# Understanding Your 403(b) & Roth 403(b)

## 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 a 403(b) funds while you are still employed. Repayment terms and interest rates are determined by your plan's administrator, SchoolsFirst Plan Administration.

# 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.

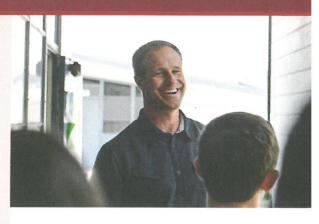
#### Loans

A loan may be taken against a Roth 403(b) while you are still employed. Repayment terms and interest rates are determined by your plan's administrator, SchoolsFirst Plan Administration.

# Contribution

In 2019, you may contribute up to \$19,000 to a 403(b) and/or Roth 403(b), combined. It is possible to contribute up to \$9,000 more than the maximum if you meet the following requirements:

- Age 50+ in 2019 = an additional \$6,000
- 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:

#### **Eric Reese**

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# Minimum contribution starts at \$25

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