## The "Retirement percentage" chart: Membership Tier 1

## For members with effective membership dates before April 2, 2012

A comparison of the percentage of salary average allowed under the regular and RetirementPlus formulas, by service and age
To be eligible for regular retirement (also known as superannuation retirement) under either the "regular" formula, or, if you are participating in RetirementPlus, the enhanced RetirementPlus benefit, you must meet the corresponding eligibility requirements:
■ "Regular" formula: You must EITHER have 20 or more years of creditable service at any age, OR be age 55 with 10 or more years of creditable service.

- RetirementPlus formula: You must have 30 or more years of creditable service, at least 20 of which are membership service with the MTRS or the Boston Retirement System as a teacher; there is no minimum age requirement. If you elected to participate in RetirementPlus, but then do not meet either the 20 -year "teaching" or the 30 -year total service requirement by your date of retirement, you will receive a retirement benefit calculated under the regular formula and a refund of your RetirementPlus contributions, plus regular interest.

* Two notes on "years of service": For the purposes of determining your:

1) "RetirementPlus \% increase," only whole years of creditable service will be counted (the amount is not rounded up). For example, if you have 32.9 years of creditable service, your "RetirementPlus \% increase" is based on 32 years of creditable service, or 16\%.
2) Percentage of allowable salary average, your full years and full months of creditable service will be counted.

For example, Jane Educator is a teacher on a 10-month contract, and is retiring mid-year, on March 10. At that time, she will have 32 years, 6 months and 10 days of creditable service-or 32.6549 years of creditable service. The amount of creditable service that will be used to calculate Jane's allowable percentage of salary average is 32.6 years. (Because the first decimal place represents full months, and the last three decimal places represent only partial months, the last three decimal places will not be included in Jane's final benefit calculation.)

