

Pleasantdale School District 107

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Board Action to Provide Property Tax Relief

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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We are pleased to inform you that the Board of Education unanimously approved the abatement of bonds ahead of schedule using fund balance. This action will reduce the tax rate by .07 per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation. **For taxes paid in 2011, owners of a \$300,000 market value home will have their tax burden reduced by an estimated \$65.76. The reduction on a \$500,000 market value home is estimated to be \$112.40.** The following questions and answers explain the impact this action will have on Pleasantdale Taxpayers.

Why is the Board Abating Bonds Ahead of Schedule at this point in time?

Through prudent fiscal management, the District has built up adequate fund balance to provide tax relief without jeopardizing our ability to sustain quality academic programs. The Board's Finance Committee has been meeting with Bond Counsel since November 2010 to determine the most responsible method for reducing the tax rate thereby reducing the property tax burden.

Why is the abatement of bonds a responsible method for providing tax relief?

This action will provide immediate tax relief, without overly reducing fund balances. Most importantly, the decision to continue bond abatement can be reviewed on an annual basis in light of changing economic conditions. If the District's financial position remains strong, the Board of Education can decide to continue tax relief on a year-by-year basis.

Will my taxes for Pleasantdale School Districts actually be less next year?

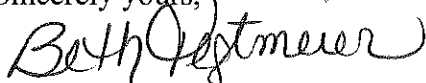
Property tax increases for schools are limited to no more than the consumer price index (CPI) per Illinois law. The tax relief provided by early abatement of bonds will result in an increase less than the CPI. For example, if your home has a \$300,000 market value, you will pay \$65.76 less than you would have paid if bonds were not abated using fund balance. Bottom-line, \$65.76 will remain in the pocket of a homeowner with a house valued at \$300,000.

Can I expect tax relief beyond next year?

The Board is determined to develop the most responsible long term strategy for tax relief opposed to a one-time event. The degree to which tax relief can be provided in subsequent years will be decided based on economic conditions as they evolve.

The Board of Education is happy to provide tax relief particularly during difficult economic times. Please be assured that the Board will do everything possible to provide responsible tax relief without jeopardizing quality services to students.

Sincerely yours,



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Ensure that each student is a passionate learner empowered with the academic and social skills to responsibly choose and excel in life pursuits.