



Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen

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Constance D. Evelyn, Superintendent of Schools

December 30, 2016

Dear Community Residents,

We are writing to provide you with information about an upcoming meeting regarding the Green Acres Mall PILOT.

Newly appointed Chairman of the Town of Hempstead's Industrial Development Agency (IDA) Board, Arthur Nastre announced that there will be a public hearing on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Robert W. Carbonaro School, 50 Hungry Harbor Road, Valley Stream. We have enclosed the flyer that we received from Legislator Solages for your information (enclosure).

As many know by now, through an agreement reached with the Town of Hempstead Industrial Development Agency (IDA), the Green Acres Mall has received a tax exemption in the form of a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) beginning with the 2016-17 school year. Consequently, the Green Acres Mall has been removed from the Nassau County tax assessment roll. This has impacted future calculations of the apportionment of the Central High School District's expenditures among the Valley Stream Elementary School Districts as this formula will no longer include the Green Acres Mall properties. This outside agreement is causing a shift of the property tax burden resulting in Class 1 homeowner's tax base to pick up the reduction from the Class 4 commercial tax base.

As your elected Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools, we have maintained our concern about the Green Acres Mall PILOT and the fiscal impact on our local taxpayers. It's important to say that the Board and the Superintendent have engaged in multiple opportunities to advocate on behalf of our school community, and we continue to be engaged as this issue progresses.

For more information regarding property taxes, you may wish to contact the Nassau County Department of Assessment (516) 571-1500. For additional information on District 13 financials, please contact our Assistant Superintendent for Business and Human Resources, Gerard Antoine at (516) 568-6110.

Sincerely,

William P. Stris

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Message From Legislator Solages



At this morning's TOHIDA Meeting, Chairman Nastre officially announced that there will be a hearing on **Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7 pm at the Robert W. Carbonaro School, 50 Hungry Harbor Road, Valley Stream.**

Chairman Nastre stated that the Green Acres PILOT has been reopened, and the purpose of the upcoming hearing in Valley Stream will be to hear from community regarding the PILOT. From the testimony of the hearing, he said the IDA Board will decide whether or not to revoke the Green Acres PILOT.

While he specified that the decision would not be made that night, but most likely at the January Board Meeting, it is important everyone attends this meeting to let the IDA know that this PILOT is hurting us as Valley Stream School District residents and that it needs to be revoked.

I would also like to thank Valley Stream School District 24 for allowing the IDA to host this meeting at the Carbonaro School so that it could be held in Valley Stream and more residents could attend.