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TO: Business and Accounting Administrators

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Division of School Financial Services (SFS)

SUBJECT: Electronic Upload of FY 2021-22 District Budget for Community College Districts

Using PeopleSoft Financial System in FY 2021-22

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – DISTRICT ACTION REQUIRED

This bulletin and its attachment provides districts with step-by-step instructions on how to electronically upload the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 budget to the PeopleSoft Financial System (PeopleSoft). Information for the BEST Advantage districts (including Wave 3 Districts) for FY 2021-22 will be provided by the BEST team through the Customer Resource Center (CRC) in the PROC-BUD-BF-005 procedure guide.

Annual Budget Upload into PeopleSoft

The budget spreadsheet must be transmitted to the Division of School Financial Services (SFS) through the Reports and Data System (RAD). SFS will upload the budget into PeopleSoft. It takes approximately three business days for SFS to complete the upload process after the budget passes all validation steps. Districts should plan to have their budget in PeopleSoft at least two weeks before their scheduled public hearing for budget adoption.

In order for Community College districts to conduct business in PeopleSoft for the new fiscal year, SFS should receive their budget file by **Monday**, **June 07**, **2021**, for upload.

It is crucial for Community College districts to have the budget loaded in PeopleSoft at least at the APPROPRIATION or APPROP (Budget by Fund) level prior to July 1st in order to be operational for FY 2021-22.

Attachment

Included with this bulletin are guidelines on preparing the budget spreadsheet, transmittal to SFS via RAD and checking for budget exceptions after the budget has been uploaded to PeopleSoft.

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SFS Assistance

If you have questions regarding the budget upload process, please contact Ivan Tani at Tani Ivan@lacoe.edu.

For security access to PeopleSoft and/or RAD, please contact SFSSecurity@lacoe.edu.

For all other general questions related to this bulletin, please contact me at (562) 922-6181 or email San Francisco@lacoe.edu.

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FS:lt Attachment

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Attachment Budget Format, RAD Upload and Checking for Budget Exceptions

Introduction

The Actuals and Budgets Download is just one way to get started in preparing the budget. This is an Excel spreadsheet and displays FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget, Current Operating Budget and Actual Revenue and Expenditure balances side by side by account string. The spreadsheet can be further modified to create your FY 2021-2022 Budget. Please see Informational Bulletin No. 5364 dated April 22, 2021, titled *Download of FY 2020-21 Budget and SACS Validation Software Installation for 2020-21 Budget Planning.*

All districts are required to submit a Budget. This attachment is divided into four sections:

- A. Budget Excel Spreadsheet
- B. RAD Upload
- C. Validation in PeopleSoft
- D. Budget Exceptions

A. Budget Excel Spreadsheet

There will be at least two opportunities for districts to request an upload of their budgets in PeopleSoft. Districts may send just one upload with final account strings and amounts or they may request two uploads. The budget spreadsheet must be:

- In <u>Excel</u> format.
- Consist of Appropriation (APPROP), Organization (ORG) and Revenue Estimate (REVEST) account strings with their appropriate amounts.
- Rounded to the nearest dollar without cents.
- Entered as <u>positive</u> numbers for ORG and REVEST which are the normal budget data (except for Direct Support and Indirect Costs, which are entered as negative numbers whenever applicable).
- Include all account strings planned to be used in 2021-22 with or without budgeted amounts.
- Do not send account strings copied from 20-21 which will not be used in 2021-22.

Initial Upload

This is the format for the initial upload (Bus Unit, Budget Period, Ledger, Account Strings, Amount).

Bus Unit	Bud Pd	Ledger	Fd	Res	Goal (Categ)	Func (Loc)	Obj	Loc (Activ)	Budget Amount
23456	21-22	APPROP	01.0						5,000,000
23456	21-22	ORG	01.0	0.0000	11100	10000	1110	6006000	4,000,000
23456	21-22	ORG	01.0	0.0000	11100	10000	1110	4900000	1,000,000
23456	21-22	REVEST	01.0	0.0000	00000	00000	8699	4900000	1,000,000

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Second (final) Upload

The second upload will be in the format below <u>if initial amounts were sent earlier</u>. Districts must indicate the initial amounts sent on the first upload, the final amounts and the calculated difference that needs to be uploaded.

Note that the first upload cannot be replaced with a second upload.

Only the Difference can be uploaded.

