

**UPPER MERION AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF UPPER MERION AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING PROPERTY TAX AND RENT REBATES TO CERTAIN SENIOR CITIZENS, WIDOWS, WIDOWERS, AND DISABLED PERSONS WITH FIXED AND LIMITED INCOMES; ESTABLISHING UNIFORM STANDARDS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE A REBATE; AND ESTABLISHING THE CLAIM PROCESS.

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors (“Board”) of the Upper Merion Area School District, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania (“School District”) considers it to be a matter of sound public policy to make special provisions for property tax and rent rebates to a class of senior citizens, widows, widowers and disabled persons in order to assist in relieving their economic burden.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

1. Definitions. The following words and phrases, when used in this Resolution, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section 1, except where the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

(a) “Act” means Chapter 13 (Senior Citizens Property Tax and Rent Rebate Assistance) of the Taxpayer Relief Act, Act 1 of Special Session 2006.

(b) “Claimant” means a person who files a claim for property tax rebate or rent rebate in lieu of property taxes under the Act and, during the 2021 calendar year, (i) was sixty-five (65) years of age or over, or whose spouse (if a member of the household) was sixty-five (65) years of age or over, (ii) was a widow or widower and was fifty (50) years of age or over, or (iii) was a permanently disabled person eighteen (18) years of age or over. For the purposes of this Resolution, the term “widow” or “widower” shall mean the surviving wife or surviving husband, as the case may be, of a deceased individual and who has not remarried, and the term “permanently disabled person” shall mean a person who is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to continue indefinitely.

(c) “Claim Form” means the form attached hereto as Exhibit B and the additional information required to be filed with the Business Administrator of the School District as set forth on such form.

(d) “Rebate Percentage Factor” shall be the percentage set forth in Exhibit A next to the Claimant’s Total Income.

(e) “Total Income” shall mean all income of a Claimant and Claimant’s spouse from whatever source derived, including, but not limited to:

- (i) Salaries, wages, bonuses, commissions, income from self-employment, alimony, support money, cash public assistance and relief;
- (ii) 50% of railroad retirement benefits;
- (iii) 50% of all benefits received under the Social Security Act (49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. § 301 et seq.), except Medicare benefits;
- (iv) All benefits received under State unemployment insurance laws and veterans' disability payments;
- (v) All interest received from the Federal or any state government, or any instrumentality or political subdivision thereof;
- (vi) Realized capital gains and rentals;
- (vii) Workers' compensation;
- (viii) The gross amount of loss of time insurance benefits, life insurance benefits and proceeds, except the first \$5,000 of the total of death benefit payments; and
- (ix) Gifts of cash or property, other than transfers by gift between members of a household, in excess of a total value of \$300.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term does not include surplus food or other relief in kind supplied by a governmental agency, property tax or rent rebate or inflation dividend.

(f) "Property Tax Paid" shall be the property taxes paid during the 2021 calendar year by Claimant and set forth on Line 14 of Form PA-1000 2021 prepared and filed by the Claimant with the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

(g) "Rent Paid" means the gross amount actually paid in cash or its equivalent to a landlord in connection with the occupancy of a homestead by Claimant and set forth on Line 17 of Form PA-1000 2021 prepared and filed by the Claimant with the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

(h) "School District Fiscal Year" means July 1st to the following June 30th.

(i) "Resolution" means this Resolution.

2. Property Tax or Rent Rebate.

(a) Subject to the other provisions of this Resolution, during the 2022/2023 School District Fiscal Year, the School District shall pay a property tax rebate to each Claimant equal to the Claimant's Property Tax Paid times the applicable Rebate Percentage Factor. Any property tax rebate to be paid by the School District to an otherwise eligible Claimant in the 2022/2023 School District Fiscal Year shall be limited to the lesser of: (1) the excess of property taxes paid by the Claimant in the 2021 calendar year over the property tax rebate paid to the Claimant under the Act during the 2022/2023 School District Fiscal Year and (2) two hundred forty-three dollars and seventy-five cents (\$243.75).

(b) Subject to the other provisions of this Resolution, during the 2022/2023 School District Fiscal Year, the School District shall pay a rent rebate to each Claimant equal to the Claimant's Rent Paid times the applicable Rebate Percentage Factor. Any rent rebate to be paid by the School District to an otherwise eligible Claimant in the 2022/2023 School District Fiscal Year shall be limited to the lessor of: (1) twenty (20) percent of gross rent actually paid in the 2021 calendar year less any rent rebate paid to the Claimant under the Act during the 2022/2023 School District Fiscal Year and (2) one hundred sixty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$162.50).

3. Filing. To claim and receive the property tax or rent rebate provided for under Section 2 from the School District, the Claimant must file a claim for the rebate with the Business Administrator of the School District on or before the end of the 2022/2023 School District Fiscal Year. Only one Claimant from a School District homestead during the 2022/2023 School District Fiscal Year shall be entitled to a rebate from the School District. If two or more persons are able to meet the qualifications for a Claimant, the rebate shall be paid to the Claimant(s) who received the property tax or rent rebate under the Act.

4. Claim Form.

(a) When filing for a property tax or rent rebate from the School District, Claimant shall timely file with the Business Administrator of the School District a Claim Form (and all required additional information which shall include evidence of the rebate amount received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania). Appropriate evidence of the rebate amount received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall include a copy of the rebate check received from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue or a copy of the Claimant's bank statement reflecting the deposit of the rebate amount.

(b) The following is an example to illustrate the requirements of Sections 2 through 4. The example is for illustration purposes only.

