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RE: Exemptions

Residents who are age 65 and/or who are disabled may be eligible for a partial exemption on their school property taxes if they meet certain qualifications. At their regular meeting on November 29, 2010, the Board of Education approved the maximum income eligibility ranges for exemptions that have been approved by New York State. Exemptions ranging from 5% to 50% of qualified applicants assessments are available on income levels of \$37,400, or less.

Also available to District residents is a tax exemption approved by the Board of Education on January 30, 2006 for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers who have served for at least five (5) years. To qualify for this exemption, applicants must reside in the District served by the fire department or ambulance service, the property must be the primary residence of the member and only the residential portion of the property may receive the exemption. The exemption is equal to 10% of the property's assessed value, not to exceed a \$3,000 assessment reduction.

Application for such exemption(s) must be made by the owner, or all of the owners of the property on forms to be furnished by the assessor's Office of the town in which such property is located. The application shall furnish the information and be executed in the manner required, or prescribed on such form. Application for such exemption shall be filed in the assessor's office of the town in which such property is located on or before the taxable status of March 1.

More information regarding these exemptions can be found at the NYS Office of Real Property Taxes web site at <http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/exemption/index.htm>.