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**SUBJECT:** REMINDER - Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 84  
– Fiduciary Activities for Fiscal Year 2022-23

The Governmental Accounting Standard Board Statement No. 84 (GASB 84) was issued in January 2017, and was effective Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21. The requirements were established to improve clarity of state and local governments' fiduciary activity reporting. This bulletin serves as a reminder to districts that reporting balances in Funds 76 and 95 continues to be a requirement in Unaudited Actuals for FY 2022-23.

The attachments in this bulletin contain California Department of Education's (CDE) guidance on identifying fiduciary activities, common fiduciary activities, and reporting requirements for the FY 2022-23 Unaudited Actuals, and Audited Financial Statements.

### **Resources**

Please see the following resources your District can utilize:

[Statement No. GASB 84 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board](#)  
[GASB 84 Implementation Guide No. 2019-2, Fiduciary Activities](#)  
[SACS Forum Discussion on GASB Statement 84](#)  
[California School Accounting Manual \(CSAM\)](#)

Please consult your external auditors with any specific questions on GASB 84 reporting.

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Should you have any questions related to this bulletin, please contact me at (562) 922-6191 or email [Enomoto\\_Sachiko@lacoe.edu](mailto:Enomoto_Sachiko@lacoe.edu).

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Attachment

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## Attachment Fiduciary Activities

### Identifying Fiduciary Activities

There are three types and four paths to identify Fiduciary Activities:

1. Fiduciary component units, including Pension and Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) arrangements- *Path 1* (GASB 84, paragraph 6) and *Path 2* (GASB 84, paragraph 8)
2. Pension and OPEB arrangements - *Path 3* (GASB 84, paragraph 10)
3. Other fiduciary activities - *Path 4* (GASB 84, paragraph 11): Includes custodial funds, which are in Funds 76 and 95

Please find the GASB No. 84 statement [here](#) for more details on each of the above mentioned types and paths to identifying fiduciary activities.

### Samples Activities

This section contains a few common transactions may be unsure how to identify.

1. **Cash Conduit**  
*See definition in [California School Accounting Manual \(CSAM\) Procedure 750-Pass-Through and Cooperative Projects](#)*

If a district transfers pass-through grants to a sub-recipient and the district has no administrative or direct financial involvement, the district will act as the Cash Conduit. This activity meets all three criteria of GASB 84, paragraph 11.a through 11.c, therefore is fiduciary.

**Example of Cash Conduit:**

District XY serves as a pass-through in order to transfer funding sources, such as State Lottery apportionment, to a charter school that is locally funded (but otherwise not part of the district). This would be considered fiduciary. This is consistent with the existing guidance in *CSAM, Procedure 750*. It is noted that pass-through transactions that are purely cash conduits are not common.

2. **Associated Student Body Organizations (ASBs)**

For **unorganized ASBs**, CDE has concluded that most unorganized ASB activities in California School Districts are not fiduciary because they do not appear to meet the criteria established by GASB 84, paragraph 11(c)(2).

Per CDE, in order for the funds to be considered fiduciary, the funds held by the school district must benefit their own students. The district should not have administrative nor direct financial involvement in ASB activities. However, State statute requires districts to have administrative involvement in unorganized ASB's activities, which require an appointed employee or official (designated by the district's governing board) to have the ability to approve, disapprove or modify expenditures. Therefore, this doesn't meet the necessary criteria and would not be fiduciary.

For **organized ASBs**, CDE reached a similar conclusion as noted for unorganized ASBs. However, it is recommended districts carefully determine whether the district has administrative involvement for organized ASBs. It is common for students to be more involved in organized ASB management and decision making. Therefore, the district staff may not have the authority to disapprove or modify expenditures. If the district staff does not have authority to do so, it may be considered fiduciary.

See *CSAM Procedure 750* for definition of administrative involvement and direct financial involvement. In *GASB 84 Implementation Guide No. 2019-2, Fiduciary Activities*, questions 4.16 through 4.23, 4.26, 4.28 and 4.32 addresses common questions related to student activities.

