FOR
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INFORMATION
Toombs County Schools, GA

403(b) Plan and 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan

The 403(b) and 457(b) Plans are valuable retirement savings options available through Toombs County Schools, GA. This notice provides a brief explanation of the provisions, policies and rules that govern the 403(b) and 457(b) Plans.

Plan administration services for the 403(b) and 457(b) plans are provided by TSA Consulting Group, Inc. (TSACG). Visit the TSACG website (tsacg.com) for information about enrollment in the plan, investment product providers available, distributions, exchanges or transfers, 403(b) and/or 457(b) loans, and rollovers.

Eligibility

All employees are eligible to participate in the 403(b) and 457(b) plans immediately upon employment, however, private contractors, appointed/elected trustees and/or school board members and student workers are not eligible to participate in the 403(b) Plan. Employees may make voluntary elective deferrals to both the 403(b) and 457(b) plans. Participants are fully vested in their contributions and earnings at all times.

Employee Contributions

Upon enrollment, participants designate a portion of their salary that they wish to contribute to their traditional 403(b) and/or 457(b) account(s) up to their maximum annual contribution amount on a pre-tax basis, thus reducing the participant’s taxable income. Contributions to the participant’s 403(b) or 457(b) accounts are made from income paid through the employer’s payroll system. Taxes on contributions and any earnings are deferred until the participant withdraws their funds.

The Internal Revenue Service regulations limit the amount participants may contribute annually to tax-advantaged retirement plans and imposes substantial penalties for violating contribution limits. TSACG monitors 403(b) and 457(b) plan contributions and notifies the employer in the event of an excess contribution.

The 2018 Basic Contribution Limit for each plan is $18,500.

Additional provisions allowed:

Age-Based Additional Amount

Participants who are age 50 or older any time during the year qualify to make an additional contribution of up to $6,000 to the 403(b) and/or 457(b) accounts.

Enrollment

Employees who wish to enroll in the 403(b) and/or 457(b) plan must first select the provider and investment product best suited for their account. Upon establishment of the account with the selected provider, a “Salary Reduction Agreement” (SRA) form and/or a deferred compensation enrollment form and any disclosure forms must be completed and submitted to the employer. These forms authorize the employer to withhold 403(b) and/or 457(b) contributions from the employee’s pay and send those funds to the Investment Provider on their behalf. A SRA form and/or a deferred compensation enrollment form must be completed to start, stop or modify contributions to 403(b) and/or 457(b) accounts. Unless otherwise notified by your employer, you may enroll and/or make changes to your current contributions anytime throughout the year.

Please note: The total annual amount of a participant’s contributions must not exceed the Maximum Allowable Contribution (MAC) calculation. For convenience, a MAC calculator is available on the Internet at www.tsacg.com.
PROVIDERS AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS, EXCHANGES AND TRANSFERS:

**403(B)**
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE CO.  (800) 654-8489  
METROPOLITAN LIFE INS. CO.  (800)638-5433  
SECURITY BENEFIT GROUP  (800)888-2461  
VALIC  (800)448-2542

**457(B)**
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE CO.  (800)654-8489  
SECURITY BENEFIT GROUP  (800)888-2461  
VALIC  (800)448-2542

IMPORTANT NOTES:
1. As provided under the Plan, any authorized Vendor named in Appendix 1 has agreed to share information necessary for compliance purposes with Employer, on Administrator and/or with any other 403(b) provider as may be required to facilitate compliance with the Plan and all applicable laws and regulations.

2. Each Vendor named above is required to maintain records of the Funding Vehicles offered under the Plan to comply with the information sharing requirement of the Plan and applicable information sharing agreements.

Dated: 1-10-17
This notice contains important information about your right to continue your health care coverage in the State Health Benefit Plan, as well as other health coverage alternatives that may be available to you through the Health Insurance Marketplace. Please read the information contained in this notice very carefully.

To elect COBRA continuation coverage, follow the instructions on the next page to complete the enclosed Election Form and submit it to us.

If you do not elect COBRA continuation coverage, your coverage under the Plan will end on ______________ due to [check appropriate box]:

☐ End of employment
☐ Death of employee
☐ Entitlement to Medicare
☐ Reduction in hours of employment
☐ Divorce or legal separation
☐ Loss of dependent child status

Each person ("qualified beneficiary") in the category(ies) checked below is entitled to elect COBRA continuation coverage, which will continue group health care coverage under the Plan for up to 18 months check appropriate box or boxes.

☐ Employee or former employee
☐ Spouse or former spouse
☐ Dependent child(ren) covered under the Plan on the day before the event that caused the loss of coverage
☐ Child who is losing coverage under the Plan because he or she is no longer a dependent under the Plan

If elected, COBRA continuation coverage will begin on ______________ and can last until ______________. You may elect any of the following options for COBRA continuation coverage:

COBRA continuation coverage will cost: $____________. You do not have to send any payment with the Election Form. Important additional information about payment for COBRA continuation coverage is included in the pages following the Election Form.

