

# SDRS FUNDAMENTALS

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### SDRS BOARD

A 17-member elected and appointed board of trustees oversees SDRS and is charged with the fiduciary duty to act for the exclusive benefit of all SDRS members.



# **FIXED CONTRIBUTIONS**

SDRS is funded by fixed, modest member and employer contributions with no appropriated general funds. South Dakota spends the least on pensions in the nation.

#### **EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS**



### A MODEL SYSTEM

Pension experts routinely cite the SDRS fixed contribution, variable benefit design as an effective and efficient model.



# DEFINED BENEFITS, VARIABLE FEATURES

SDRS benefits, particularly the costof-living adjustment (COLA), vary with inflation and the maximum SDRS can sustainably afford.

This maximizes the benefits SDRS can pay within its fixed, modest budget.

Any expansion or increase to benefits directly reduces the COLA paid to retired members.



# **FUNDED STATUS**

Variable benefits keep SDRS approximately 100% funded.

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By comparison, the median state plan is about 80% funded.

# ANNUALIZED INVESTMENT RETURNS

(for periods ended June 30, 2024) Long Term Assumption: 6.50% SDRS assumes annualized future investment returns of 6.5%, less than the national median 5.98% 6.38% 7.68% assumption of 7%. One Year 10 Years 20 Years

#### ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS SDRS pensio



SDRS pension administration costs per active and retired member are significantly lower than its peers.

Source: CEM Benchmarking Inc., FY2023

# SDRS BY THE NUMBERS



