

BENTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notice of intent to seek Back-end Referendum Exceptions

The Pennsylvania Department of Education, in accordance with the Pennsylvania Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of Special Session 2006), has limited the Benton Area School District's real estate increase for the 2012-2013 fiscal year to 2.3 percent unless the voters approve a ballot question for a tax rate that exceeds the index or the School District qualifies for referendum exception(s) specified in the Act. The School District is eligible for one or more of the exceptions listed in Act 1.

Notice is hereby given that the Benton Area School District intends to seek approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education or the local Court of Common Pleas for referendum exceptions allowed under the Act. The Department of Education or the local Court of Common Pleas may schedule a hearing on this matter. Notice of the hearing, if held, will be provided in advance by the School District. If the exception application is approved, the funds generated by the tax increase may be used by the School District to balance its preliminary and final budgets. This tax increase is required so that the School District can continue to provide a quality K-12 education program for its students.

The School District's preliminary budget is available for public inspection at the School District Administration Office located at 600 Green Acres Road, Benton, Pennsylvania, during normal business hours between 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM.

Susan Kinney
Board Secretary
