

DISTRICT BULLETIN

To: **Interested Residents**

From: A. Paul Scott, Interim Superintendent, Westport CSD

Subject: **Estimated Increase to Property Taxes for 2018-19**

As is the case during the spring season of each school year, any estimate of next school year's property tax bill for any particular homeowner is just that – an estimate.

Here's one example: The STAR exemption used to calculate the estimated property tax increase associated with the Westport CSD school board's May 2018 proposed 2018-19 budget plan was \$482.78. However, because the basic STAR exemption is capped for 2018-19 by New York State, the 2018-19 basic STAR exemption for an eligible homeowner would be either \$443 or \$448, dependent on which town that eligible homeowner resides in, within the boundaries of Westport Central School District.

As a result, a homeowner's school tax bill for 2018-19 could be \$35 to \$40 more than the school district's estimate for a homeowner who is eligible for the basic STAR exemption.

As is customary practice, each and every individual homeowner's property tax bill will be calculated during the summer months, by the Essex County Real Property Tax Office, using updated and precise figures including tax rates, assessments, exemptions and caps.

Thank you!