



Office of the Town Supervisor

For Release: **IMMEDIATELY**,
September 10, 2019

To: East Fishkill Resident in the Carmel Central School District,

Due to an error within the Putnam County Department of Finance the 2019/2020 School Tax collection is temporarily suspended. There was a file control error and new school tax bills will be mailed out the week of September 16, 2019. Any questions please call my office at 845-221-4303 or the Tax Receiver, Claudia Heckert, at 845-221-2160.

Nicholas D'Alessandro
Town Supervisor



WILLIAM J. CARLIN, Jr. CPA
Commissioner Of Finance

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Press Release - Carmel NY – September 9, 2019

The Putnam County Commissioner of Finance has announced that the 2019/20 School Tax Collection Process has been temporarily suspended, due to a file control error causing Veterans Exemptions to exceed maximum limits and thereby causing the 2019/2020 School tax bills to be incorrect.

New corrected 2019/20 School tax bills will be mailed the week of September 16, and will be clearly marked CORRECTED Tax Bill and be printed in yellow. The vast majority of taxpayers will see a small reduction in their tax bill, while approximately 3,300 people receiving the affected exemptions will receive a corrected tax bill that will be comparable to the school tax bill that they have received in previous years.

Due to this error, the tax collection period will be extended as follows:

1st half partial payments will be due October 7th, 2019.

Full Pay payments without interest are Due October 21st, 2019.

Taxpayers wishing to pay in person can contact their Local Tax Collector the week of September 16 for the date that in person payments will resume.

Those taxpayers that have already paid their school taxes will receive a refund if their school taxes were overpaid, or must pay the difference to the Local School Tax Collector if they are underpaid.

The Commissioner of Finance stated, "We apologize to our School District and Municipal Officials, and most importantly the taxpayers that we all serve, for the inconvenience caused by this error. We will be putting into place procedures to help ensure that this does not happen again."

For further information regarding this Press Release, please contact the Commissioner of Finance at 845-808-1075.

**** NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS ****

****SCHOOL TAX COLLECTION PAYMENTS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED****

The Putnam County Commissioner of Finance has temporarily suspended all School tax payments due to a file control error causing Veteran Exemptions to exceed maximum limits, thereby causing 2019/20 school tax bills to be incorrect.

Corrected School Tax bills will be mailed the week of September 16, 2019.

School Tax collections will resume the week of September 16, 2019, please check with your local tax collector regarding the exact date to pay in person or online, if applicable.

The corrected school tax bill will read "CORRECTED BILL" at the top and bottom of the bill and be printed on yellow paper.

CORRECTED School tax collection schedule:

1st half partial payments extended to **October 7, 2019**

Full pay payments without interest extended to **October 21, 2019**

The Putnam County Commissioner of Finance apologizes to taxpayers for the inconvenience caused by this error. Specific inquiries regarding this error should be directed to the Commissioner of Finance (854)-808-1075.