

PLUM BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

RESOLUTION INDICATING THAT PLUM BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL NOT RAISE THE RATE OF ANY TAX FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE 2012-13 FISCAL YEAR BY MORE THAN THE ACT 1 INFLATIONARY INDEX.

WHEREAS, the Taxpayer Relief Act, Act 1 of 2006, permits school districts to opt-out of Act 1's accelerated budget adoption process provided the School Board certifies that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the following fiscal year by more than the annual Act 1 inflationary index established by the State; and

WHEREAS, the 2012-13 inflationary index for Plum Borough School District is 1.7%; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors is committed to not raising the rate of any tax for the 2012-13 fiscal year by more than 1.7%.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of School Directors of the Plum Borough School District hereby adopts the following unconditional certifications:

1. The Board of School Directors will not increase any tax for the 2012-13 school year at a rate that exceeds the index of 1.7% as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

2. In lieu of the budget adoption procedures set forth in Act 1 of 2006, the Board of School Directors will comply with the procedures set forth in Section 687 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, 24 P.S. § 6-687, as amended, for the adoption of its proposed and final budget.

3. The Board of School Directors certifies that increasing any tax at a rate less than or equal to the index will be sufficient to balance its final 2012-13 budget.

4. The Board of School Directors expressly acknowledges that with the adoption of this Resolution, it understands that it shall not be eligible to seek referendum exceptions under Section 333(f) of Act 1 and is not eligible to request approval from the voters through a referendum to increase a tax rate by more than the index as established for the 2012-13 fiscal year.

5. The appropriate officers and administrators of the School District are directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Pennsylvania Department of Education no later than five (5) days after the adoption of this Resolution.

6. The appropriate officers and administrators of the School District are authorized and directed to submit information on proposed rates of taxes for the support of the District to the Pennsylvania Department of Education on the uniform form prepared and supplied by the Pennsylvania Department of Education no later than five (5) days after the adoption of this Resolution.

7. Once this Resolution is passed, the Administration of the District is not required to comply with the preliminary budget requirements set forth in paragraphs (a) and (c) of Section 311 of Act 1. Provided, however:

A. The Board understands and agrees that, upon receipt of the information submitted by the District as set forth in paragraphs 5 and 6 above, the Pennsylvania Department of Education shall compare the District's proposed percentage increase in the rate of the tax with the index.

B. Within ten days of the receipt of this information, the Pennsylvania Department of Education shall inform the District whether its proposed tax rate increase is less than or equal to the index.

C. If the Pennsylvania Department of Education determines that the District's proposed increase in the rate of the District's tax exceeds the index, the District is subject to the preliminary budget requirements as set forth in paragraph (a) and (c) of Section 311 of Act 1.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of December, 2011.

ATTEST:

PLUM BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Cynthia M. Vento, Board Secretary

Andrew Drake, Board President