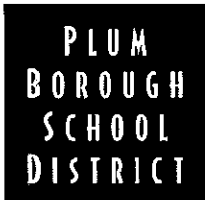


Plum Borough School District
900 Elicker Road
Plum, PA 15239



December, 2014

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 eligible 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, 2015**. 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 Department, Allegheny County Office of Property Assessments, 400 North Lexington Avenue, Suite LL, Pittsburgh, PA 15208-2564.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy S. Glasspool".

Dr. Timothy S. Glasspool
Superintendent of Schools

Enclosures

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PROPERTY TAX RELIEF – ALLEGHENY COUNTY
APPLICATION FOR HOMESTEAD AND FARMSTEAD EXCLUSIONS

Please read the instructions before completing this application.

Basic Information

1. Property Owner(s) _____
2. Property Address _____
3. Municipality _____ 4. School District _____
5. Mailing Address of Property Owner (if different from property address) _____
6. Phone Number of Property Owner: Daytime _____ Evening _____

Homestead Information

7. Do you use this property as your primary residence? ☐ Yes ☐ No
8. Do you claim anywhere else as your primary residence? ☐ Yes ☐ No
9. Is your residence part of a cooperative where some or all of the property taxes are paid jointly? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, what is your proportionate share of ownership? 0.0% _____ %

10. Is your property used for something other than your primary residence, such as a business or rental property? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, what percentage of this property is used for business or rental property? 0.0% _____ %

11. Please provide the parcel number for this property (located on your tax bill). _____

Please refer to the address line of the cover letter to find your parcel number.

Farmstead Information

(Only applicable to buildings and structures used for commercial agricultural production)

12. Does this property include at least ten contiguous acres of farm land? ☐ Yes ☐ No
13. Are there buildings and structures on the property that are used primarily to:
 - a. Produce or store any farm product for purposes of commercial agricultural production? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - b. House animals raised or maintained on the farm for the purpose of commercial agricultural production? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - c. Store machinery or equipment used on the farm for the purpose of commercial agricultural production? ☐ Yes ☐ No
14. If you answered yes to questions 13 a, b, or c, do any farm buildings or structures receive an abatement of property tax under any other law? ☐ Yes ☐ No

I hereby certify that all the above information is true and correct.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

This application must be signed by an owner for whom this property is the primary residence. Any person who knowingly files an application which is false to any material matter shall be subject to payment of taxes due, plus interest, plus penalty and shall be subject to prosecution as a misdemeanor of the third degree and a fine of up to \$2,500.

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Date Filed _____	Homestead Value _____
Reviewed By _____ Date Reviewed _____	Farmstead Value _____
Applicable Years _____	Land _____ Improvements _____
Approved _____ Denied _____	TOTAL ASSESSMENT _____

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