What are the other requirements to qualify for the incentive?

- Meet with a retirement coordinator in Human Resources during the month of February (or earlier). You
 may schedule a second appointment with a retirement coordinator after March 1 to review pension
 options and finalize all remaining retirement forms.
- **By March 1, 2017** sign and submit the **Status Change** form noting a retirement date on or before July 1, 2017.

How should I prepare for my meeting with the HR Retirement Coordinator?

- Review the available retirement information on the FCPS website in the Benefits Link section.
- http://www.fcps.org/staff/Benefits-Links-and-Forms1.cfm#Pension Plans
- If you have not yet done so, send to the MD Retirement Agency an <u>Application for an Estimate of Service Retirement Allowance</u>: It is not a requirement that this form be in hand to sign the FCPS Status Change form.
- Call Kristin Price in HR at 301-644-5100 to set your appointment with a HR Retirement Coordinator.

Where can I find more information?

• Penny Opalka (301.644.5112) and Tricia Riley (301.644.5092) are well versed in the Retirement Incentive Project and will be available to respond to your phone or email questions.

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