NOTICE TO SENIOR CITIZENS REGARDING PARCEL TAX EXEMPTION

Deadline: May 31, 2009

On November 2, 2004, voters approved a special Parcel Tax assessment of $98 per parcel for six years. Parcel Tax funds allow Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD) to preserve core academic classes, maintain qualified and experienced teachers and school employees and to continue programs that help our students qualify for college. The tax expires after six years. The tax is assessed against each parcel of taxable land in the District. A parcel is defined as any unit of land in the District that receives a separate tax bill from the Santa Clara County Assessor’s Office. Any property that would otherwise be exempt from property taxes will also be exempt from the qualified special tax.

An OPTIONAL exemption is available for a senior citizen who owns and occupies, as a principal residence, a parcel and applies to the district for exemption. For the 2009-2010 tax year, a senior citizen is defined as a person 65 years of age or older by June 30, 2010. Please apply for the exemption by May 31, 2009. For those who miss the deadline, a refund is available after the 2009-2010 tax bill has been paid in full.

If you received an exemption or refund for the 2008-2009 tax year, you will receive a renewal application in the mail before the end of April.

If you have any questions about the tax or about the Senior Citizen Exemption, please call the FUHSD Business Office at 408-522-2213 or 408-522-2212.

Parcel tax information is also available on our District website at http://www.fuhsd.org/parceltax

HOW TO APPLY FOR A SENIOR EXEMPTION

- Complete an application at 589 West Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. or call the FUHSD Business Office at 408-522-2213 to have an application mailed to you.

If you decide to complete the application in person, you will need to bring:

- Your parcel tax number (from your property tax bill)

- A copy of proof of birth date (only one of the following: driver’s license, birth certificate, passport, or Medicare card)

- A copy of proof of residence (only one of the following: driver’s license, utility bill, Social Security check, or property tax bill)