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To: Directors, Business and Human Resources

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Subject: Updated 2024-25 Employer Payroll Expense Rates

The following is an estimate of 2024-25 payroll expense rates based on the most recent information available. Please note the updated 2025 IRS standard business mileage rate, which increased to 70 cents (from 67 cents). We are expecting a change in the CalPERS Maximum Wage Limits within the next few weeks. Further memos will be distributed as rate information becomes available.

Fiscal Year 2024-25 California School Employer Rates

| STRS Employer Contribution Rates | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|--|--|--|
| 2% at 60 Members | Employer Rate | Maximum Wage Limit | | | |
| Employer Contribution (Defined Benefit) | 19.1% | \$345,000² | | | |
| Employer Contribution (Supplement) | $8.25\%^{1}$ | \$345,000 ² | | | |
| Reduced Workload | 19.1% | \$345,000 ² | | | |
| 2% at 62 Members (PEPRA) | Employer Rate | Maximum Wage Limit | | | |
| Employer Contribution (Defined Benefit) | 19.1% | \$182,266 | | | |
| Employer Contribution (Supplement) | 8.25% ¹ | \$182,266 | | | |
| PERS Employer Contribution Rates | | | | | |
| Classic Members | Employer Rate | Maximum Wage Limit | | | |
| Employer Contribution | 27.05% | \$345,000² | | | |
| New Members (PEPRA) | Employer Rate | Maximum Wage Limit | | | |
| Employer Contribution (OASDI District) | 27.05% | \$151,446 | | | |
| Employer Contribution (Non-OASDI) | 27.05% | \$181,734 | | | |
| Unemployment Insurance Rate | 0.05% | | | | |

¹ Rates defined by Education Code § 22950 – 22951

Calendar Year 2025 Federal Employer Rates and Limits

| Federal Employer Rates | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Payroll Tax | Employer Rate | Maximum Wage Limit | Tax Withholding Limit |
| OASDI | 6.2% | \$176,100 | \$10,918.20 |
| Medicare | 1.45% | N/A | N/A |

Calendar Year 2025 IRS Standard Mileage Rate

| IRS Standard Business Mileage | 70 cents per mile | |
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 $^{^2}$ IRS 401(a)(17) pensionable wage limit applies to members hired after 7/1/1996