



P.O. Box 690 Dublin, GA 31040

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**Dear Dublin City School District Taxpayer,**

In the past, qualifying residents aged 62 and older could receive a school homestead exemption of up to \$10,000 of the assessed value from City of Dublin Independent School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes, provided the gross income (from all sources) of the homeowner, spouse, and all family members residing in the home did not exceed \$10,000 in the immediately preceding taxable year.

As you may know, in the most recent city election, voters approved two new local acts—House Bill 803 and House Bill 805—providing additional or alternative options for relief from these same school district educational taxes through tax years 2026–2030. Many residents, especially seniors (62+), may find one of these new options—or a combination involving HB 805—more beneficial depending on age, income, property value trends, and other factors.

I have enclosed a summary of the three available exemptions (the existing one under O.C.G.A. § 48-5-52 and the two new ones under HB 803 and HB 805), along with a Q&A to help explain them clearly. Please review the materials to determine which option(s) best suit your situation.

- If you currently receive the existing exemption (O.C.G.A. § 48-5-52) and it continues to meet your needs, **no action is required** at this time—your exemption will remain in place unless you choose to apply for a different or additional one.
- If you would like to switch to HB 803 (age-based tiers), add HB 805 (value-increase cap, which can layer on top of either senior option), or apply for HB 805 alone (available to all homeowners), you must submit a new or updated application.
- To apply or discuss your options, please visit Dublin City Hall (100 S. Church Street) with a valid government-issued photo ID (such as a driver's license) and a copy of your property deed or other documentation showing ownership. Applications are also available on the City of Dublin website.

**Important deadlines and notes:**

- Applications must be filed by **April 1, 2026**, to qualify for the 2026 tax year (late applications will apply to the following year).
- You must have owned and occupied your current home as of January 1, 2026.
- You must not claim a homestead exemption on any other property.
- HB 803 and HB 805 are temporary and apply only to tax years 2026 through 2030.
- The existing O.C.G.A. § 48-5-52 exemption has no expiration date (as long as you remain eligible and occupy the home as your primary residence).
- These exemptions apply **only** to City of Dublin Independent School District taxes for educational purposes—they do not affect state, county, municipal, or county school taxes.

Should you have any questions or need assistance comparing the options, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [hayest@dublinga.org](mailto:hayest@dublinga.org) or by phone at (478) 277-5016.

Thank you for being a valued resident of Dublin, and we appreciate your attention to this important tax relief opportunity.

Respectfully,  
  
Tammy Hayes,  
City Marshal

Enclosures: Summary & Q&A of Dublin City Independent School District Homestead Exemption Options