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SECRETARY
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF THE BUDGET

April 15, 2022

Honorable Noe Ortega
Secretary of Education
333 Market Street, 10th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Secretary Ortega:

This certification for the 2022-23 fiscal year marks the fifteenth year of statewide property tax relief for Pennsylvania homeowners. This year, \$867.1 million will be available for property tax relief, including funding for the enhanced Property Tax/Rent Rebate program.

The Property Tax Relief Fund will transfer funds to the Lottery Fund including \$22.9 million to reimburse costs related to supplemental property tax rebates and \$65.9 million for enhancements to the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program.

In addition, \$28.3 million will be used to reimburse eligible school districts pursuant to Section 324 of the Taxpayer Relief Act. These are known as Sterling Act reimbursements. I also certify that \$750.0 million will be available for statewide property tax relief.

The Department of Education is hereby authorized to provide school districts with property tax reduction allocations under Section 505 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 2006. The department is authorized to provide school districts \$750.0 million for statewide property tax relief as required by Section 505 of the act and an additional \$28.3 million to reimburse eligible school districts pursuant to Section 324 of the act, commonly referred to as Sterling Act reimbursements. The Department of Education will notify each Pennsylvania school district of its property tax reduction allocation no later than May 1, as the act requires.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Thall".

Greg Thall
Secretary of the Budget