

**SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES AGENCY  
457 FICA ALTERNATIVE RETIREMENT PLAN**

**SUMMARY OF 457 PLAN PROVISIONS**

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**INTRODUCTION TO YOUR PLAN**

Santa Clarita Valley School Food Services Agency 457 FICA Alternative Retirement Plan ("Plan") has been adopted to provide you with the opportunity to save for retirement on a tax-advantaged basis. This Plan is a type of retirement plan commonly referred to as a Governmental Eligible 457 Plan. This summary of 457 Plan Provisions contains valuable information regarding when you may become eligible to participate in the Plan, your Plan benefits, your distribution options, and many other features of the Plan. You should take the time to read this Summary to get a better understanding of your rights and obligations under the Plan.

We have attempted to answer most of the questions you may have regarding your benefits in the Plan. If this summary does not answer all of your questions, please contact the Administrator. The name and address of the Administrator can be found in the Article of this summary entitled "General Information About The Plan."

This summary describes the Plan's benefits and obligations as contained in the legal Plan document, which governs the operation of the Plan. The Plan document is written in much more technical and precise language. If the non-technical language under this summary and the technical, legal language of the Plan document conflict, the Plan document always governs. If you wish to receive a copy of the legal Plan document, please contact the Administrator.

This summary describes the current provisions of the Plan. The Plan is subject to federal laws, such as the Internal Revenue Code and other federal and state laws which may affect your rights. The provisions of the Plan are subject to revision due to a change in laws or due to pronouncements by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The Employer may also amend or terminate this Plan. The Administrator will notify you if the provisions of the Plan that are described in this summary change. This summary does not address the provisions of specific investment products.

**ARTICLE I  
PARTICIPATION IN THE PLAN**

**Am I eligible to participate in the Plan?**

If you are a member of a class of employees identified below, you are not an eligible employee for Plan purposes. The employees who are excluded are:

- All Employees except Part-time Employees who work less than 20 hours per week; Seasonal Employees who work full-time for less than 5 months during the Plan Year; and or Temporary Employees who work full-time or part-time under a contract which is not expected to exceed 2 years.

Independent contractors are not eligible to participate in the Plan.

**When am I eligible to participate in the Plan?**

Provided you are an eligible employee, you will be eligible on your date of hire. You will actually enter the Plan once you reach the entry date as described in the next question.

**When is my entry date?**

Provided you are an eligible employee, you may begin participating in the Plan once you have satisfied the eligibility requirements and reached your "entry date." Your entry date is the first day of the month coinciding with or next following the date you satisfy the Plan's eligibility requirements.

## ARTICLE II CONTRIBUTIONS

### **What kind of contributions may I make to the Plan and how do my contributions affect my taxes?**

As a participant in the Plan, you may elect to reduce your compensation by a specific percentage or dollar amount and have that amount contributed to the Plan on a pre-tax basis. The Plan refers to this as an "elective deferral." Your taxable income is reduced by your elective deferral contributions so you pay less federal income taxes. However, your elective deferrals are subject to Social Security taxes at the time of deferral. Later, when the Plan distributes the deferrals and earnings, you will pay income tax on those amounts. Federal income taxes on the pre-tax deferral contributions and earnings are only postponed.

### **Is there a limit on the amount of elective deferrals that can be made each year?**

You may make deferrals from your accumulated sick pay, from accumulated vacation pay or from back pay.

Your total elective deferrals in any calendar year may not exceed a certain dollar limit which is set by law ("elective deferral limit"). The elective deferral limit for 2015 is \$18,000. After 2015, the elective deferral limit may increase for cost-of-living adjustments.

### **How do I make an election to defer?**

The amount you elect to defer will be deducted from your pay in accordance with a procedure established by the Plan Administrator. If you wish to defer, the procedure will require that you enter into a salary reduction agreement. You may elect to defer a portion of your compensation payable on or after your Entry Date. Such election must be made prior to the first day of a calendar month in which you wish to defer and will become effective as soon as administratively feasible after it is received by the Plan Administrator. Your election will remain in effect until you modify or terminate it. You may revoke or make modifications to your salary deferral election in accordance with procedures that the Employer provides. See the Plan Administrator for further information.

### **What compensation is used to determine my Plan benefits?**

**Definition of compensation.** For the purposes of the Plan, compensation has a special meaning. Compensation is generally defined as your total compensation that is subject to income tax withholding and paid to you by your Employer during the Plan Year. The Plan takes into account elective deferrals to retirement plans (including this one) cafeteria plans, or qualified transportation fringe benefit plans. The following describes the adjustments to compensation that may apply for the different types of contributions provided under the Plan.

