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**SPRING-FORD SCHOOL DISTRICT FORMS LOCAL TAX STUDY
COMMISSION REQUIRED UNDER ACT 1 PROPERTY TAX LEGISLATION**

ROYERSFORD – As required by Act 1 of 2006, the Pennsylvania Taxpayer Relief Act, which was passed in June, Spring-Ford Area School District has recently appointed a nine-member Local Tax Study Commission.

The tax study commission will study present and historic rates and revenues from taxes. Within 90 days, the group will then present a nonbinding recommendation to the Spring-Ford School Board to either increase the current earned income tax rate (EIT) or switch to a personal income tax (PIT) to reduce property taxes.

Spring-Ford's Tax Study Commission members include: Mark Dehnart, Cheryl Post and Dean Wright of Limerick Township; George Ellis and Thomas Weikel of Royersford Borough; Bernard Brzoska, Aprille Cole, Kenneth Saylor, and Daniel Young of Upper Providence Township.

As required by Act 1, the district's tax study commission is comprised of individuals reflective of the school district's socio-economic status, age, and occupational diversity. The commission includes: two females and seven males; two retirees and seven working individuals; two members with incomes ranging from \$42,000 to \$50,000; two members with incomes of \$90,000 and three members with incomes ranging from \$120,000 to \$187,000.

All meetings of the Spring-Ford's tax study commission will be open to the public. No meeting dates have been scheduled, but will be advertised once they have been established.

The Spring-Ford School Board must act on the commission's recommendation by March 13, 2007 and prepare a referendum question to submit to the voters in May, 2007.

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