There may be other coverage options for you and your family. When key parts of the health care law take effect, you’ll be able to buy coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. In the Marketplace, you could be eligible for a new kind of tax credit that lowers your monthly
Instructions: To elect COBRA continuation coverage, complete this Election Form and return it to us. Under federal law, you must have 60 days after the date of this notice to decide whether you want to elect COBRA continuation coverage under the Plan.

Send completed Election Form to: Toombs County Board of Education
Attn: Sabrina Woodruff
117 E. Wesley Ave.
Lyons, GA 30436

This Election Form must be completed and returned by __________. If mailed, it must be post-marked no later than __________ (Due Date).

If you do not submit a completed Election Form by the due date shown above, you will lose your right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. If you reject COBRA continuation coverage before the due date, you may change your mind as long as you furnish a completed Election Form before the due date. However, if you change your mind after first rejecting COBRA continuation coverage, your COBRA continuation coverage will begin on the date you furnish the completed Election Form.

Read the important information about your rights included in the pages after the Election Form.

COBRA Continuation Coverage Election Form

I (We) elect COBRA continuation coverage in the ____________ (the Plan) as indicated below:

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Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________

Print Name ____________________________ Relationship to individual(s) listed above ____________________________

Print Address ____________________________ Telephone number ____________________________
Continuation coverage may also be terminated for any reason the Plan would terminate coverage of a participant or beneficiary not receiving continuation coverage (such as fraud).

**How can you extend the length of COBRA continuation coverage?**

If you elect continuation coverage, an extension of the maximum period of coverage may be available if a qualified beneficiary is disabled or a second qualifying event occurs. You must notify Sabrina Woodruff, Toombs County Board of Education, (912) 526-3141 ext. 102 of a disability or a second qualifying event in order to extend the period of continuation coverage. Failure to provide notice of a disability or second qualifying event may affect the right to extend the period of continuation coverage.

**Disability**

An 11-month extension of coverage may be available if any of the qualified beneficiaries is determined by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to be disabled. The disability has to have started at some time before the 60th day of COBRA continuation coverage and must last at least until the end of the 18-month period of continuation coverage. (Qualified beneficiaries must notify the plan administrator immediately of any medically diagnosed disability and provide physician written documentation of the disability within three days of the diagnosis). Each qualified beneficiary who has elected continuation coverage will be entitled to the 11-month disability extension if one of them qualifies. If the qualified beneficiary is determined by SSA to no longer be disabled, you must notify the Plan of that fact within 30 days after SSA’s determination.

**Second Qualifying Event**

An 18-month extension of coverage will be available to spouses and dependent children who elect continuation coverage if a second qualifying event occurs during the first 18 months of continuation coverage. The maximum amount of continuation coverage available when a second qualifying event occurs is 36 months. Such second qualifying events may include the death of a covered employee, divorce or separation from the covered employee, the covered employee’s becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both), or a dependent child’s ceasing to be eligible for coverage as a dependent under the Plan. These events can be a second qualifying event only if they would have caused the qualified beneficiary to lose coverage under the Plan if the first qualifying event had not occurred. You must notify the Plan within 60 days after a second qualifying event occurs if you want to extend your continuation coverage.

**How can you elect COBRA continuation coverage?**

To elect continuation coverage, you must complete the Election Form and furnish it according to the directions on the form. Each qualified beneficiary has a separate right to elect continuation coverage. For example, the employee’s spouse may elect continuation coverage even if the employee does not. Continuation coverage may be elected for only one, several, or for all dependent children who are qualified beneficiaries. A parent may elect to continue coverage on
Grace periods for periodic payments

Although periodic payments are due on the dates shown above, you will be given a grace period of 30 days after the first day of the coverage period to make each periodic payment. Your continuation coverage will be provided for each coverage period as long as payment for that coverage period is made before the end of the grace period for that payment. However, if you pay a periodic payment later than the first day of the coverage period to which it applies, but before the end of the grace period for the coverage period, your coverage under the Plan will be suspended as of the first day of the coverage period and then retroactively reinstated (going back to the first day of the coverage period) when the periodic payment is received. This means that any claim you submit for benefits while your coverage is suspended may be denied and may have to be resubmitted once your coverage is reinstated.

If you fail to make a periodic payment before the end of the grace period for that coverage period, you will lose all rights to continuation coverage under the Plan.

Questions regarding your first payment and all periodic payments for continuation coverage should be directed to: Sabrina Woodruff at Toombs County Board of Education, 117 E. Wesley Ave. Lyons, GA 30436. (912) 526-3141 ext. 102.

For more information

This notice does not fully describe continuation coverage or other rights under the Plan. More information about continuation coverage and your rights under the Plan is available in your summary plan description or from the Plan Administrator.

