



Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen

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Constance D. Evelyn, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Residents of the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Community:

As you may be aware, the Town of Hempstead Industrial Development Agency (IDA) has revoked the financial assistance provided to the Green Acres Mall and Green Acres Commons in the form of a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) agreement. While this was a step in the right direction towards providing some much-needed relief from the unjust tax burden imposed on many Valley Stream residents this year, the Board of Education and administration firmly believe that more needs to be done. Specifically, the Green Acres properties need to be restored to their previous taxable status for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Until that occurs, District homeowners will continue to suffer the tax burden that has previously been placed upon them.

As such, we urge all residents to contact Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano, the Nassau County Legislature, the Nassau County Assessment Review Commission, the Nassau County Attorney's Office, the Nassau County Department of Assessment and all other government officials to demand that the Green Acres Mall be returned to its full former taxable assessed valuation. Contact information for each of these offices can be found on the back of this letter.

In addition, we also urge residents to attend the next meeting of the Nassau County Legislature that is scheduled to take place on Monday, June 19 at 1 PM at the Theodore Roosevelt Executive and Legislative Building located at 1550 Franklin Avenue, Mineola, NY 11501. The vocal participation of our residents at Town of Hempstead IDA meetings last fall made a difference, and we ask for your support once again.

Please be assured that as a District, we have been in contact with these offices to advocate that the Green Acres properties be returned to their previous taxable status. We are asking for your assistance; however, as we believe that our efforts will be more impactful if echoed by a large segment of community residents.

Thank you for your efforts and continued support of Valley Stream schools. We will continue to keep you updated on any developments regarding the taxable status of the mall properties.

Sincerely,

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