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Dear Floral Park-Bellerose School District Community:

This week the residents of the FPBSD will receive their 2020-21 school tax bills. These bills are payable without penalty until December 10, 2020. If you have not received your tax bill please call the Town of Hempstead at (516) 538-1500, or the Town of North Hempstead at (516) 869-7630.

These are the first school tax bills to be issued under Nassau's new county-wide assessment. *Nassau County decides what every home in the County is worth, and this in turn determines your proportional share of the taxes paid to the School District.*

The Floral Park-Bellerose School District only determines one number; the total amount of taxes necessary to operate the District, and the budget is subject to voter approval. In 2012-13, New York State implemented the property Tax Cap which *limits the increase in amount of taxes that a District can levy to 2%, or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.* There are some exclusions for debt payments, and this is why the tax cap is slightly different for individual school districts. *Since the inception of the tax cap the Floral Park-Bellerose School District has never exceeded the increase set forth by the property tax cap.*

Over the past decade Nassau County froze the assessment roles but continued to allow people the opportunity to grieve their assessed valuation (it is a misconception that individuals grieve their taxes). Those people that were diligent in grieving their assessment each and every year saw large, accumulated decreases in the value of their property, while those that did not grieve remained at a fixed value. *This had the effect of shifting the distribution of the tax levy from those that grieved to those that did not.* Nassau County in their reassessment is attempting to reset the value of all properties thereby leveling the playing field for all taxpayers.

One other important note is that Nassau County has also implemented a five-year phase in of this change in assessed valuation. For more information as well as the calculation of your assessed and taxable values you can visit the Nassau County Property Search website at <https://lrv.nassaucountyny.gov/>.

The calculations that go into producing your property tax bills are somewhat complicated and so in the Floral Park-Bellerose School District's Newsletter last Spring we announced three Tax Workshops in March of 2020 to help our residents better understand the implications of the Nassau County's reassessment. Unfortunately, these workshops had to be postponed due to COVID. Please call my office at 434-2735 if you have any questions regarding your school tax bill and we will make every effort to help you understand this process. We are here to help.

Sincerely,



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