

## PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACTIVITY

Rich Burger, John Iannotti and I met with representatives from the other 55+ communities in Southern Delaware County to coordinate our efforts to influence our representatives in legislative matters, particularly property tax relief. These communities include Fox Hill Farm, Fox field, Belmont, and Riviera. We are also in touch with groups around the State who are interested in property tax relief and are kept informed of any activity in the State Legislature.

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives will soon consider legislation to eliminate property taxes on primary residences and homesteads as the means to fund public schools.

The new legislation is officially named "The School Property Tax Elimination Act of 2007"  
The major provisions are:

Eliminate all school property taxes on primary residences.  
This will be phased in over four years with a reduction of 25% per year until all property taxes are eliminated.

Broaden the sales tax to include most services at 6% and clothing and processed food at 3%. Exempt from the tax will be fresh fruit, fresh produce, fresh meat, milk, bread, eggs, cheese, all residential utilities, health services, prescription drugs and public transportation.

Increase the State income tax by 0.55%.

Create a dedicated Education Operation Fund, separate from the General Fund.

Establish cost control methodology for greater efficiencies

Eliminate unfunded mandates

I recommend that you write or e-mail our legislators and tell them to support this legislation.

"I support the School Property Tax Elimination Act of 2007"

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Check the website often as residents report the successes and failures of appeals. There are appeals regarding the exclusion of upgrades, as well as new appraisals. I will use the website as a place to post updates as we continue our fight for tax reform.