



July 8, 2026

Dear Taxpayer,

We are writing to you because you currently have an exemption in place for your homestead with regard to the city school taxes. In the past, there has been only one option for the school homestead exemption based upon the age and gross income of the homeowner who occupied the home and included the spouse and all family members residing within the homestead. The maximum gross income from all sources was \$10,000 in order to qualify.

As you may know, in the last city election citizens voted on two (2) local acts for the city school system, House Bill 803 and House Bill 805. Both House Bills were approved and signed by the Governor, which gives individuals who qualify options on which homestead exemption to apply for.

The attached summary of the two (2) local acts for the City School System is enclosed along with a Q&A to better help in understanding what the impact of each might be for you. Please look over both house bills to determine which one will benefit you the most. To apply, you must come in with a valid driver's license or identification card and a copy of the property deed showing ownership of property. You MUST apply before August 10, 2026 in order for an exemption to apply to your 2026 taxes. The exemptions have an end date of tax year 2030. Anyone who has previously filed for this exemption and believed it would begin in 2027 does not need to re-file as we will apply the exemption in 2026.

If you are not interested in applying and keeping the initial school homestead exemption you originally applied for, nothing is required at this time as the new House Bills would be in lieu of originally filing.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 478-277-5016.

Respectfully,

Tammy Hayes,
City Marshal