

## PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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January 30, 2018

## AN OPEN LETTER TO

The Honorable Warren Kampf 1501 Egypt Road Phoenixville, PA 19460

## Dear Representative Kampf,

We write this letter today, as Members of the Phoenixville Area School District Board of School Directors, to you, to express concern regarding House Bill 1213, which you are sponsoring. The proposed bill will greatly restrict the rights of school districts and municipalities to conduct appeals of under-assessed property, particularly large commercial properties. With this legislation, the Phoenixville Area School district could potentially experience losses in revenue from business properties, thus placing a greater tax burden on the homeowners.

It is unfortunate that counties across Pennsylvania are not required to perform regular reassessments. As a Board, we do support a thoughtful consistent reassessment process. To this end, we urge you to consider amending House Bill 1213 to specifically require that all properties in the Commonwealth be reassessed every 5 to 10 years. We further propose that the reassessment should be rotational around the Commonwealth such that 10% to 20% of the properties are reassessed each year. Without this thoughtful addition, it could take decades before taxing authorities have the opportunity to balance the burden of property taxes.

The proper approach is to fix the current system that makes these appeals necessary in the first place, reassess every 5 to 10 years.

The Board of School Directors of the Phoenixville Area School District urge you to re-consider your proposed bill and seek to require counties to regularly schedule reassessments on a defined schedule.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully,

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The Honorable Becky Corbin 180 Gordon Drive Suite 106 Exton, PA 19341

Dear Representative Corbin,

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The Board of School Directors of the Phoenixville Area School District urge you to oppose proposed bill and seek to require counties to regularly schedule reassessments on a defined schedule.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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