Example: Claimant files for a property tax or rent rebate under the Act with the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue by filing Form PA-1000 2021 (Property Tax or Rent Rebate Claim) in connection with property taxes paid in 2021. On July 15, 2022, Claimant receives a property tax or rent rebate from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in connection with such filing. Claimant may now file for a property tax or rent rebate with the School District by submitting a Claim Form to the School District (with a copy of the Form PA-1000 2021 (Property Tax or Rent Rebate Claim) filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue and evidence of the rebate amount received) on or before June 30, 2023.

5. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are severable; if any word, phrase, clause, sentence, section or provision of this Resolution is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or illegal or invalid, the decision of any Court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board of the School District that this Resolution would have been adopted had such unconstitutional or illegal or invalid word, phrase, clause, sentence, section or provision thereof not been included herein.

6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective solely for the 2022/2023 School District Fiscal Year and shall be deemed repealed for all School District Fiscal Years thereafter.

RESOLVED by the Board this 6th day of June, 2022.

Attest: _____
Board Secretary

UPPER MERION AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
By: _____
Board President

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

Property Tax Rebate Percentage
Factor Table

Total Income	Rebate Percentage Factor
0 to \$8,000	25%
\$8,001 to \$15,000	25%
\$15,001 to \$18,000 (Homeowners Only)	25%
\$18,001 to \$35,000 (Homeowners Only)	25%

Rent Rebate Percentage
Factor Table

Total Income	Rebate Percentage Factor
0 to \$8,000	25%
\$8,001 to \$15,000	25%

The rebate percentage factor will be applied to the rebate amount received by the Claimant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including supplemental rebates.

**UPPER MERION AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPERTY TAX REBATE**

UMASD Tax Year July 1, 2022, TO June 30, 2023, for year 2021 PA-1000 (filed in 2022)

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

WHERE TO FILE: UMASD Administrative Offices, 435 Crossfield Rd, King of Prussia, PA 19406

WHEN TO FILE: After July 1, 2022 but before June 30, 2023

*** PLEASE COMPLETE ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION * Please print legibly or type**

PART A – Personal Information

Name of Claimant:

Address of Claimant:

Phone Number:

Parcel Number (Found on Tax Bill):

Birth date of Claimant:

Social Security Number of Claimant:

PART B – Form PA-1000 2021 (Property Tax or Rent Rebate Claim)

Insert amount from **Line 13** on Form **PA-1000 2021** (Total Income) \$

Inserted amount in above PART B may not exceed \$35,000 for owners or \$15,000 for renters

Complete Applicable Section C

PART C (1) – FOR PROPERTY OWNERS ONLY - Calculation of Property Tax Rebate from UMASD

(a) Insert total property taxes paid from **Line 14** on Form **PA-1000 2021** \$

(b) Insert Property Tax Rebate amount from **Line 15** on Form **PA-1000 2021** \$

(c) Subtract line (b) from line (a) = \$

(d) Percentage Rebate Factor x 25%

(e) Multiply line (b) by line (d) = \$

(f) Property Tax Rebate from the School District (insert the lessor of line (c) and line (e))

Inserted amount on line (f) above may not exceed \$243.75

PART C (2) – FOR RENTERS ONLY - Calculation of Rent Rebate from UMASD

(a) Insert amount from **Line 17** on Form **PA-1000 2021** \$

(b) Insert amount from **Line 18** on Form **PA-1000 2021** (Rent Rebate) \$

(c) Subtract line (b) from line (a) = \$

(d) Percentage Rebate Factor x 25%

(e) Multiply line (b) by line (d) =

(f) Rent Tax Rebate from the School District (insert the lessor of line (c) and line (e))

Inserted amount on line (f) above may not exceed \$162.50

PART C (3) – COMBINED OWNER/RENTERS ONLY - Calculation of Tax/Rent Rebate from UMASD

(a) Insert amount from **Line 17** on Form **PA-1000 2021** \$

(b) Insert Property Tax Rebate amount from **Line 19** on Form **PA-1000 2021** (Property Tax Rebate)

(c) Subtract line (b) from line (a) =

(d) Percentage Rebate Factor x 25%

(e) Multiply line (b) by line (d) =

(f) Rent Tax Rebate from the School District (insert the lessor of line (c) and line (e))

Inserted amount on line (f) above may not exceed \$243.75

PART D – Checklist of Required Information to send with Rebate Request Form

(a) Copy of Form **PA-1000 2021** (Page 1 & 2 of Property Tax or Rent Rebate Claim) filed with the PA Dept. of Revenue

(b) Copy of **2021 PA-1000 Rebate Check Received in 2022** or **Statement of Direct Deposit from the State Received in 2022** as shown in Part C, Line (b)

I declare that this form is true, correct and complete, that the documents required and attached hereto under Part D are true and correct copies of those documents, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief this is the only claim filed by members of my household.

*Claimant's Signature

Printed Name of Preparer (if other than Claimant)

*Date

Signature of Preparer (if other than Claimant)

 **Did you enclose all of your copies?
DID YOU SIGN AND DATE THIS FORM?**

Telephone Number of Preparer (if other than Claimant)

Rebate Percentage Factor
Table

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\$18,001 to \$35,000 (Homeowners Only)	25%

Rent Rebate Percentage
Factor Table

Total Income	Rebate Percentage Factor
0 to \$8,000	25%
\$8,001 to \$15,000	25%

The rebate percentage factor will be applied to the rebate amount received by the Claimant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including supplemental rebates.