FAIRFIELD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

2017 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution

RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Fairfield Area School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2017, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

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, 2017:

    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 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax education allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of $459,682.83

2. **Homestead/farmstead numbers.** Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:

    a. **Homestead property number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 2,403.

    b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 40.

    c. **Homestead/farmstead combined number.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 2,443.

3. **Real estate tax reduction calculation.** The homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(a) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of $459,682.83 by the paragraph 2 (c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 2,443 (before considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead and farmstead exclusion amount), the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount

applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is $188.16 or $18,304.17 assessment.

Based on calculations performed by the School District Business Manager from the best available and most currently held information, considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead exclusion and the farmstead exclusion amount and amounts distributed in the prior year under the required which totaled $4,435.94 and were used to alter this reduction, an additional aggregate amount will be available during the school year for real estate tax reduction resulting in an additional real estate tax reduction amount available for each homestead and farmstead of $3.09. Adding this additional amount to the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount of $188.16, the final maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is $191.25 or $18,604.45. The county must issue the bills in whole dollars so the actual assessment reduction will be $18,604 and the entire allocation is distributed to the taxpayers.

4. **Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization – July 1 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 the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the paragraph 3 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of $18,604.00. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 3 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of $18,604.00. 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 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6923.341(g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This paragraph 4 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, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

Adopted: 6-12-17

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