Overview
The 403(b) is a Tax-Sheltered Account (TSA) developed by the IRS to allow you to save for retirement and supplement your CalSTRS/CalPERS pension plan. On average, your pension replaces 50-65% of income in retirement. Currently, studies show that at a minimum, approximately 80% of income replacement is necessary to maintain the same standard of living in retirement. A 403(b) offers school employees a way to bridge that gap while saving for retirement.

403(b)
Taxes
Contributions are made to a 403(b) before taxes are taken from your paycheck, reducing your taxable income. Taxes are paid on withdrawals, typically in retirement when you will likely be in a lower tax bracket.

Withdrawals
You may begin to take withdrawals from a 403(b) at age 59½. Penalties may apply to withdrawals taken before this time.

Loans
A loan may be taken against Roth 403(b) funds while you are still employed. Repayment terms and interest rates are determined by your plan’s vendor.

Roth 403(b)
Taxes
Contributions to a Roth 403(b) are made after taxes are taken from your paycheck, allowing your earnings to grow — and withdrawals taken — tax-free if the account has been open for at least five years and you are age 59½ or older.

Withdrawals
You may make a withdrawal from a Roth 403(b) when you reach age 59½, upon severance of employment, or in case of hardship, disability or death.

Loans
A loan may be taken against Roth 403(b) funds while you are still employed. Repayment terms and interest rates are determined by your plan’s vendor.

Contribution
In 2021, you may contribute up to $19,500 to a 403(b) and/or Roth 403(b), combined. It is possible to contribute up to $9,500 more than the maximum if you meet the following requirements:

- Age 50+ in 2021 = an additional $6,500
- With employer 15+ years = an additional $3,000

Here to help you
The 403(b) administrator for your district is SchoolsFirst Plan Administration. If you have questions, or would like to open a 403(b) account, please contact:

Brian Burnett
Retirement Plan Advisor

Phone: 714-975-0268
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RE: Your 403(b)/ 457(b) Retirement Plan

Dear District Employee:

SchoolsFirst Plan Administration, LLC is the third party administrator of your 403(b) and/or 457(b) retirement plan. This letter is to inform you of the options available to help you save for retirement by participating in a 403(b) and/or 457(b) plan. These plans are designed to assist you in building and growing your savings for retirement by complimenting your pension income at retirement.

What is a 403(b) / 457(b) plan?
The IRS created retirement savings plans for various groups to encourage retirement savings by offering tax benefits. They developed the 403(b) for non-profit organizations and the 457(b) for state employees. Contributions to these plans are made directly from your paycheck before taxes are taken out – reducing your tax bill while saving for retirement.

What if I already have a 403(b)/ 457(b)?
Great News! You always have the opportunity to increase your contributions to the 403(b) and/or 457(b) plan any time during the year, contact us and we will be happy to assist you.

How much may I contribute?
You may contribute up to $19,500 in 2021 to each plan, in addition to qualifying for additional catch-up limits. We would be happy to review these options with you in addition to answering questions you may have related to your retirement.

Get Started
If you would like to start contributions to a 403(b) and/or 457(b) plan, you must first establish an account with an approved investment provider. If you are already working with a financial advisor or agent, please feel free to continue to do so. If you do not have a financial advisor or agent, we are here to help!

Our goal as your district’s third party administrator is to provide you with the very best personal service. If you have questions regarding the administration of your retirement plans, please contact SchoolsFirst Plan Administration at 800.462.8328, x4727 or at retirement@schoolsfirstfcu.org. If you would like to schedule an appointment to meet with an advisor, please contact our Retirement Planning Department at 800.462.8328, x 4116, Option 1.

Sincerely,

Chris Baehr
Vice President, Investment & Retirement Planning
Understanding Your 457(b)

Overview
The 457(b) is a Deferred Compensation Plan (DCP) developed by the IRS to allow you to save pre-tax dollars for retirement to supplement your CalSTRS/CalPERS pension plan. On average, your pension replaces 50-65% of income in retirement.1,2 Currently, studies show that at a minimum, approximately 80% of income replacement is necessary to maintain the same standard of living in retirement.3 A 457(b) offers school employees a way to bridge that gap while saving for retirement.

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Withdrawals
You may withdraw from a 457(b) at age 59½ or when you leave your employer, or in the case of death, disability or unforeseeable emergency. Supporting documentation is required and you may be subject to penalty fees. Distributed funds cannot be rolled back into the plan.

Loans
A loan may be taken against 457(b) funds while you are still employed. Repayment terms and interest rates are determined by your plan’s vendor.

Contribution Limits
In 2021, you may contribute up to $19,500 to your 457(b). It is possible to make a catch-up contribution of up to $19,500 more than the maximum if you meet the following requirements in 2021:

- Age 50+ = an additional $6,500; or
- Age is within three years of Normal Retirement Age (NRA)* = up to an additional $19,500

The Pre-Tax Savings Advantage
Based on a teacher’s annual income of $45,000

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