

Would You Like To Save \$450 – \$900 On Your Property Taxes?

If you are like me, then you were appalled at how much your taxes went up this year. Do you know there is a chance right now to get your tax rate lowered next year? I know, you say it's impossible, but it's not. It just takes a phone call or an email on your part. **If enough people take the 5 minutes to do this, our tax rate could be lowered significantly over the next year or two.**

Let me explain this as simply as possible with the following time line.

1999	Voters approved borrowing \$23,195,000.00 to build Prairieview and Frederick schools
2000/2001	Frederick School Building Completed and Opened
2002/2003	Prairieview School Building Completed and Opened
	District spent \$21,922,393.95 to build both schools saving \$1,272,608.05
Nov. 2005	District borrowed additional \$8,172,473.65 against the Frederick and Prairieview bond authority exceeding voter approval by \$6,899,865.60.

As you can see we are now being overtaxed. You might be asking yourself, isn't this supporting my child's education? The answer is **no**. **This money can only be used to buy land** since Prairieview and Frederick are built. The district would have to come to us and ask for more money to build a school. They already have a new school being built right now at Madrona Village that opens in 2007. The Kasarda Population Study, commissioned by the district, looked at student growth for the next 10 years. It concluded that **no other school was needed at this time.**

Here are statements from the school administration and school board:

School Administration	Claim redundancy on going back to voters for approval; recommend not abating the 1999 bonds (6/12/2006)
Kristen Coe-Peek (6/12/2006)	What this board needs to decide is if they are comfortable taking from the taxpayers a larger total dollar amount than was originally on the ballot
Jill Rohrer (6/12/2006)	"If we were to abate these bonds – in other words not levy money for bonds for next year and maybe the year after it would be a savings to the average tax payer of approximately \$450 per year over 2 years or approximately \$900+ for a 1 year abatement. These numbers would have to be confirmed, but with a short term abatement there is a large impact on the taxpayers who have been highly taxed for a long time."
Cheryl Davis	"If not done illegally, that's kind of a catch there right?" (3/20/2006)

Please contact the school board members and ask them to **abate the entire \$8 million dollars.** They should not take more money than the voters approved or spend saved money when the projects are completed. Just because it is legal to keep this money, it does not make it right. Ask them to do what is right and stop overtaxing us on projects that have been completed for several years. **If you don't call, they will keep your money.**

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