

Tax Study Commission update:

The Tax Study Commission has been performing its duties in a professional and efficient manner. Its members, school district staff, and the commission's volunteer facilitator have conducted significant research and arrive well prepared. Analysis has been conducted in regard to the merits of whether to compose a referendum question proposing an (1) Earned Income Tax increase or (2) converting to a Personal Income Tax and proposing a Personal Income Tax Increase. These choices are in accordance with ACT 1 mandates. Components of discussions and analysis include the impact upon Homestead & Farmstead exclusions, property tax reductions, the Tax & Rental Rebate program, school district cash flow, and so called 'nuisance' taxes. Other topics of discussion center on tax collection, neighboring school districts, and taxation fairness. Significant financial analysis has been prepared to determine the impact of potential tax changes upon the taxpayers of Warren County, which is all-inclusive. This analysis includes all income levels, qualification for homestead and farmstead property tax exclusions, anticipated tax shift, and the phase in of gaming revenues.

- There has been energetic debate regarding the merits of an EIT versus a PIT.
- It is obvious that ACT 1 does not benefit education.
- Any action on a PIT is currently on hold by the state Legislature.
- The commission will have a recommendation to present to the school board in a written report by the December Board meeting.