

**PALMYRA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Notice of Intent to Seek Approval of Referendum Exceptions**

Notice is given that the Palmyra Area School District intends to seek approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Education (“PDE”) of specific referendum exceptions under Section 333 of the Taxpayer Relief Act, Act 1 of Special Session 2006 (“Act 1”).

Under Act 1, the School District may not increase its millage rate for the 2019/20 fiscal year by more than 2.9% unless the proposed increase is approved pursuant to a voter referendum or the School District qualifies for an exception to the voter referendum. To provide a quality education program as reflected in the School District’s 2019/20 Preliminary Budget, an increase in the millage rate of 4.37% may be required to balance the School District’s 2019/20 Final Budget.

In order to retain the ability to enact the above increase in the millage rate, the School District intends to seek approval from PDE for the following referendum exception:

Retirement Contributions 333(n)	\$ 30,000
Special Education Expenditures 333 (f)(2)(v)	\$ 417,167

The School District will only make use of this referendum exception, in whole or in part, only if required to balance the School District’s 2019/20 Final Budget.

A copy of the referendum exception application is available for public inspection by any resident at the District Office at 1125 Park Drive, Palmyra, PA 17078 on any weekday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 pm.

Darcy Brenner-Smith, Secretary