

ANNUAL 403(b) PLAN NOTICE

2026-2027 PLAN YEAR

The **Moline-Coal Valley School District No. 40 403(b) Plan** (“Plan”) has been adopted to help our employees save for retirement. As an employee, you may make Salary Deferrals if you are eligible to participate under the Plan. (Please refer to the Summary Plan Description (SPD) or other Plan information materials to determine whether you are eligible to participate in this Plan.) This Annual 403(b) Plan Notice provides important information relevant to your participation in the Plan.

Notice of Universal Availability

This *Annual Notice of Universal Availability* describes your right to make Salary Deferrals (if you are eligible for the Plan), the procedures for electing to make Salary Deferrals Reduction Contributions and the tax advantages of making contributions to the Plan.

Eligibility to Participate. The Plan is a special type of retirement plan described under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. A “403(b) Plan” is subject to the universal availability requirement which requires that all employees (with certain exceptions) are eligible to make voluntary contributions to the Plan. These contributions are called Salary Deferrals. To make Salary Deferrals, you must complete a Salary Reduction Agreement designating the amount you want to have withheld from your paycheck and deposited into the Plan. You will also need to complete additional enrollment forms provided by the approved investment provider that you elect to have hold and invest your contributions. Please contact the Plan Administrator to request a copy of the Salary Reduction Agreement and/or to receive a list of approved investment arrangements.

Salary Deferral Limits. You may make Salary Deferrals up to \$24,500 in 2026, unless otherwise limited under the Plan. *This annual Salary Deferral limit may change in 2027, depending on Social Security Administration Cost of Living adjustments, if any.* In addition, this limit may be increased if you are eligible to make “catch-up” contributions under the Plan. Please see the SPD or other Plan information materials or contact your Plan Administrator for more information concerning the availability of catch-up contributions under the Plan.

Tax Advantages. If you elect to make Salary Deferrals to the Plan, you may make these contributions on a pre-tax basis, or if available under the Plan, on an after-tax basis (also referred to as Roth contributions).

- **Pre-tax contributions** – If you elect to make Salary Deferrals on a pre-tax basis, the amounts deferred (and any earnings on those amounts) generally will not be subject to income taxes until the amounts are distributed from the Plan. Upon distribution, such amounts are taxed as ordinary income.
- **Roth contributions** – You may also elect to make Salary Deferrals on an after-tax basis (i.e., such contributions are subject to income tax at the time contributed to the Plan) as Roth contributions. Such contributions (and earnings) will not be subject to income taxes when distributed from the Plan, if certain conditions are satisfied. Generally, the conditions are that at least five (5) years have passed since you began to make Roth contributions and the distribution is a “qualified distribution”. For this purpose, a qualified distribution is a distribution made due to your attainment of age 59½, death or disability.

Whom do I contact for additional information?

To learn more about 403(b) plans, please visit <http://www.irs.gov> and search for publication 571. If you would like additional information regarding your right to make Salary Reduction Contributions under the plan, or the requirements for required contribution aggregation if you are “in control” of another business, please contact:

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