

# SUWANNEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT



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*"Suwannee County School District will be a system of excellence ensuring all students are prepared for personal success."*

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**LEONARD J. DIETZEN, III**  
BOARD ATTORNEY

TO: All District Employees  
FROM: Suwannee County School Board Insurance Department  
DATE: May 1, 2019  
RE: Required Notification Regarding the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

The attached notification is being provided to you in compliance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. This notification is strictly informational regarding the Health Insurance Marketplace.

Under the new health care law, we are required to notify all employees about the Health Insurance Marketplace. The Marketplace is designed to help you find health insurance that meets your needs and fits your budget. Open Enrollment for health insurance coverage through the Marketplace begins in October, with coverage starting as early as January 1st. Some employees may be able to get lower costs on private insurance in the Marketplace based on their income. However, because SCSB offers coverage that meets the required standards, you will not be eligible for a tax credit through the Marketplace and may therefore prefer to remain on SCSB's group health plan.

If you purchase a health plan through the Marketplace instead of accepting group health coverage offered by SCSB, then you will lose the employer contribution to the employer-offered coverage. Our employer contribution, as well as your employee contribution to SCSB group health coverage, is excluded from income for federal income tax purposes under current tax regulations. If you choose coverage through the Marketplace, your payments for coverage are made on an after-tax basis.

The Marketplace can help you evaluate your coverage options, including your eligibility for coverage through the Marketplace and its cost. Visit [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov) for more information, including an online application. The attached document will provide you with information that you will need while on the Marketplace website.

SCSB is not able to address questions regarding the Health Insurance Marketplace. If you have questions regarding the Health Insurance Marketplace, you should visit [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov).