

Eleven Dutchess County School Districts Co-Sponsor Tax Reform Presentation Fixing School Taxes

Local school boards are as frustrated as local tax payers about the cost of school taxes in Dutchess County. In order to help the community understand the complexities of school funding, **HALT: Help Arlington Lower Taxes** and eleven Dutchess County school boards co-sponsored a presentation entitled “Fixing School Taxes” on October 18, 2006. This tax reform presentation, featuring Dr. Trudi Renwick, Senior Economist from the Fiscal Policy Institute, addressed how schools are currently funded, why local school taxes are so high, and current proposals for improving the school funding system. **Go to the link entitled “Fixing School Taxes - Fiscal Policy Institute Slides” to view Dr. Renwick’s PowerPoint presentation.**

The Fiscal Policy Institute (FPI) is a nonpartisan research and education organization that focuses on the broad range of tax, budget, economic and related public policy issues that affect the quality of life and the economic well-being of New York State residents. Founded in 1991, FPI's work is intended to further the development and implementation of public policies that create a strong economy in which prosperity is broadly shared by all New Yorkers. Dr. Trudi Renwick received her Ph.D. in Economics from American University.

“Fixing School Taxes” was co-sponsored by HALT and the following school districts: Arlington, Hyde Park, Millbrook, Pawling, Pine Plains, Poughkeepsie, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Spackenkill, Wappingers, and Webutuck.