- Compensation paid after you terminate employment will be excluded

For the Plan Year in which you first participate, for any contributions other than salary reductions, we take into account your full Plan Year compensation.

## ARTICLE III DISTRIBUTIONS

### **When will I be entitled to a distribution from the Plan?**

Distributions under the Plan may generally not be made prior to the earlier of your attainment of age 70 1/2 or your termination of employment (for whatever reason, including death). The rules are explained in more detail below.

If you terminate employment for any reason and at any age (including retirement), then you will be entitled to a distribution within a reasonable time after you terminate employment. (See the question "How will my benefits be paid?" for a further explanation of how benefits are paid from the Plan.)

If the Plan Administrator approves, you (1) may elect to postpone distribution of your benefit to any fixed or determinable date including, but not beyond, your "required beginning date" described below; and (2) you may elect the method of payment.

**Military Service.** If you are a veteran and are reemployed under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, your qualified military service may be considered service with the Employer. There may also be benefits for employees who die or become disabled while on active duty. Employees who receive wage continuation payments while in the military may benefit from various changes in the law. If you think you may be affected by these rules, ask the Administrator for further details.

**Required beginning date.**

Regardless of the above, the law requires that certain minimum distributions be made from the Plan. Distributions are required to begin not later than the April 1st following the later of the end of the year in which you reach age 70 1/2 or terminate employment. You should see the Plan Administrator if you think you may be affected by these rules.

**What is the Plan's normal retirement age?**

You will attain your normal retirement age when you reach age 65.

**What is my vested interest in my account?**

You are always 100% vested in all your accounts under our plan.

**How will my benefits be paid?**

You may, subject to the approval of the Plan Administrator, elect to receive your distribution under one of the methods described below:

- a single lump-sum payment.
- installments over your life expectancy, but only if you are required to take distributions under the law because you reached your "required beginning date" (generally the later of age 70 1/2 or the date you terminate employment).
- Any other method agreed to by the Administrator.

**May I elect to roll over my account to another plan or IRA?**

If you are entitled to a distribution of more than \$200, then you may elect whether to receive the distribution or to roll over the distribution to another retirement plan such as an individual retirement account ("IRA").

**What happens if I get divorced?**

The Administrator will honor a "qualified domestic relations order." A "qualified domestic relations order" is defined as a decree or order issued by a court that obligates you to pay child support or alimony, or otherwise allocates a portion of your assets in the Plan to your spouse, former spouse, child or other dependent. If a qualified domestic relations order is received by the Administrator, all or a portion of your benefits may be used to satisfy the obligation. The Administrator will determine the validity of any domestic relations order received. You and your beneficiaries can obtain from the Administrator, without charge, a copy of the procedure used by the Administrator to determine whether a qualified domestic relations order is valid.

**ARTICLE IV  
DEATH BENEFITS**

**What happens if I die while working for the Employer?**

If you die while still employed by the Employer, your entire account balance will be used to provide your beneficiary with a death benefit.

Your beneficiary is the person or persons whom you designate on a form the Administrator provides for this purpose. If you are married, your spouse will be the beneficiary of the death benefit, unless you elect to change the beneficiary.

If no valid designation of beneficiary exists, or if the beneficiary is not alive when you die, then the death benefit will be paid in the following order, unless the investment provider's documentation says otherwise:

- (a) Your surviving spouse;
- (b) Your children, including adopted children, and if a child dies before you, to their children, if any;
- (c) Your surviving parents, in equal shares; or
- (d) Your estate.

**When will the death benefit be paid to my beneficiary?**

Your death benefit will be paid to your beneficiary and payment will begin as soon as practicable after your death. See the Plan Administrator for further details.

You should immediately report any change in your marital status to the Administrator. If you have specifically named your spouse as your beneficiary on a designation form, then the designation will be invalid upon your divorce.

**What happens if I'm a participant, terminate employment, and die before receiving all my benefits?**

If you terminate employment with us and subsequently die, your beneficiary will be entitled to any remaining benefits that you were entitled to as of the date of your death.

**ARTICLE V  
IN-SERVICE DISTRIBUTIONS**

**Can I withdraw money from my account while working for the Employer?**

You may receive a distribution from the Plan prior to your termination of employment if you satisfy certain conditions. These conditions are described below. However, this distribution will reduce the value of the benefits you will receive when you retire. Any in-service distribution is made at your election and will be made in accordance with the forms of distribution available under the investment product you have selected or under the Plan.

You may elect to receive a "de minimus" distribution of up to \$5,000 provided: (i) your account does not exceed \$5,000; (ii) you have not made any Salary Reduction Contributions or received any Employer contribution during the prior two years ending on the date you would have received the de minimus distribution; and (iii) you have not previously taken a de minimus distribution from the Plan.

