

## **Informational Bulletin**

For Santa Clara School Districts

## **District Business and Advisory Services**

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Date: November 28, 2023

To: District Directors of Fiscal Services

District Human Resource and Payroll Managers

From: Susan Ady Director- District Business Services

Dennis Loo Supervisor-Payroll, Taxes and Retirement

Re: 2023 Calendar Year W-2 Employee Wage and Tax Statements

This bulletin provides important information for the 2023 Calendar Year End Payroll Processing. District Business and Advisory Services (DBAS) will produce the annual *W-2 Employee Wage and Tax Statements* for all Santa Clara County dependent district employees with taxable wages in 2023. In addition, 2023 wage and tax data will be electronically transmitted by DBAS to the Social Security Administration (SSA) as part of the annual W-2 production process. Districts do not need to submit a *Form W-3* for the W-2s to be produced in QCC.

W-2s are created based on final year-to-date data in QCC. During December, as DBAS staff reconciles this data and identifies discrepancies, we will need support from the districts to resolve any errors. Corrections will need to be processed during December for the timely production of the W-2 forms.

As a reminder, districts should record Group Term Life Insurance (GLI) payments in the QSS payroll system on a monthly basis to ensure proper withholding of applicable taxes as premiums are paid, using voluntary deduction code 8999. The last opportunity to enter the cumulative GLI excess premiums in the QSS system will be **December 14, 2023, if not properly withheld in each payroll period.** If required corrections or other updates are not completed by December 14, 2023, districts will be responsible for issuing supplemental W-2 Correction Forms and a per transaction error correction fee of \$50 may apply.

Occasionally, there are a variety of year-end "additional compensation" transactions that may require special processing to be included on the W-2. DBAS staff will reach out to district staff to work through these items. Generally, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Publication 15-B requires that all fringe benefits be reported as taxable compensation unless specifically excluded by law. A copy of the latest Publication 15-B is linked here for your reference.

## **Important Deadlines**

December payroll cancellations	December 15, 2023	3:00 pm
• December End of Month Payroll Close	December 14, 2023	5:00 pm
Group Term Life Insurance (GLI) correction cutoff	December 14, 2023	5:00 pm
Other Non GLI W-2 correction cutoff	December 14, 2023	5:00 pm

• W2 Processing by DBAS December 28, 2023 through January 19, 2024

• W2-C Forms due from Districts, if needed February 6, 2024 5:00 pm

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https://www.sccoe.org/depts/bizserv/DBAS/Pages/bulletins.aspx

https://www.sccoe.org/depts/bizserv/DBAS/Pages/forms.aspx

Attachment Excel – 2023 Year W-2 changes Group Life Insurance Form/2023 Year W-2 changes other Non GLI Form

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