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Dear Goffstown Taxpayer,

Enclosed is your property tax bill for the first half of the property tax year 2018. You may notice a significant reduction in property taxes due, compared to previous bills. The first bill normally reflects an estimate based on one half of the previous year's tax rate. There is a unique situation this year which we aim to clarify with this letter.

As you may be aware, the audit of the Goffstown School District 2017 fiscal year identified reporting errors which led to improper retention of unreserved funds above the limits authorized for contingencies under RSA 198:4-b. The accumulation of funds between 2011 and 2017 amounted to a total of \$9,811,451 which will be reclassified in July at the end of the current School District fiscal year. Without any action, this reclassification of School funds normally would have reduced the amount of taxes to be raised for local education beginning with the 2018 2nd half tax bill in November.

The Board of Selectmen successfully petitioned the State Department of Revenue Administration to adjust the 1st half tax rate in anticipation of this release of funds. The revised tax rate for the 1st half of 2018 is shown below, compared to 50% of the final 2017 tax rate:

	50% of 2017 rate	1 st half 2018 rate
County	0.645	0.645
Local School	7.315	4.125
State School	1.170	1.170
Town	4.580	4.580
TOTAL (per \$1000 value)	\$13.71	\$10.52

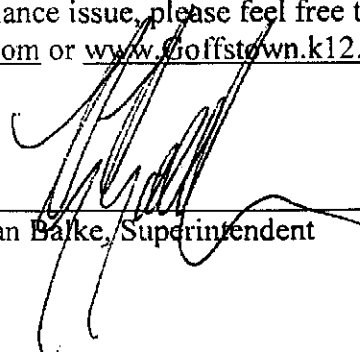
The impact of this release of funds continues over the next tax cycle as well. The rate for the 2018 2nd half tax bill will not be determined until the fall, but it is expected to be similar. The 2019 1st half tax rate will increase and approach previous levels as cash flows stabilize. We expect conditions to normalize by the 2019 2nd half tax bill.

If you escrow your property taxes, you may want to notify your financial institution of these anticipated changes. If you are planning to sell or buy a property in Goffstown in the next 12 months, you may also want to consult a real estate professional regarding tax proration.

If you have any questions about your taxes or the fund balance issue, please feel free to contact us or visit the Town and School websites at: www.Goffstown.com or www.Goffstown.k12.nh.us

Sincerely,


Adam Jacobs, Town Administrator


Brian Balke, Superintendent