

Tax extension in 51 Nassau school districts

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A three-week grace period for residents in 51 Nassau school districts to extend their school tax payments without interest or penalties began Tuesday.

Under executive orders signed by Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo, these residents have until Dec. 4 to make payments because of the ongoing recovery from superstorm Sandy.

The school taxes had been due Tuesday.

Hempstead Town Supervisor Kate Murray sent a letter to Cuomo Tuesday asking for the deadline to be extended for all town school districts.

The governor, who had done that for 34 districts, signed an additional executive order for 17 others late Tuesday.

State law authorizes the governor to extend the property tax deadline during a state disaster emergency for up to 21 days.

Officials in Nassau's three towns were scrambling to inform residents about the extension, posting data on their websites and social media pages.

The grace period applies to the following districts: Amityville, Baldwin, Bellmore, Bethpage, Carle Place, Cold Spring Harbor, East Meadow, East Williston, Elmont, Farmingdale, Floral Park-Bellerose, Franklin Square, Freeport, Garden City, Great Neck, Hempstead, Herricks, Hewlett-Woodmere, Hicksville Public School District, Island Park, Island Trees, Jericho, Lawrence, Levittown, Locust Valley, Long Beach City School District, Lynbrook, Malverne, Manhasset, Massapequa Public School District, Mineola, New Hyde Park-Garden City Park, North Bellmore, North Merrick, North Shore Central School District, Oceanside, Oyster Bay-East Norwich, Plainedge, Plainview-Old Bethpage, Port Washington, Rockville Centre, Roslyn, Seaford, Syosset, Uniondale Public Schools, Valley Stream Districts 13, 24 and 30, Wantagh, Westbury and West Hempstead.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

EXTENDING THE PERIOD FOR PAYING SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES IN CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE COUNTIES OF NASSAU AND ORANGE

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2012, I issued Executive Order Number 47, declaring a disaster emergency in all 62 counties in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, beginning on October 29, 2012, and continuing thereafter, Hurricane Sandy brought damaging winds and torrential rainfall, causing record flooding and severe storm surge throughout the State, severely devastating numerous counties, including the counties of Nassau and Orange; and

WHEREAS, school district taxes for the 2012-2013 school year are currently due on or about November 10, 2012, in the school districts located within Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, school district taxes for the 2012-2013 school year were due on or about October 31, 2012, in the school districts located within Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Section 925-a of the Real Property Tax Law authorizes the Governor to extend the period for paying such taxes without interest or penalty upon request of the chief executive officer of an affected county, city, town, village or school district during a State disaster emergency by up to twenty-one days from the final date such taxes are currently due; and

WHEREAS, a request for such an extension has been received by the Governor's Office on behalf of the following school districts within the below-listed counties: Nassau County: (1) Manhasset Union Free School District, (2) Herricks Union Free School District, (3) Mineola Union Free School District, (4) Carle Place Union Free School District, (5) Seaford Union Free School District, (6) Bethpage Union Free School District, (7) Port Washington Union Free School District, (8) Hempstead Union Free School District, (9) Levittown Union Free School District, (10) Bellmore Union Free School District, (11) Freeport Union Free School District, (12) Hewlett-Woodmere Public School District, (13) Island Trees Union Free School District, (14) North Merrick Union Free School District, (15) Westbury Union Free School District, (16) Long Beach City School District, (17) Uniondale Public Schools, (18) East Meadow Union Free School District, (19) North Bellmore Union Free School District, (20) West Hempstead Union Free School District, (21) Hicksville Public School District, (22) Wantagh Union Free School District, (23) Great Neck Union Free School District, (24) Syosset Central School District, (25) Locust Valley Central School District, (26) Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, (27) Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District, (28) Jericho Union Free School District, (29) Plainedge Union Free School District, (30) Farmingdale Union Free

School District, (31) Massapequa Public School District, (32) Amityville Union Free School District, (33) Cold Spring Harbor School District, and (34) Oceanside Union Free School District; Orange County: (35) Enlarged City of Middletown School District; and

WHEREAS, given the difficulties continuing to confront the people of the aforementioned counties, such an extension is eminently warranted;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDREW M. CUOMO, Governor of the State of New York, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 925-a of the Real Property Tax Law do hereby extend the period for paying without interest or penalty the school district taxes that are due on or about November 10, 2012, in the aforementioned school districts within Nassau County for twenty-one days from the final date such taxes are currently due; and

FURTHER, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 925-a of the Real Property Tax Law do hereby retroactively extend the period for paying without interest or penalty the school district taxes that were due on or about October 31, 2012, in the aforementioned school district within Orange County twenty-one days from the final date such taxes are currently due;

FURTHER, this Executive Order may be revised and amended to extend the period for paying school taxes for additional school districts within the counties adversely affected by Hurricane Sandy.



GIVEN under my hand and the Privy Seal of the
State in the City of Albany this ninth day
of November in the year two thousand
twelve.

BY THE GOVERNOR

Louise Schinoltz
Secretary to the Governor