

You probably have received your 2013 NPSD school taxes. Several volunteers have collected and assembled data on recent sales of homes in our township and in the nine communities in Lackawanna County that are also part of the North Pocono School District (NPSD). Using tax ID's and the public tax records online they constructed tables that allow a direct comparison of recent true market values and the school taxes that are assessed for those properties. The data clearly show that similar properties in Wayne County are taxed at a much higher amount than similar properties in Lackawanna County. You could be paying twice as much in school taxes as comparable properties located in the other nine townships in Lackawanna county.

The following is a "Grievance Form Letter" that was sent to residents of Lakeview Estates and includes the tabulated materials. ALL residents, however, are encouraged to send a similar letter to the same addressee to express their concerns to NPSD directly. There is no assurance that this will bring change, but it is a positive influence in the effort to equalize taxes. Increasing demands on school budgets will predictably increase taxes, and the increases should be much greater in Lackawanna County if NPSD is striving for fair taxation.

Date _____

Mr. Dennis Cawley, Business Manager
North Pocono School District
701 Church Street
Moscow, PA 18444

Dear Mr. Cawley:

We reside at _____, Gouldsboro, PA 18424 in Wayne County, PA. This year we will pay \$ _____ in school taxes based upon an assessment of _____ and the new millage of 19.63. We officially grieve the level of taxation that, as shown below in a sample of recent sales, is such that we are paying in excess of a fair contribution to the school district. We wish to see an adjustment toward greater equality and two years of back overpayment in taxes.

NPSD Lackawanna County: Sales in 2012-2013

Lack. Co. ID	Sale Price	Year	Assessment	2013 School Tax ¹
2380302001503	175500	2012	12300	1542
23303060016	200000	2012	26600	3335
2110202000102	236000	2013	21000	2633
21202030023	240000	2013	19000	2382
2000201000102	277500	2013	29500	3698
1980101000191	285000	2012	26000	3260
1980101000180	299900	2012	27000	3385
1710201000808	349000	2012	24000	3009
20401010019	360000	2012	25550	3203
1900401012002	615000	2012	27000	3385

¹ 125.37 mils.

NPSD Wayne County, Lehigh Twp: Sales in 2010-2012

Wayne Co. ID	Sale Price	Year	Assessment	2013 School Tax ¹
101754	150000	2011	152000	2984
017467	195000	2010	162200	3184
017455	220000	2010	237000	4652
017437	230000	2010	210900	4140
017445	235000	2012	211600	4154
109574	260000	2012	306100	6009
017309	270000	2011	217700	4273
107300	355000	2012	325400	6388
017356	363000	2011	292100	5734
107310	535000	2011	613500	12044

¹ 19.63 mils.

Total market value (judged by the above sales)

Lackawanna Co.: 3,037,900

Wayne Co. : 2,813,000

Taxes due this year

Lackawanna Co.: 29,832 about \$9.80/1000 of real market value

Wayne Co. : 53,562 about \$19.04/1000 of real market value

Sincerely,