

Fairview School District Property Assessment Survey March 14, 2006

Over the last two years the Fairview School District has filed property assessment appeals in an effort to correct the assessed values of those properties that appear to be under-assessed based on selling price. Property owners that received these appeals have suggested that the district is not paying attention to properties that haven't recently sold and may be under-assessed as well. A committee appointed by the school board has been studying the appeal process in Fairview and other area districts to ascertain whether the appeal process should be abandoned, maintained or changed. The committee will use the results of this survey to help formulate recommendations for the school board.

This survey can be completed online at www.fairviewschools.org, or you can return the completed survey to the front office at any of the schools, or by mail to the Fairview School District, Assessment Survey – CAB, 7460 McCray Rd, Fairview, PA 16415. Additional information about property assessment in Fairview and Erie County is available at the district web site.

Those that complete and return this survey by March 31, 2006, will be eligible for a drawing for a \$50 gas card at Country Fair if the name and phone number are provided.

Name (optional) _____ Phone number _____

- 1) Should the district continue to file property appeals to correct what appear to be under-assessed properties?

Yes

No

Why or why not?

- 2) Assuming the district moves forward with property appeals, should the basis for filing property appeals be limited to properties that sell or should the criteria be expanded to include all properties by using indicators of value such as neighborhood valuations, building permits and competing sales?

_____ limit to properties that sell

_____ include all properties

- 3) Please provide other ideas and concerns you have regarding the property appeal process.