### **Fund (08)**

CDE recommends that districts review policies and procedures for each ASB activity or club to determine whether they meet the definition for fiduciary activity in accordance with GASB 84.

- ASB activities that meet the definition can be reported in Fund 95, Student Body Fund.
- ASB activities that do not meet the definition should be reported in a governmental fund, in Fund 08 or the general fund.

Fund 08, Student Activity Special Revenue Fund, was established in FY 2020, CDE established this fund to account for the student body activity funds that do not qualify as fiduciary.

A few key notes regarding the use of Fund 08 per CDE:

1. The use of Fund 08 is optional. However, if Fund 08 is used, the expenditures should be recorded using Function 4000, Ancillary Services, or in the appropriate optional Ancillary Service functions, with the required goal and appropriate object codes.
2. Additionally, Resource 8210, Student Activity Funds, was established and required for the purposes of reporting governmental student body activities. Resource 8210 is open to use with Funds 01, 08, 09 and 62.
3. Expenditures for government ASB activities reported in Fund 08 will not be included in the district's reserve for the economic uncertainties calculation. This is because the calculation is based on general fund expenditures only. If a District would like to include their expenditures in the reserve calculation, it should be reported in the general fund.
4. The indirect cost rate calculation (form ICR) has been revised to include Fund 08 expenditures.

In order to request establishment of a new fund, send a signed (by an authorized signatory) board resolution, along with a letter (on district letterhead), stating the following:

1. The fund you are requesting to set-up
2. Description or title of the fund (not to exceed 30 characters)
3. Reason for the request

Please send the request to Christina Huang via email at [Huang\\_Christina@laoe.edu](mailto:Huang_Christina@laoe.edu).

### 3. **Contract Retainage**

Per CDE guidance, for retainage of constructions contracts (due to the district holding the retainage for its own benefit) should not report the retained amounts in a fiduciary fund.

#### 4. **Payroll and Warrant Clearing Accounts**

In previous years, the Payroll Clearing Account was used to accumulate employees' payroll withholding and accrue employer payroll taxes. Effective FY 2020-21, pursuant to GASB 84, districts should not report these funds in this clearing account (Fund 76). It is a fiduciary fund, because the district is holding the funds for its own benefit, (for its own employees).

The unremitted amount should be recorded as a liability in the district's books. Please see guidance in the *Reporting in the FY 2022-23 Unaudited Actuals and Audited Financial Statements* section below.

**Example: Reclassifying Fund 76 Balances at Year End:** At the end of the fiscal year, a district has a remaining ending balance of \$10,000 (various payroll withholding in Fund 76). The district should complete a reclassifying journal entry to move the remaining balance to the general fund or to another appropriate fund.

The original entry recorded in Fund 76 with remaining balance of \$10,000 as of June 30, 2023.

Fund	Object Code	Debit	Credit
76	Object 9110 – Cash	\$10,000	
76	Object 9512 – CA State Income Tax		\$500
76	Object 9513 – OASDI Liability		\$500
76	Object 9514 – CALSTRS Liability		\$4,000
76	Object 9515 – CALPERS Liability		\$4,000
76	Object 9517 – Other Voluntary Deductions		\$1,000

Reclassify the Fund 76 balance to the general fund (Fund 01) or another appropriate fund.

Fund	Object Code	Debit	Credit
76	Object 9512 – CA State Income Tax	\$500	
76	Object 9513 – OASDI Liability	\$500	
76	Object 9514 – CALSTRS Liability	\$4,000	
76	Object 9515 – CALPERS Liability	\$4,000	
76	Object 9517 – Other Voluntary Deductions	\$1,000	
76	Object 9110 – Cash		\$10,000
01	Object 9110 – Cash	\$10,000	
01	Object 9512 – CA State Income Tax		\$500
01	Object 9513 – OASDI Liability		\$500
01	Object 9514 – CALSTRS Liability		\$4,000
01	Object 9515 – CALPERS Liability		\$4,000
01	Object 9517 – Other Voluntary Deductions		\$1,000

## **FY 2022-23 Unaudited Actuals and Audited Financial Statements Reporting**

### **FY 2022-23 Unaudited Actuals**

As noted earlier, Funds 76 and 95 must be reported in the FY 2022-23 Unaudited Actuals to CDE. Districts may have non-fiduciary activities being reported in fiduciary funds that should be reported elsewhere, namely in Fund 76 and Fund 95. Districts should ensure these funds are reconciled and reported properly.