Bus Unit	Bud Pd	Ledger	Fd	Res	Goal (cat)	Func (Loc)	Obj	Loc (Activ)	INITIAL Budget Amount	<u>FINAL</u> Budget Amount	DIFFERENCE	Negative Budget Indicator
23456	21-22	APPROP	01.0						5,000,000	4,000,000	-1,000,000	N
23456	21-22	ORG	01.0	0.0000.0	11100	10000	1110	6006000	4,000,000	3,500,000	-500,000	N
23456	21-22	ORG	01.0	0.0000	11100	10000	1110	4900000	1,000,000	500,000	-500,000	N
23456	21-22	REVEST	01.0	0.0000.0	00000	00000	8699	4900000	1,000,000	800,000	-200,000	N
23456	21-22	ORG	01.0	0.0000	00000	01200	5719	0000000	0	-34,000	-34,000	Υ

Negative Budget Indicator

The second upload will also require a <u>Negative Budget Indicator</u>. Is the <u>Final Budget Amount</u> a negative amount? Indicate Yes/Y or No/N. Note that some account strings (i.e. Direct Support, Indirect Costs) are budgeted as negative amounts. An incorrect indicator will result in exceptions for that account string. Correct the exception by keying the account string online and checking the Negative Budget indicator.

Valuable Tips

- Refrain from repeating the same account string. For example, instead of having several
 entries using the same account string with varying amounts enter that account string <u>once</u>
 with one total amount.
- Distribute budget dollars appropriately in the account strings. Refrain from placing dollars in budget holding accounts.
- Human Resource System (HRS) errors encountered in 2020-21 should be corrected with new strings added to the 2021-22 budget whenever appropriate.
- Review or update the Gross-to-Net tables in the HRS system as needed.

B. Budget Upload to RAD

SFS will upload budgets on a first come first serve basis. Note that the upload (and posting) is an overnight process and can be delayed if multiple districts submit around the same time.

<u>LACOE Timetable</u> Send Budget spreadsheet via RAD by Monday, <u>June 7, 2021</u>

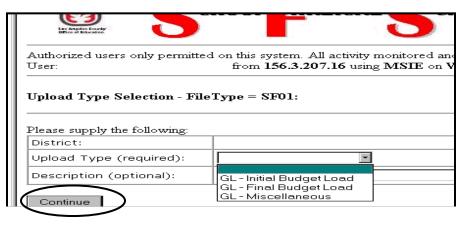
Follow the instructions for uploading to RAD. If you do not have access to RAD, complete a RAD Security Form and obtain your district's authorizing signature. Call the following SFS staff for assistance:

Yeoh_Mark (562) 940-1791 or Yeoh_Mark@lacoe.edu
Susie Alamsjah (562) 401-5512 or Alamsjah_Susie@lacoe.edu
Group Email SFSSecurity@lacoe.edu

Uploading the Budget Excel Spreadsheet to RAD



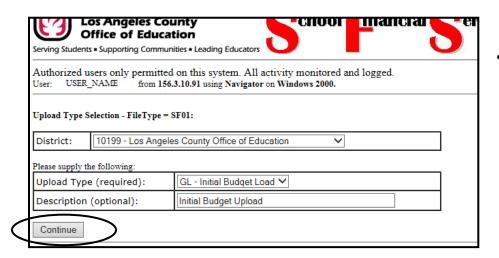
- Logon to <u>RAD</u>.
- Click <u>RAD Main Menu</u>.
- Click <u>SFS (School Financial</u> <u>Services)</u>.
- Click Upload/Download.
- Click **Upload File**.



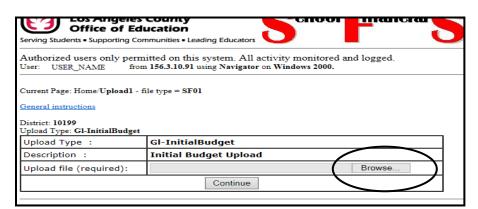
- Upload Type (Required)
- Select the type of file to send to RAD.

GL – Initial Budget Load GL – Final Budget Load

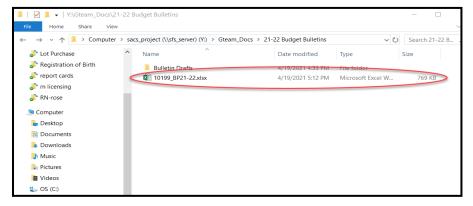
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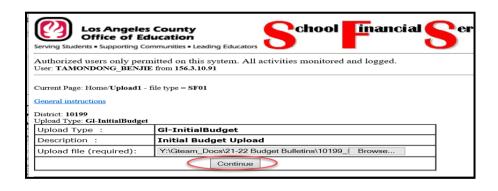
Enter a description and click **Continue**.



