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**An Important Message from the Superintendent
and Board of Education**

Earlier today we received the decision from State Supreme Court Judge Jack Libert regarding the Central High School District's lawsuit against District 24. The Judge ruled in the Central High School District's favor and ordered that we turnover escrowed tax revenues that we withheld from the CHSD. The money was withheld because we believed that District 24 had been unfairly assessed by the CHSD because of their strict interpretation of Education Law 1908 regarding Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTs), specifically the Green Acres PILOT. This law is silent on PILOTs: It was written well before PILOTs ever existed.

We took this action on behalf our District 24 taxpayers because of the huge tax increases they received last year. We argued that recent case law could be used to interpret the law differently.

Even though we did not win in Court, we pledge to our taxpayers that we will continue this fight through lobbying for legislation on the State level to change the antiquated Education Law so that it includes PILOTs.

We need your help in reaching out to our State Elected Officials, Senator Kaminsky and Assemblywoman Solages, and ask them to change this law.

Thank you.