

Program Highlights

County Schools FBC Deferred Compensation Program

The Fringe Benefits Consortium Deferred Compensation Program (FBC) is designed exclusively to help educators build and grow their savings to achieve their retirement dreams through a variety of options available in the plan.

Read these highlights to learn more about your Plan. If there are any discrepancies between this document and the Plan Document, the Plan Document will govern.

WHAT IS A 403(b), ROTH 403(b), OR 457(b) PLAN?

403(b) or 457(b) refer to a section in the IRS Code that allows you to save part of your income on a PRE-TAX basis. This lowers your current taxable income and can help your long term savings grow faster. Your 403(b) and 457(b) savings will not be taxed until withdrawn.

The Roth 403(b) plan enables you to save part of your income on an AFTER-TAX basis. Your Roth 403(b) savings may be withdrawn tax-free.

WHY SHOULD YOU INVEST IN THE 403(b), ROTH 403(b), AND 457(b) PLANS?

You may save as much as \$38,000 on a tax deferred basis per year:

- Up to 100% of your income
- Up to \$19,000 in 2019 in the 403(b) and Roth 403(b) Plans (combined)
- Up to \$19,000 in 2019 in the 457(b) Plan
- 100% Vested

You may save even more if you are eligible under the special catch-up provisions, which could allow you to save up to \$66,000:

403(b) and Roth 403(b) Plans

- Up to an additional \$6,000 if you are over age 50, AND
- Up to an additional \$3,000 if you have over 15 years of service with your current employer (You may be eligible to defer up to a combined maximum of \$28,000 into the 403(b) and Roth 403(b) Plans during 2019 using the special catch up provisions.)

457(b) Plan

- Up to an additional \$6,000 if you are over age 50, OR
- Up to an additional \$19,000 if you are in your final three years prior to normal retirement age (You may be eligible to defer up to a maximum of \$38,000 into the 457(b) Plan during 2019 using the special catch-up provisions.)

WHAT IS THE PLAN YEAR FOR FBC DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM?

The Plan Year is the consecutive twelve-month period beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

All current employees are eligible to participate in the Plan.

WHEN MAY I JOIN?

Eligible employees may join the Plan on their date of hire or any day thereafter.

HOW DO I JOIN THE PLAN?

The participant must complete enrollment materials available online at www.MyFBCretirement.com or at the FBC Office.

HOW DO I CONTRIBUTE TO THE PLAN?

- You may defer a portion of your salary on a monthly basis by completing the “FBC Salary Reduction Agreement” included in the enrollment packet
 - If you have an existing qualified retirement plan (pre-tax), 403(b) tax deferred arrangement or governmental 457 plan with a prior employer, or hold a Tax-Deferred IRA account, you may transfer or roll over that account into the Plan anytime. You may do so by completing the “Empower Transfer In/Rollover In Request Form” and the “Incoming Transfer/Direct Rollover Form.” You may access these forms by going to www.fbcretire.com – ‘Plan Forms’ – ‘Empower Rollover/Transfer In Navigator.’

HOW ARE PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS INVESTED?

You give investment directions for your Plan account, selecting from investment choices provided under the Plan, as determined by the FBC Deferred Compensation Program.

- You may change your investment choices daily. There is no fee for changing your investment choices, unless you elect to participate in the Self-Directed Brokerage Account (SDBA).
- You may change your contribution amount at any time by completing a new salary reduction agreement.
- More information about your Plan’s investment choices can be found elsewhere in these materials or online at www.MyFBCretirement.com.¹

The Plan is intended to comply with ERISA Section 404(c) even though it is not subject to Title I of ERISA. This simply means that you “exercise control” over some or all of the investments in your Plan account. The fiduciaries of the Plan may be relieved of liability, or responsibility, for any losses that you may experience as a direct result of your investment decisions.

As a plan participant, you may request certain information from Dan Puplava at the FBC Office. This information includes: annual operating expenses of the Plan investments; copies of prospectuses, financial

statements, reports, or other materials relating to Plan investments provided to the Plan; a list of assets contained in each Plan investment portfolio; the value of those assets and fund units or shares; and the past and current performance of each Plan investment.

