



# Santa Monica Malibu Schools

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DATE: November 3, 2009  
TO: All Employees  
FROM: Ricardo Lopez, Fiscal Services Supervisor  
SUBJECT: California Tax Withholding Change

The State of California, as part of the recent budgeting process, has enacted Assembly Bill x4\_17. This legislation provides for a 10% increase in the tax bracket rates, effective for payrolls paid on or after November 1, 2009.

The 10% State withholding rate change will increase an employee's monthly payroll withholding, but will not change an employee's annual tax liability. It is a method to accelerate the monthly receipt of tax revenues to the State treasury, in advance of when the State would have normally received it.

The State of California has revised the payroll tax withholding chart for all wages paid on or after November 1, 2009. A copy of the new payroll tax withholding chart is available on the payroll section of the District's website (<http://www.smmusd.org/fiscal/index.html>) or by contacting the payroll department.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District strongly recommends that employees review their personal tax status with their tax advisor prior to making any changes to their State Withholding Form DE-4.

Should you have questions regarding this information, please contact Rizk at extension 264 for certificated payroll or Ian at extension 254 for classified payroll. I can be reached via e-mail at [rlopez@smmusd.org](mailto:rlopez@smmusd.org) or at extension 256.