Please note that for HRS districts, payroll withholding transactions are still recorded in district's books in Fund 76 during FY 2022-23 in LACOE's financial systems. **Districts should reconcile the fund and complete reclassification of funds that are not considered fiduciary to the general fund or another appropriate fund.** Any necessary entries to the appropriate funds should be completed before the year-end adjusting period.

Similarly, for Fund 95, funds should be reconciled. Any funds identified as non-fiduciary should be reclassified to the appropriate funds (*i.e. Fund 08 or general fund*).

### ***Financial Reporting for Fiduciary Activities***

Once the district identifies the fiduciary activities, they should be reported in the following fiduciary fund types:

<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>SACS Fund</b>
Pension and other employee benefit trust funds*	Fund 71 – Retiree Benefit Fund
Private-purpose trust funds*	Fund 73 – Foundation Private-Purpose Trust Fund
Custodial funds	Fund 76 – Warrant/ Pass-Through Fund Fund 95 – Student Body Fund

*\*Trust agreements must be in place if amounts are being reported in these funds. If not held in trust, district should record in a custodial fund (Fund 76 or 95)*

### **FY 2022-23 Audited Financial Statements**

Pursuant to GASB 84 (effective FY 2021-22) for custodial funds, a statement of changes in fiduciary net position (reflecting additions and deductions) is now required. The reporting requirement of the statement of fiduciary net position reflecting the balance sheet (assets, deferred in/outflow, liabilities) remains the same. Two new object codes were established in order to assist in the preparation of the statement of changes in fiduciary net position. Please see below, *Changes in Liability Recognition* for more details.

### **Changes in Liability Recognition – New Object Codes Established in FY 2020-21**

CDE guidance notes that pursuant to GASB 84, any fiduciary fund liabilities should only be recognized when the disbursement is expensed. Prior to GASB 84, districts were allowed to immediately recognize the asset and the liability at the same time.

In FY 2020-21, there were two object codes that were established in order to record such balances. Please note that these balances should only be used in Funds 76 and 95:

1. Object Code 8800, Funds Collected for Others
2. Object Code 7500, Funds Distributed to Others

**Example:** A district is holding scholarship donations on behalf of a student body group that is considered fiduciary and the funds meet the definition of custodial funds.

**Prior to GASB 84** entry, the District recorded directly as a liability simultaneously when the cash was received:

Object Code	Debit	Credit
Object 9110 – Cash	\$10,000	
Object 9620 – Due to Student Groups/Other Agencies		\$10,000

1. **Pursuant to GASB 84** as of FY 2020-21 reporting, the district should not recognize the funds received immediately as a liability, however revenue should be recognized:

Object Code	Debit	Credit
Object 9110 – Cash	\$10,000	
Object 8800 – Funds Collected for Others		\$10,000

2. Determination whether a liability will be recorded:
  - a. A liability will be recorded if scholarship recipients have been identified and the payment will be made after the recipients have been identified.

Object Code	Debit	Credit
Object 7500 – Funds Distributed to Others	\$10,000	
Object 9620 – Due to Student Groups/Other Agencies		\$10,000

- b. If the payments are made at the same time the scholarship recipients are identified, the cash should be credited. This is most likely a rare occurrence.

Object Code	Debit	Credit
Object 7500 – Funds Distributed to Others	\$10,000	
Object 9110 – Cash		\$10,000

3. If entry shown in 2a was created when funds are being disbursed to the scholarship recipient, the cash and the liability should be reversed when paid:

Object Code	Debit	Credit
Object 9620 – Due to Student Groups/Other Agencies	\$10,000	
Object 9110 – Cash		\$10,000