

## School Tax Bills and Tax Rates

The 2018-19 school tax bills for property tax payers in the Voorheesville School District will be mailed on Wednesday September 5. There was a delay in mailing due to computer network problems beyond the control of the school district. The deadline for paying school taxes without penalty has been extended to October 6, 2018.

The school tax rates for the Voorheesville Central School District for the 2018-19 school year by town are shown below:

		2018-19				School Tax	Library Tax	Combined
Town	ASSESSED	EQUALI	TRUE	PRO-	School Tax	%	%	%
	VALUE May 1	Z.	VALUE	PORTION	Rate	Change	Change	Change
		RATE				in Rate	in Rate	in Rate
<b>NEW SCOTLAND</b>	\$682,673,516.00	0.9600	\$711,118,246	0.7667941	\$19.838516	4.52%	2.93%	4.42%
<b>GUILDERLAND</b>	\$169,539,767.00	0.8294	\$204,412,548	0.2204167	\$22.962353	-6.70%	-8.12%	-6.79%
<b>BERNE</b>	\$7,472,193.00	0.6300	\$11,860,624	0.0127892	\$30.230120	2.43%	2.43%	3.92%
<b>TOTALS</b>			\$927,391,417	1.0000000				

The school tax levy approved by district voters in May 2018 represents a 2.5% increase over the previous year's levy. The proportion of the total tax levy paid by taxpayers in each town is apportioned by the assessed values and equalization rates for each town. Assessed values are determined by the towns, and equalization rates are determined by the state for each town. Changes in the equalization rates and assessed values cause the rates to change in each town.

The primary influence on tax rate changes in the Voorheesville School District for 2018-19 is the change in equalization rates for each town. Here is a comparison of the equalization rate for each town in the Voorheesville District for 2017-18 and 2018-19:

<b>Town</b>	<b>2017-18 Equalization Rate</b>	<b>2018-19 Equalization Rate</b>
<b>New Scotland</b>	.9800	.9600
<b>Guilderland</b>	.7558	.8294
<b>Berne</b>	.6400	.6300

As you can see, the equalization rates for the Towns of New Scotland and Berne decreased, while the equalization rate for the Town of Guilderland increased, thus increasing the proportion of the tax levy paid by New Scotland and Berne taxpayers, and decreasing the proportion of the tax levy paid by Guilderland taxpayers for 2018-19.

Here are the changes in tax rates by town for 2017-18 and 2018-19:

<b>Town</b>	<b>2017-18 School Tax Rate Change</b>	<b>2018-19 School Tax Rate Change</b>
<b>New Scotland</b>	-2.03%	4.52%
<b>Guilderland</b>	11.78%	-6.70%

<b>Berne</b>	-3.99%	4.01%
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If you have any questions about your tax bill, please call the Voorheesville School District Business Office at 765-3313.