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Dear Property Owner:

The Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1) was signed into Pennsylvania Law on June 27, 2006. The Law provides some property tax relief to qualifying resident homeowners. Portions of this property tax relief may be immediate for residents that qualify for property tax/rent rebate refunds from the state. Another opportunity for school district property tax relief occurs annually if the state certifies that it has sufficient gaming revenue to make payments to school districts to offset their decrease in local revenue from reduced property taxes.

Since the school district must participate in Act 1, the school district real estate tax reduction will come to you in the form of a reduced real estate assessment noted on your school district property tax bill. However, the reduction will not be automatic. You must qualify for the property tax relief reduction by filing the attached homestead/farmstead exclusion application with the Allegheny County Assessment Office. Your application must be approved by Allegheny County to be eliqible for possible property tax relief.

Enclosed is the Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion Application and instructions for its completion. The deadline to submit applications is **March 1, 2016**. When completing the attached application, please refer to the parcel number contained in the address line of this letter.

Send your complete application to: Attn: Legislative Acts Division, Allegheny County Office of Property Assessments, County Office Building, 542 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

You can expect to receive notification regarding your approval/denial from the county assessor within 30 days after the receipt of your application. If for any reason your application is denied, you will be given an opportunity to appeal the county's determination.

Should you have any questions, please contact the school district administration office at (412) 798-6356.

Sincerely,

Dr. Timothy S. Glasspool Superintendent of Schools

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Enclosures