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# Newsletter

## Payroll 2014 Coming to a Close and 2015 is Knocking at the Door

As November sneaks in, inevitable thoughts of W2 processing and Year End rear their ugly heads. Year End Meetings were held in October and November hoping to provide some information and assistance to all Districts. Changes to Affordable Care Act Reporting as well as new laws for Sick Leave payments keep us hopping. STRS and PERS can't help but jump into the foray by continuing to make changes to their requirements while still trying to determine what earnings are creditable and which earnings aren't.

As "outside" entities continually modify their systems and requirements, the Technology JPA continues pushing forward in preparing for the Implementation of Payroll.NET! Several Payroll.NET demonstrations provided over 175 users with a detailed final look at the Payroll.NET application and all it has to offer. The Implementation Plan continues to hold firm with San Bernardino beginning their various trainings in February of 2015 with the plan of San Bernardino, Inyo & Mono Counties all being live on the new Payroll.NET system by the end of the 2015 fiscal year. July and August 2015 bring the Implementation Team to Del Norte, Humboldt and San Mateo Counties with the ultimate goal of each member of CECC being live on Payroll.NET by the end of October 2015.

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## EDUREPORTS 3.0 UPDATE

### SACS Survey Results – September 2014:

A survey was sent out to all BEST NET districts and CECC members asking users to identify how their district or county currently extracts data for SACS reporting on the HP Legacy system (SRBUIN), in order to assist us with the design and development of these new programs. 21 BEST NET Districts and 4 County Offices responded to the survey.

The most popular selections for each extract are...

**Single Budget – July 1:** 38% Actuals = Budget Development/ Budget = Budget Development and 19% Actuals = Financial Control System/Budget = Budget Development.

**Dual Budget – July 1:** 37.5% Actuals = Budget Development/Budget = Budget Development and 25% Actuals = Financial Control System/Budget = Working.

**Dual Budget – September 8:** 50% Actuals = Budget Development/Budget = Budget Development and 50% Actuals = Current Year Budget/Budget = Working.

**Unaudited Actuals – September 15:** 77% Actuals = Financial Control System/Budget = Working and 23% Actuals = Financial Control System/Budget = Approved

Users were also asked if all GL options and BDV models should be available in dropdown lists in the new extract program for each extract type to choose an Estimated Actuals model. 87% of the responses were yes.

The final question asked if the user should identify the fiscal year for the Estimated Actuals and Budget so that only models for the specified fiscal year are displayed in the dropdown lists. 93% of the responses were yes.

The responses to this survey will be incorporated into the design of the new SACS extract programs which are currently in development.





## UPCOMING EVENTS Meetings and Trainings for December, January & February

EPICS Fall User Meeting – 12/5/14

County Office Support Meeting – 12/10/14

ELTS Implementation for Mono COE –  
1/12/15 – 1/13/15

SAMS/BDV/EPICS Highlights – 1/22/15

General Ledger Design – 2/25/15

## CONFIGURATION .NET COMING SOON!

The web based Configuration.Net will soon be deployed, replacing the current VB6 Configuration. Logons, Positions, Position Types, Position Approval Rules, Account Access Group Rules, Account Access Groups, Security Codes, Security Groups, Password Configuration and the Security Configuration Roll will all be available using Configuration.Net, as well as the Workflow forwarding feature used by Purchasing users. This feature was previously maintained under User Preferences under the Financial 2000 Main window.

Configuration.Net not only eliminates the VB6 Configuration, it also replaces the security maintenance functionality in ELTS and will eventually be used to set up site based processing of transactions in the future. Configuration.Net will also have application specific configurations based upon a user's access.

Configuration.Net will be deployed in phases. Phase I will be deployed with the 2015.03 release in the winter/early spring timeframe. The System Admin application will also be migrated into Configuration.Net, and that portion will be deployed with Purchasing.Net in a later phase.

All of the new Configurations will be located under a new Security Tab with sub tabs for the different Configuration options and will include several new enhancements.

Enhancements include:

- Change History-This feature will record the From and To field modification as well as record the Modified By and Transaction Time.
- Copy Position will now have the option to copy Position Type, Account Access Groups and Group Rules and Copy Security Groups to the new position. \*Some options may not display based on the user's access.
- Account Access Group Rules can be copied across applications.
- Account Access Groups can now be copied across applications including all of associated Account Access Group Rules.
- Account Access Groups can be copied with the associated Account Access Group Rules and a new option to copy all positions is now available.
- Security Groups can be copied with the associated Security Codes and/or Positions.

[Link to Calendar](#)

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## Payroll Coming to a Close Continued...

This aggressive schedule ensures the accuracy of data by preventing the month after month struggle of doing double data entry into both the HP and .NET systems. Recommendations have been made to Superintendents and CBO's across the Consortium to consider hiring Retirees to assist the Payroll Departments during their Paralleling times to pick up some of the slack, allowing Payroll Staff to concentrate on the systems and ensuring the accuracy of the new calculations.

Excitement is going hand in hand with nervousness as we get closer and closer to implementing the new Payroll.NET system. Payroll Techs are liking the new system and the combination of some new bells and whistles, while keeping the "same as the HP" feel has provided them a great deal of comfort and peace of mind going forward. Their entire world isn't changing~ it has just been given a face lift! So, gear up and let's hit 2015 head on!