

School District Name
School District Street Address
School District City / State / zip

December 2007

**HOMEOWNER PROPERTY
TAX RELIEF ACT
INFORMATION**

Property Owner Name
Property Owner Street Address
Property Owner City / State / Zip
Mailing Bar Code

Dear Property Owner:

Pennsylvania's Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1) became law in July 2006. Act 1 will provide property tax relief to resident homeowners in school districts when the Commonwealth accumulates sufficient revenue from slot machine gaming.

Although property tax relief depends on the Commonwealth accumulating sufficient slot machine revenue each year, you need to act **now**. Property tax reductions will not automatically be awarded to property owners. In order to qualify to receive school district property tax relief, you must file a homestead / farmstead exclusion application with the county assessment office and your application must be approved.

Property owners who previously filed this application and who continue to live in the same residence do not have to file a new application.

For your convenience, the homestead / farmstead exclusion application and instructions for completion are enclosed. Please mail your completed application to the Chester County Assessment Office in the envelope provided. **The deadline for filing is March 1, 2008.** However, we urge you to complete and submit your application as soon as possible to ensure you receive your exemption if you are eligible.

You will receive notification of approval or disapproval of your application from the county assessment office within approximately 30 days or as soon as possible after the receipt of your application. If your application is denied, you may appeal the decision. The county will provide you with information regarding appeals.

If your application is approved, your property tax relief will come to you in the form of a reduced assessment noted on your school district property tax bill. Please remember that you can only receive the tax relief when sufficient gaming revenue becomes available and if your district agrees to accept that revenue. It is possible that property tax relief will be available during the 2008-2009 school year.

Note that the application has been preprinted to include specific information pertaining to your property. For additional information on the homestead exclusion, please check the Chester County website at www.chesco.org. If you require assistance in completing the application, call the telephone number located on the instructions page.

If you have any questions regarding your school district property taxes, please contact (610) 240-1940.

Sincerely Yours
Board of School Directors