HOW CAN I GET HELP CHOOSING MY INVESTMENT OPTIONS?

There are financial calculators and tools on the website that can help you determine which investment options might be best for you if you would like to construct the FBC accounts yourself.

The FBC also offers access to Empower Retirement Advisory Services, offered by Advised Assets Group, LLC, a registered investment adviser. You can have AAG manage your retirement account for you through My Total Retirement™. Or if you prefer to manage your retirement account on your own, you can use Online Advice. These services provide a retirement strategy based on your investment goals, time horizon and tolerance for risk.

The FBC also offers a Self-Directed Brokerage Account (SDBA), which allows you to select from numerous mutual funds outside of the Program's core investment options for an additional fee or fees. Individual stocks and bonds are not available for purchase in this SDBA option. These securities are not offered through GWFS Equities, Inc.

Before investing, investors should carefully consider a fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. Fund prospectuses contain this and other important information, and they may be obtained by contacting your SDBA provider. Investors should read prospectuses carefully before investing.

For more detailed information about your investment options, please visit the FBC's website at www.MyFBCretirement.com or call the voice response system at **(844) SDCS-RET**.

CAN I MAKE CATCH-UP CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PLAN?

If you are age 50 or older and make the maximum allowable deferral to your Plan, you are entitled to contribute an additional "catch-up contribution". The catch-up contribution is intended to help eligible employees make up for smaller contributions made earlier in their careers. The maximum catch-up contribution is \$6,000 for 2019. See your Benefits Administrator for more details.

WHEN CAN MONEY BE WITHDRAWN FROM MY PLAN ACCOUNT?

Money may be withdrawn from your Plan account in these events:

| 403(b)* and Roth 403(b)** | 457(b)* |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Termination of Employment | Termination of Employment |
| Your attaining age 59½ | Unforeseeable Emergency |
| Hardship | 70½ Required Minimum Distribution |
| Death | Death |
| Disability | Disability |
| 70 ½ Required Minimum Distribution | |

Be sure to talk with your tax advisor before withdrawing any money from your Plan account.

*A 10% early distribution penalty applies to 403(b) distributions for participants under the age of 59½. Withdrawals may be subject to ordinary income tax. If you are separated from service and over 55, the 10% penalty may not apply. The 10% federal early withdrawal penalty does not apply to 457 plan withdrawals except for withdrawals attributable to rollovers from another type of plan or account. Please consult a Tax Advisor.

**Generally, any earnings in the Roth 403(b) Plan are not taxable upon normal withdrawal. However, earnings may be taxable upon withdrawal if you have not had the Roth 403(b) account for at least 5 years and you are not withdrawing for death, disability, or age 59 ½. Please note that as of the date of printing, the IRS had not yet finalized guidelines governing the withdrawals from the Roth 403(b) Plan.

MAY I WITHDRAW MONEY IN CASE OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR AN UNFORESEEABLE EMERGENCY?

If you have an immediate financial need created by severe hardship and you lack other reasonably available resources to meet that need, you may be eligible to receive a hardship withdrawal from your account. You may also be eligible to withdraw funds if you have met an unforeseeable emergency as defined in the Plan Document.

If you feel you are facing a financial hardship or an unforeseeable emergency, you should see your Benefits Administrator for more details. You will be required to cease contributions to the 403(b) and Roth 403(b) Plans for a period of six months if you withdraw money due to a financial hardship.

MAY I BORROW MONEY FROM MY ACCOUNT?

The Plan is intended to help you put aside money for your retirement. However, the FBC Deferred Compensation Program has included a Plan feature that lets you borrow money from the Plan.

