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Federal & State Mandated Projects

Technology JPA created two time-saving projects to assist districts in reporting data for the Assembly Bill 1522- Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014 and the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

The AB1522 Monarch project uses the Payroll Earnings Final Reports. This project is designed to give staff the tools they need to track the hours paid for part-time employees. The project includes multiple calculated fields, filters, sorts and summaries to allow districts to view their payroll data in multiple ways to assist in their analysis.

The ACA Monarch project combines Employee information from EPICS using Reports 2000.Net as well as Payroll and W2 reports from the HP Legacy system. This project is designed to be used with Worxtime through American Fidelity to assist districts to remain in compliance with the Affordable Care Act. Although the data is formatted specifically for Worxtime, any district is able to use this project for compiling information and reporting purposes.

Instructions and Monarch models can be found on SharePoint:

[Home](#) > [Shared Documents](#) > [Monarch](#) > [Personnel](#)



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PAYROLL~ HERE WE GO AGAIN!

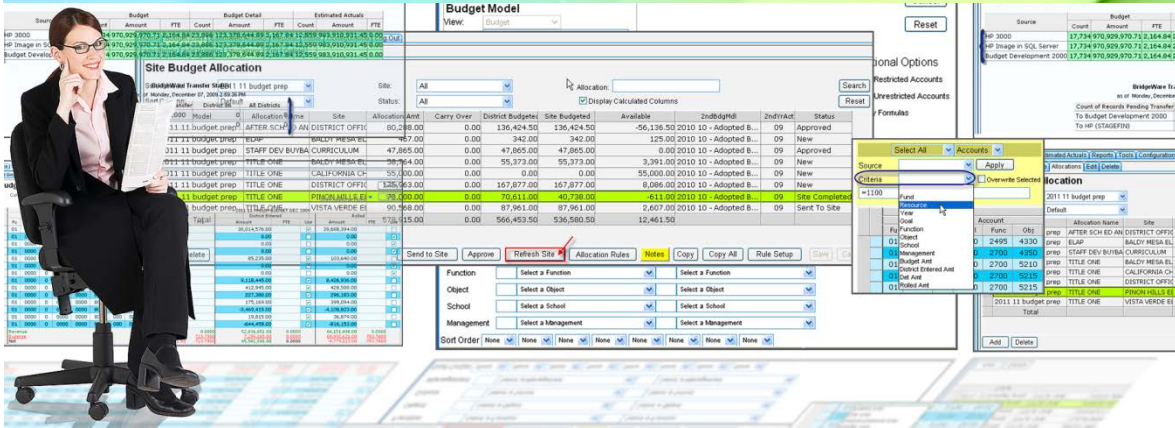
Once again, Payroll's year comes to a close. W2's are processed (91,826 by the way!) and over \$547,844,393 were reported in the Employer Sponsored Healthcare field on those W2's! The numbers are staggering, but they quickly become a memory. Time continues to march on and preparation is underway for implementing Payroll.NET!

Now and through May is a great time to be cleaning up that data and making sure that all the information sitting in Earnings & Deductions is what Payroll wants to see in the new system. Take some time to clean up those old Payroll Deduction Plans and clean up those old records. Validate your mapping and take the time now to ensure the latest and greatest is ready to be transferred to Payroll.NET.

A full-day Payroll.NET Demo is scheduled for March 11, 2015 and this will be the last opportunity the Payroll Technicians and Managers will have to get a real in-depth look at the new system prior to implementation. As we look forward to the implementation by all

CECC members, the goal is to make this implementation as seamless as possible! Our staff here in the Technology JPA has been working diligently already paralleling the Best Net Districts and will do the same for all CECC members. The positive results we have seen have been staggering and we anticipate the same results for each Member. We are excited to share what we have been doing and look forward to your feedback as well. After all... Payroll is Payroll and we are all in this together!





UPCOMING EVENTS

Meetings and Trainings for March, April & May

- County Office Support Meeting – 3/10/15
- Payroll .NET Final Demonstration – 3/11/15
- Purchasing/Stores User Meeting – 3/20/15
- Fiscal Year End District Meeting – 3/27/15
- Fiscal Year End County Meeting – 3/27/15
- ELTS Fiscal Year End Meeting – 5/14/15
- Purchasing/Stores Fiscal Year Start-Up Refresher – 5/15/15
- General Ledger Design – 5/27/15

[Link to Calendar](#)

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Field Definition Maintenance Program

Design and development are in progress for the new Field Definition Maintenance program, which will contain separate district and county maintenance screens.

Users will have all the options from the HP and more! Including the ability to set a Roll flag which will indicate that the field definition is to be included or excluded in the Field Definition Roll (yet to be designed). The county range and description (known in our legacy system as major range) will also be referenced for each field definition and will identify county ranges for the various types of districts (i.e. K12, JPA, COE, etc.), therefore assisting users in the accuracy of their data entry. Users will be provided with the ability to view maintenance history for each defined code, including “modified by” and “date modified” information. Report, export and import options will be available.

County users will have additional flexibility for the maintenance of definitions by single, multiple or all districts. Additionally, each code will contain indicators to signify whether the code is designated as an account fund, sub funded fund, restricted value or locally restricted value, whether it is subject to PERS reduction or enabled to break warrants by sub fund, thereby, consolidating information that previously existed in different screens. These fields will be displayed for all users and available for selection depending on user security access (district versus county).

Monarch Annual Agreements

We are soon approaching the one year mark since the BEST NET and CECC Consortiums upgraded to Monarch version 11 in mass. As the annual maintenance agreement from the original purchase is set to expire, districts are now faced with the decision to continue with the annual maintenance fee which includes free upgrades or to remain on the existing version without upgrading. Districts that plan to or have already moved to Microsoft Office 2010 will see that older versions of Monarch are no longer compatible and will require version 12 minimally. Although it is inevitable that districts continuing to use Monarch will need to upgrade to version 12, we do not recommend upgrading until after we are live on the new Payroll .NET application. Version 12 is vastly different than any previous version and may require additional time and training to use and may not work properly with the payroll parallel models we have already created for the districts using version 11.

In addition to utilizing version 11 for paralleling the new payroll system, over the last year we have taken advantage of this upgrade to create projects for state and federal mandates such as Government Compensation Public Records Act, Affordable Care Act and AB1522. These projects have saved many districts hundreds of hours in analyzing data that would otherwise require manual entry allowing for inaccurate information and time away from other projects. Although more and more reports are becoming available in excel formats through Financial 2000, we are finding that Monarch is still a useful tool to combine and analyze district data. We understand that this is a continuing cost to the districts but we feel that the benefits of Monarch far outweigh the expense.

Districts who wish to continue with the annual maintenance can contact Datawatch at (949) 540-6711 or email our Datawatch representative at greg_uhrig@datawatch.com. Contact information from 2014 purchases has been given to Datawatch and districts will be given the opportunity to continue with the maintenance agreement. If you have any questions please contact our office at (909) 386-9600 or email ms_helpdesk@sbcss.k12.ca.us.