

SOUTHMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

ACT 1 REFERENDUM EXCEPTION NOTICE

Pursuant to Act of June 27, 2006, P.L. 1873 No. 1 as Amended by Act of June 30, 2011, P.L. 148 No. 25, Sec. 1, et seq. (“Act 1”), and the Pennsylvania Department of Education publishes an index % applicable to the School District. The School District real estate tax increase for the next fiscal year is limited to the index of 3.1% unless the proposed tax rate is approved by voters pursuant to the referendum or the School District qualifies for an Act 1 exception. As a result of special circumstances covered by an Act 1 referendum exception, a tax rate % increase above the index might be required to balance the School District budget for the next fiscal year and/or referendum to exceed the index. The tax to be levied is required to provide a quality education program as reflected in the School District Preliminary *General Fund* Budget.

The School District intends to seek approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education as required by Act 1 for an exception allowing increase of the real estate tax as reflected in the School District Preliminary *General Fund* Budget. The Preliminary *General Fund* Budget is available for public inspection at the School District *Administrative Offices*, 200 Scottie Way, Scottsdale, Pennsylvania 15683. On written request by any School District resident or taxpayer, the School District will provide a copy of the referendum exception application.

Margaret Tarasan, Secretary