

Town of Hague

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Messrs. Scott Nephew and Mark Russell
Ticonderoga Central School Board
5 Calkins Place
Ticonderoga, NY 12883

February 15, 2024

Subject: Assessment Averaging Methodology in 2024-2025 School Tax Levy, Request to Employ - Resolution Approved

Dear Messrs. Scott Nephew and Mark Russell,

The purpose of this email is to request that, per Town of Hague Resolution 66 of 2024 dated 13 February 2024, the Ticonderoga Central School District (Ti CSD) employ the 5-year assessment averaging methodology when determining the allocation of school taxes between the Towns of Hague and Ticonderoga for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

For that purpose, it is specifically requested that Hague be permitted to present to the Ti CSD School Board of Education (BOD) in its 19 March 2024 meeting our position on Multi-Year Assessment Averaging (MYAA) for your consideration.

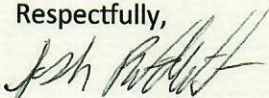
The MYAA mechanism is provided in NYS Property Law for school districts within multiple towns to moderate the magnitude of large and unplanned changes in School Tax bills. As you know, Hague requested you use MYAA last year, but it was late in the process.

Using this MYAA methodology over allowed averaging periods, annual changes in tax bills can be fairly and reasonably estimated and planned for by Town residents and by the Ti CSD while also more equitably sharing the costs between Ticonderoga and Hague. These aspects are beneficial to all parties involved. Hence, we are requesting its consideration again.

Since last year's MYAA efforts, Hague has become much more involved with Ti CSD and we look forward to that continuing. Via our School Advisory Committee, we are actively participating in BOE meetings and, in fact, pursuing how to get a Hague representative on that Board. The quality of education of Hague and Ticonderoga students is of paramount importance to both our Towns.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Joshua Patchett, Supervisor

JP/dt

cc: Town Board,
School Advisory Committee

Attachments: 1) Resolution; 2) White Paper; 3) Appendix

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