**ARTICLE VI  
TAX TREATMENT OF DISTRIBUTIONS**

**What are my tax consequences when I receive a distribution from the Plan?**

Generally, you must include any Plan distribution in your taxable income in the year in which you receive the distribution. The tax treatment may also depend on your age when you receive the distribution.

**Can I reduce or defer tax on my distribution?**

You may reduce, or defer entirely, the tax due on your distribution through use of one of the following methods:

(a) The rollover of all or a portion of the distribution you actually receive to a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or another eligible employer plan. This will result in no tax being due until you begin withdrawing funds from the traditional IRA or other eligible employer plan. The rollover of the distribution, however, **MUST** be made within strict time frames (normally, within 60 days after you receive your distribution). Under certain circumstances all or a portion of a distribution may not qualify for this rollover treatment. In addition, most distributions will be subject to mandatory federal income tax withholding at a rate of 20%. This will reduce the amount you actually receive. For this reason, if you wish to roll over all or a portion of your distribution amount, the direct rollover option described in paragraph (b) below would be the better choice.

(b) For most distributions, you may request that a "direct rollover" of all or a portion of the distribution to either a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or another employer plan willing to accept the rollover. A direct rollover will result in no tax being due until you withdraw funds from the traditional IRA or other qualified employer plan. Like the 60-day rollover, under certain circumstances all or a portion of the amount to be distributed may not qualify for this direct rollover, e.g., a distribution of less than \$200 will not be eligible for a direct rollover. If you elect to actually receive the distribution rather than request a direct rollover, then in most cases 20% of the distribution amount will be withheld for federal income tax purposes.

WHENEVER YOU RECEIVE A DISTRIBUTION THAT IS AN ELIGIBLE ROLLOVER DISTRIBUTION, THE ADMINISTRATOR WILL DELIVER TO YOU A MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THESE OPTIONS. HOWEVER, THE RULES WHICH DETERMINE WHETHER YOU QUALIFY FOR FAVORABLE TAX TREATMENT ARE VERY COMPLEX. YOU SHOULD CONSULT WITH A QUALIFIED TAX ADVISOR BEFORE MAKING A CHOICE.

**ARTICLE VII  
CLAIMS AND BENEFITS**

**Can the Plan be amended?**

Yes. The Employer may amend the Plan at any time. No amendment will cause any reduction in the amount credited to your account.

**What happens if the Plan is discontinued or terminated?**

The Employer may terminate the Plan at any time. Upon termination, no more contributions may be made to the Plan. The Administrator will notify you of any modification or termination of the Plan.

**How do I submit a claim for Plan benefits?**

Benefits may be paid to you and your beneficiaries without the necessity of formal claims. However, if you think an error has been made in determining your benefits, then you or your beneficiaries may make a request for any Plan benefits to which you believe you are entitled. Any such request should be in writing and should be made to the Plan Administrator.

If the Administrator determines the claim is valid, then you will receive a statement describing the amount of benefit, the method or methods of payment, the timing of distributions and other information relevant to the payment of the benefit.

**ARTICLE VIII  
GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLAN**

There is certain general information that you may need to know about the Plan. This information has been summarized for you in this Article.

The full name of the Plan is Santa Clarita Valley School Food Services Agency 457 FICA Alternative Retirement Plan.



This Plan was originally effective on October 1, 2003. The amended and restated provisions of the Plan become effective on November 1, 2014.

The Plan's records are maintained on a twelve-month period of time. This is known as the "Plan Year." The Plan Year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31.

Valuations of the Plan are generally made daily.

The Plan will be governed by the laws of California.

### **Employer Information**

Your Employer's name, address, business telephone number, and identification number are:

Santa Clarita Valley School Food Services Agency  
25210 Anza Drive  
Valencia, California 91355  
(661) 295-1574

95-4242259

### **Administrator Information**

The Employer is the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator is responsible for the day-to-day administration and operation of the Plan. For example, the Administrator maintains the Plan records, including your account information, provides you with the forms you need to complete for Plan participation and directs the payment of your account at the appropriate time. If you have any questions about the Plan and your participation, you should contact the Administrator. The Administrator may designate other parties to perform some duties of the Administrator, and some duties are the responsibility of the investment provider(s) to the Plan.

The Administrator has the complete power, in its sole discretion, to determine all questions arising in connection with the administration, interpretation, and application of the Plan (and any related documents and underlying policies). Any such determination by the Administrator is conclusive and binding upon all persons.

### **Plan Funding Medium**

All money that is contributed to the Plan is held in custodial accounts and annuity contracts.