



Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen

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Constance D. Evelyn, Superintendent of Schools

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Nassau County Legislature
Theodore Roosevelt Executive &
Legislative Building
1550 Franklin Avenue
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Dear Legislators:

The Town of Hempstead Industrial Development Agency's (IDA) action of revoking the financial assistance provided to the Green Acres Mall and Green Acres Commons was a step in the right direction. The residents of Valley Stream will not see relief from the tax burden created by the financial assistance granted by the IDA unless the properties are restored to taxable status for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

The revocation of the PILOT should not negatively impact student services and programs and should not result in a disproportionate shift of taxes to homeowners. The District respectfully requests the Nassau County Legislature, Assessor, Assessment Review Commission, and any other appropriate department within Nassau County take whatever actions are necessary to restore each of the Green Acres Mall properties to taxable status for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Valley Stream UFSD 13 has fielded many calls from our residents, especially our senior citizens, regarding the impact of the Green Acres PILOT on their taxes. These residents have shared that they have been told by local officials to contact the school district to have their tax monies refunded to them. Valley Stream UFSD 13 does not collect any money from the Green Acres Mall PILOT. Additionally, this misinformation is divisive, misleading, and does not promote an opportunity for all residents to come together around this community-wide issue.

Again, I implore you to engage in the necessary actions to restore the Green Acres Mall properties to taxable status for the 2017-18 fiscal year as this is the primary action that will alleviate the tax burden that was created as a result of granting the PILOT.

Sincerely,

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