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### **Background Information**

Founded in 1929, the California Retired Teachers Association (CalRTA) is one of the nation's largest organizations for retired educators. CalRTA is the only statewide organization working to protect and enhance the retirement benefits for all CalSTRS retirees.

**Membership:** More than 32,000 retired educators, including teachers and administrators

**Geography:** Statewide, 77 Divisions in 12 Areas

**Goals:** The core mission of CalRTA is to protect and enhance the pensions of CalSTRS members and protect public education funding, but other goals include:

- Full purchasing power for all retired educators.
- An equitable pension system that treats all retirees equally.
- A health care system that is accessible, affordable and of high quality for all Californians.

**Community Service:** Even in retirement, CalRTA members continue to give back to their local communities. Each year members volunteer millions of hours, with last year's service valued at over \$40 million.

**Background:** Laure E. Settle, CalRTA's founder and president until 1945, drove the dusty highways to help organize teachers to a common cause. Settle set the tone for the organization – a spirit that was contagious then and endures today. CalRTA and its leaders have had profound effects on retired people nationwide. Notably, Ethel Percy Andrus – who founded the National Retired Teachers Association and AARP – got her start as a CalRTA leader in the late 1940s.

*CalRTA is your voice in pension protection and retirement security.*

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