

# **PLUM BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **RESOLUTION**

**FOR THE 2016-17**

**HOMESTEAD / FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION**

**TO**

**AUTHORIZE THE HOMESTEAD AND FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION  
REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT REDUCTIONS FOR THE PLUM  
BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1,  
2016, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE TAXPAYER RELIEF ACT**

**(Act 1 of 2006)**

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**ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

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**WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the Plum Borough School District on May 1, 2016, that it will receive a Property Tax Reduction Allocation pursuant to Chapter 5 of the Tax Payer Relief 7Act, 53 P.S. § 6926.101 et seq. (Act 1 of 2006) for the **2016-17** fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District is therefore required to adopt a resolution implementing the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion for the **2016-17** fiscal year.

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

- 1. Aggregate Amount Available for Homestead and Farmstead Real Estate Tax Reduction.** The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2016:

**A. Gambling Tax Funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year, as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$ 1,653,351.03.

**B. Philadelphia Tax Credit Reimbursement Funds.** PDE has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the

school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.324(3), as reimbursement for Philadelphia tax credits claimed against the School District earned income tax by School District resident taxpayers, the amount of \$0.

**C. Aggregate Amount Available.** Adding these amounts, the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is. \$1,653,351.03.

**2. Eligible Homestead / Farmstead Properties.** Pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads for fiscal year 2015-16 based upon applications filed on or before March 1, 2014, as follows:

**A. Homestead / Farmstead Aggregate.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 7,822.

**3. Real Estate Tax Reduction Calculation.** The School Board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1.C aggregate amount available during the fiscal year for real estate tax reduction of \$1,653,351.03 by the paragraph 2.A aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 7,822, the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$ 211.37.

**4. Homestead Assessment Exclusion Calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$ 211.37 by the School District real estate tax rate of 19.377, the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is \$10,908.00 and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved farmstead is \$10,908.00.

**5. Homestead / Farmstead Exclusion Authorization – July 1, 2016 Tax Bills.** The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to \$10,908.00. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect an additional homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to \$10,908.00.

A. For purposes of this Resolution, “approved homestead” and “approved farmstead” shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1, 2016 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g) (3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1, 2016.

B. This paragraph 5. will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, 2016 and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

**RESOLVED, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016.**

**ATTEST:**

**PLUM BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Cynthia Vento, Secretary

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin Dowdell, Board President

Presented at the May 17, 2016 Finance Committee Meeting.