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## EPIC System Leaves Legacy Behind

The dictionary defines “epic” as “events that happen over a long period and involves a lot of action and difficulty”. Another definition states that “epics” are “large-scale productions”. Although both of these definitions are applicable when describing the latest Financial 2000 application of the same name, in this case EPICS is the acronym for the *Employee-Position Information Collaborative System*.

The process of developing an integrated position control system began with the design of the Legacy “MAGIC” System in early 1990’s. This “Multiple Access Global Information Control System” was designed to provide a position control system that would be used by Human Resources, Budget, and Payroll departments. It was rolled out in 1993 with the Human Resources requirements in mind and was quickly followed by the interface to Budget Development in 1995 and in 2002 the first districts went “live” with the MAGIC generated new payroll system. Even prior to the deployment of payroll it became evident that this integrated system was not meeting *all* the business requirements for *all* the departments. In addition, technology had changed significantly during this time period which led in 2001 to the development of Personnel/Position Control 2000 (PC2000) written in the latest client server architecture of that date. Although well received initially by the Human Resource departments, the flexibility embedded in the application came with a cost, performance wise.

The performance issues shadowed the new design features and resolution was not available in the current architecture. And so once again in this epic development story...redesign and rewrite began in 2006.

EPICS has moved away from the client server architecture to a web-based application written in the .net architecture using SQL Server 2005 development tools. The application is now in the Quality Assurance phase of development and is meeting all performance benchmarks for quick and easy access and data entry. In addition to the improved performance, some of the additional features of EPICS are:

- Single data entry screen for all employee programs
- Process driven entry screens: Add Employee, Position Transfer, Add Position (Attach), Leave of Absence, Termination, Re-Hire
- Redesigned PAF (Personnel Action Form) Process and Report
- Advanced Search Options and Export Functionality
- Salary Schedule and Salary Matrix Programs
- Delete SSN User Functionality
- Address Postal Validation
- SSN Validation against SSA requirements

Yes, it is true that EPICS has been a series of events that has happened over a long period of time, often accompanied with difficulty. But this is a system of epic proportions that contains and maintains all employee data and drives both payroll and budget. It interfaces with the County Credential System and any student system for the purpose of CSIS reporting. CECC is confident that this application will be worth the wait!





## Reports Within EduReports

In addition to transaction and account balance inquiries, EduReports provides users with 4 reports (Budget Financial Report, Financial Balance Sheet, Financial Activity Report (FAR) and Board Report). Financial 2000 account security is used to limit access to appropriate account levels.

Reports intended for high-level financial reporting will include General Ledger accounts (Asset, Liability and Fund Balance) and may also include Revenue and Expenditure accounts. These reports include the Budget Financial Report, Financial Balance Sheet, and Board Report. The Financial Activity Report (FAR) is used by all types of users, including site principals and

secretaries, district office support staff, managers and CBOs.

### Budget Financial Report

This report offers an analysis of Revenues and Expenditures as they impact Fund Balance at two comparative periods. Various formats are available.

### Financial Balance Sheet

This report incorporates all the General Ledger accounts (9000 objects – Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance Components), with the exception of Beginning Balance accounts into one report. Calculated balances are reported by Restricted and Unrestricted values, in addition to a Fund overall value.

### Board Report

This report provides, at a summary level, an analysis of beginning balances, activity and ending balances of general ledger and revenue and expenditure accounts as of a specific date; ultimately providing an overall ending fund balance.

### Financial Activity Report (FAR)

This report displays financial activity for accounts during a selected period of time and provides budget and account balances. It is an enhancement to the HP version of the report, especially in light of the fact that users may drill down to payroll detail for selected transactions (providing they have been granted security access to this feature of the application).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Meetings and Trainings for July, August, September and October

User Group Demonstration Seniority Module 8/21/08

Purchasing User's Meeting 8/13/08

G/L Design Committee Meeting 8/26/08

Purchasing User's Meeting 10/02/08

General Ledger/BDV Sub Committee Meeting 10/29/08

Beginning Monarch Training 10/14/08

Intermediate Monarch Training 10/15/08

Advanced Monarch Training 10/16/08

[Link to Calendar](#)

### Summer Hours

Monday through Friday  
7:00 a.m to  
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## This Issue's Q&A Tip

### Q: How do I find information in SharePoint?

A: At times it can be confusing to navigate through SharePoint. The thing to remember is that there are several levels of "Shared Documents". When you first log in you are at the Home level. Click on Shared Documents and you will find Application Manuals, Information on Monarch and Upload Program documents. Go to the next level by clicking on CECC. This Shared Documents area



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you are sharing specific information with our IT department the files will be found in the department level for your district or COE. Click on your district or COE name. Next you will see your department name, click on that link then click on Shared Documents. This information is specific to your department and is the only location you will have the ability to upload files to share with CECC as well.