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### **Evanston Township High School District 202 CFO Named to IMRF Board**

— *William Stafford newest member of IMRF's eight-member independent board* —

**OAK BROOK, Ill. — January 15, 2009** — William Stafford, the chief financial officer for Evanston Township High School District 202 and former finance director for the City of Evanston, was elected to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) board of trustees as an executive trustee. His five-year term began on January 1, 2009.

Stafford has served as chief financial officer for Evanston Township High School District 202 since May 2006. He is responsible for finance, safety, operations, maintenance, food service, information systems, budget and capital improvements. He oversees five directors and also serves as the secretary to the Evanston Board of Education.

Members of IMRF's independent eight-member board of trustees serve without compensation in five-year staggered terms. The board includes four executive trustees



elected by participating units of government, three employee trustees elected by participating IMRF members and one annuitant trustee elected by IMRF retirees.

Stafford brings extensive experience in local government to the IMRF board. In addition to having served as Evanston finance director, he has served on numerous police and fire pension boards.

“William Stafford brings more than 25 years of experience in local government to our board,” said Louis Kosiba, executive director of IMRF. “He will make meaningful contributions as we continue to use proven, financially-sound practices to ensure a modest retirement income for public workers serving local units of government in Illinois.”

### **ABOUT IMRF**

The IMRF was created by the Illinois General Assembly. Since 1941, IMRF has partnered with local units of government to provide death, disability and retirement benefits for working and retired public employees. Today, IMRF has more than 177,000 active members working for over 2,900 different units of government, including school districts, counties, cities and villages, parks and libraries. It has more than 87,000 retirees receiving an average monthly benefit of \$835. IMRF consistently works toward reaching full funding over the long term, ensuring that it remains financially sound. A full funding goal guarantees public workers a secure and modest retirement income at the lowest long-term cost to taxpayers.

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