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NOTICE

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In accordance with **Act 1 of 2006** notice is hereby given that a copy of the Hazleton Area School District Preliminary Budget for the **fiscal year 2020-2021**, is available for public inspection <u>from January 15, 2020</u> until adoption which will be on <u>January 28, 2020</u>, at the Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting in the Hazleton Area Career Center Large Group Instruction Room (Administration Building Entrance), 1515 W. 23rd Street, Hazle Township, PA, 18202. The meeting will begin at 6:00 P.M.

The Hazleton Area School District Notice of Intent to Seek Back-end Referendum Exceptions

The Pennsylvania Department of Education in accordance with the Pennsylvania Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of Special Session 2006), has limited the Hazleton Area School District's real estate tax increase for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to 3.7 percent unless the voters approve a ballot question for a tax rate that exceeds the index or the School District qualifies for referendum exception(s) specified in the Act. The School District may be eligible for one or more of the exceptions listed in Act 1.

Notice is hereby given that the Hazleton Area School District intends to seek approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education or the local Court of Common Pleas for the referendum exceptions allowed under the Act. The Department of Education or the local Court of Common Pleas may schedule a hearing on this matter. Notice of the hearing, if held, will be provided in advance by the School District. If the exception application is approved, the funds generated by the tax increase may be used by the School District to balance its preliminary and final budgets. This tax increase is required so that the School District can continue to provide a quality K-12 education program for its students.

The School District's preliminary budget is available for public inspection at the School District Administration Office located at 1515 W. 23rd St., Hazle Township, Pennsylvania 18202 during normal business hours between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Upon written request by any School District resident or taxpayer, the School District will provide a copy of the referendum exception application. The preliminary budget is also available on the school district website at (<u>www.hasdk12.org/budget</u>) and the summary of referendum exceptions will be posted as soon as they become available.

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