If you have any questions concerning the information in this notice, your rights to coverage, or if you want a copy of your summary plan description, you should contact Sabrina Woodruff at Toombs County Board of Education, 117 E. Wesley Ave. Lyons, GA 30436. (912) 526-3141 ext. 102.

For more information about your rights under ERISA, including COBRA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and other laws affecting group health plans, visit the U.S. Department of Labor’s Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) website at www.dol.gov/ebsa or call their toll-free number at 1-866-444-3272. For more information about health insurance options available through a Health Insurance Marketplace, visit www.healthcare.gov.

Keep Your Plan Informed of Address Changes
New Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options and Your Health Coverage

PART A: General Information

When key parts of the health care law take effect in 2014, there will be a new way to buy health insurance: the Health Insurance Marketplace. To assist you as you evaluate options for you and your family, this notice provides some basic information about the new Marketplace and employment-based health coverage offered by your employer.

What is the Health Insurance Marketplace?
The Marketplace is designed to help you find health insurance that meets your needs and fits your budget. The Marketplace offers "one-stop shopping" to find and compare private health insurance options. You may also be eligible for a new kind of tax credit that lowers your monthly premium right away. Open enrollment for health insurance coverage through the Marketplace begins in October 2013 for coverage starting as early as January 1, 2014.

Can I Save Money on my Health Insurance Premiums in the Marketplace?
You may qualify to save money and lower your monthly premium, but only if your employer does not offer coverage, or offers coverage that doesn't meet certain standards. The savings on your premium that you're eligible for depends on your household income.

Does Employer Health Coverage Affect Eligibility for Premium Savings through the Marketplace?
Yes. If you have an offer of health coverage from your employer that meets certain standards, you will not be eligible for a tax credit through the Marketplace and may wish to enroll in your employer's health plan. However, you may be eligible for a tax credit that lowers your monthly premium, or a reduction in certain cost-sharing if your employer does not offer coverage to you at all or does not offer coverage that meets certain standards. If the cost of a plan from your employer that would cover you (and not any other members of your family) is more than 9.5% of your household income for the year, or if the coverage your employer provides does not meet the "minimum value" standard set by the Affordable Care Act, you may be eligible for a tax credit.¹

Note: If you purchase a health plan through the Marketplace instead of accepting health coverage offered by your employer, then you may lose the employer contribution (if any) to the employer-offered coverage. Also, this employer contribution —as well as your employee contribution to employer-offered coverage— is often excluded from income for Federal and State income tax purposes. Your payments for coverage through the Marketplace are made on an after-tax basis.

How Can I Get More Information?
For more information about your coverage offered by your employer, please check your summary plan description or contact https://shbp.georgia.gov/. The Marketplace can help you evaluate your coverage options, including your eligibility for coverage through the Marketplace and its cost. Please visit HealthCare.gov for more information, including an online application for health insurance coverage and contact information for a Health Insurance Marketplace in your area.

¹ An employer-sponsored health plan meets the "minimum value standard" if the plan's share of the total allowed benefit costs covered by the plan is no less than 60 percent of such costs.
The information below corresponds to the Marketplace Employer Coverage Tool. Completing this section is optional for employers, but will help ensure employees understand their coverage choices.

13. **Is the employee currently eligible for coverage offered by this employer, or will the employee be eligible in the next 3 months?**
   - Yes (Continue)
   - No (STOP and return this form to employee)

13a. If the employee is not eligible today, including as a result of a waiting or probationary period, when is the employee eligible for coverage? (mm/dd/yyyy) (Continue)

14. Does the employer offer a health plan that meets the minimum value standard*?
   - Yes (Go to question 15)
   - No (STOP and return form to employee)

15. For the lowest-cost plan that meets the minimum value standard* **offered only to the employee** (don't include family plans): If the employer has wellness programs, provide the premium that the employee would pay if he/she received the maximum discount for any tobacco cessation programs, and didn't receive any other discounts based on wellness programs.
   
a. How much would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? $50
   
b. How often?  
   - Weekly
   - Every 2 weeks
   - Twice a month
   - Monthly
   - Quarterly
   - Yearly

If the plan year will end soon and you know that the health plans offered will change, go to question 16. If you don't know, STOP and return form to employee.

16. What change will the employer make for the new plan year?
   - Employer won't offer health coverage
   - Employer will start offering health coverage to employees or change the premium for the lowest-cost plan available only to the employee that meets the minimum value standard.* (Premium should reflect the discount for wellness programs. See question 15.)
   
a. How much would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? $
   
b. How often?  
   - Weekly
   - Every 2 weeks
   - Twice a month
   - Monthly
   - Quarterly
   - Yearly

* An employer-sponsored health plan meets the "minimum value standard" if the plan's share of the total allowed benefit costs covered by the plan is no less than 60 percent of such costs (Section 36B(c)(2)(C)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986)