State of New York

Executive Chamber

No. 70

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

Secretary to the Governor