- The amount the Plan may loan to you is limited by rules under the tax law. All loans will be limited to the lesser of; one-half of your vested account balance or \$50,000
- The minimum loan amount is \$1,000.
- General loans must be repaid within five years. Residential loans may exceed five years.
- You pay loan interest back into your account. The interest rate on your loan will be the Prime Rate plus 2%.
- A \$75 processing fee for new loans and a \$25 per year maintenance fee are charged to your account.
- Loans are permitted from all plan types (403(b), 457(b), etc.)

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PLAN?

Visit www.MyFBCretirement.com or contact **844-SDCS-RET**.

WHAT ARE THE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROGRAM?

The following general fees and transaction fees apply to the *Empower Retirement - SDCOE/Fringe Benefits Consortium 403(b)/457(b) Program* vendor on your districts approved vendor list.

General Fees

- 0.13% asset based wrap fee
- 0.03% asset based administration fee

A portion of the fees listed above is forwarded as compensation for administrative services to the FBC Deferred Compensation Program. National Benefit Services, LLC (NBS) receives compensation of 3 bps (0.03%) annually based on plan assets held by Empower Retirement.

Empower Retirement Advisory Services Fees

There is a \$25 annual fee, assessed at \$6.25 quarterly, for Online Advice.

The annual fee for My Total Retirement is assessed in quarterly installments based on a percentage of your account balance, as follows:

| Participant Account | Annual Fee |
|------------------------|------------|
| Up to \$100,000 | 0.45% |
| Next \$150,000 | 0.35% |
| Next \$150,000 | 0.25% |
| Greater than \$400,000 | 0.15% |

For example, if your account balance is \$50,000, the maximum annual fee will be 0.45 percent of the account balance. If your account balance is \$500,000, the first \$100,000 will be subject to a maximum annual fee of 0.45 percent; the next \$150,000 will be subject to a maximum annual fee of 0.35 percent; the next \$150,000 will be subject to a maximum annual fee of 0.25 percent; and any amounts over \$400,000 will be subject to a maximum annual fee of 0.15 percent.

There is no guarantee provided by any party that participation in any of the advisory services will result in a profit.

Transaction Fees

- \$25 Distribution/Rollover Fee (including hardships and unforeseeable emergency withdrawals)
- \$75 Loan Processing Fee and \$25 Annual Loan Maintenance Fee
- Up to \$1.50 per month compliance fee (Not specific to Empower Retirement) assessed for each participant account that maintains a 403(b) or 457(b) plan balance. This is a plan specific fee and applies to all approved vendors for your district's 403(b) and 457(b) plans.
- There are additional transaction fees for participants who wish to utilize the SDBA.

Please note that there are no front-end loads, back-end loads, or surrender fees associated with the SDCOE/Fringe Benefits Consortium 403(b)/457(b) Program offered through Empower Retirement.

Comparing the Plans

| | 403(b) and Roth 403(b) | 457(b) |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Contribution Limits | \$19,000 | \$19,000 |
| Additional Catch-up | 15 Years of Service Rule | Final 3 Year Rule |
| Age 50 Catch-up | \$6,000 | \$6,000 |

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| Section 415 Limit | 100% to \$58,000 | N/A |
| Compensation | Calendar Year + Deferrals (for 125, 457(b) & 403(b)) If terminated, then last 12 months of service is used for 5 years following year of termination | Calendar Year + Deferrals (for 125, 457(b) & 403(b)) |
| Loans | 50% of total account balance up to \$50,000. Paid back over 5 years or less. Defaulted loans are taxable. If a participant defaults or has previously defaulted on a plan loan, no further loans will be permitted from the plan. | |
| Distributions | Only for death, disability, retirement, termination of employment, hardship (no contributions are permitted for 6 months following a hardship distribution), Age 59½, and Age 70½ minimum distributions. | Only for death, disability, termination of employment, unforeseeable emergency and Age 70½ minimum distributions |
| Early Distribution Penalty | 10% | None |

1 Transfer requests received on business days prior to close of the New York Stock Exchange (1:00 p.m. Pacific time or earlier on some holidays or other special circumstances) will be initiated at the close of business the same day the request was received. The actual effective date of your transaction may vary depending on the investment option selected.

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