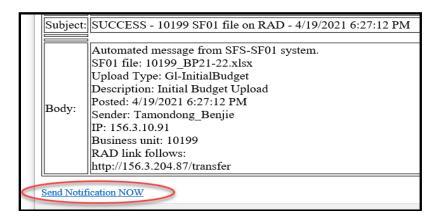
Click <u>Browse</u>.



- Locate Budget spreadsheet on your computer.
- Click <u>Open</u> to import the spreadsheet to RAD.



• Click Continue.



- RAD generates confirmation message with a successful upload.
- Click <u>Send Notification NOW</u> to notify SFS and districts that budget is in RAD.
- SFS uploads the budget to PeopleSoft.
- A budget with formatting errors cannot be uploaded to PeopleSoft. The district will be notified.

C. District validates Budget once uploaded to PeopleSoft

Check to see if all account strings were successfully loaded to PeopleSoft. Use reports such as the Actuals and Budgets Download or the Valid Transactions Report (RAD LAGL011C).

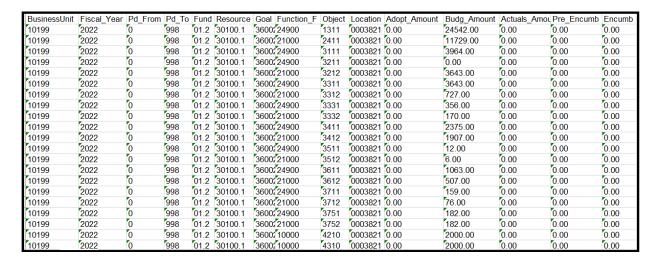
The Actuals and Budgets Download

Run the Actuals and Budgets Download to validate the 2021-22 budget uploaded in PeopleSoft.



- Enter 2022 for Fiscal Year.
- Retrieve the download (Excel) from RAD.
- Compare the budget data from the download with your Budget spreadsheet.

Actuals and Budget Download Excel Version

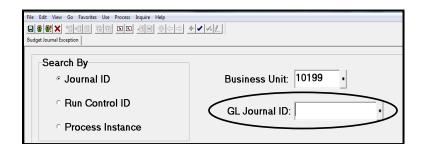


D. Budget Exceptions

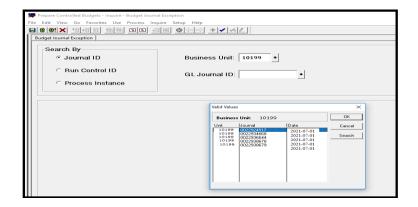
Account strings that do not upload to PeopleSoft are called <u>Budget Exceptions</u>. Exceptions occur when the Chartfield used in the account string has not been set up, as in the case of new Chartfields. To check for exceptions, districts can inquire online or use the Budget Journal Error Report (RAD LAGL029C).

Inquire Online - Budget Journal Exception

Navigation: Go>Process Financial Information>Prepared Control Budgets
Inquire>Budget Journal Exception



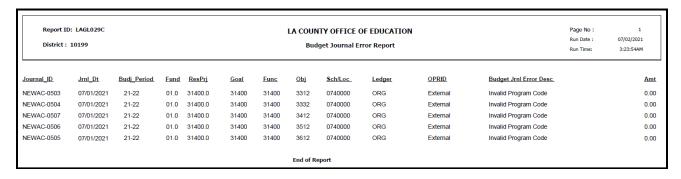
Click on the GL Journal ID dropdown.



- Display box will show all the journals with error.
- Click on any journal to view the account string and the type of exception (i.e. invalid Chartfield).
- Make the correction and post the journal or batch process will post the journal.

Budget Journal Error Report (LAGL029C)

Districts can also use the daily LAGL029C from RAD (as in the 21-22 example below). This report lists invalid account strings with a description of the error. The budget journal errors consist of Goals/Programs/Categorical that were not set up in the chart of accounts.



(Note: Error Descriptions are in PeopleSoft Text: ResPrj = Project, Goal = Program, Function = Class, Object = Account and School/Location = Department).

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