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South Fork School District #14 Taxpayers,

After reviewing the recent property tax bills sent out to the taxpayers for the 2023 tax year (payable in 2024) in Unit SD #14 South Fork, an error was found on the School District's current rate. A tax levy for the School District's alternative revenue bond was inadvertently included in the School District's current tax rate on the 2023 property tax bills (payable in 2024). This error amounts to a total overage of \$193,325 being collected by the School District from all the taxpayers in Unit SD #14 South Fork.

After working in collaboration with the Christian County Clerk and Treasurer's Office, the School District is not able to find a solution that would correct your property tax bills issued to the School District taxpayers in 2024. If nothing is done in 2024, the burden of paying extra property taxes due to this error would be on all School District taxpayers until an adjustment could be made to property tax bills in 2025 (for the 2024 tax year).

While the property tax bill cannot be adjusted and corrected in 2024, the School District does not want taxpayers to have to wait until next year (2025) to receive a refund from the School District of this overage amount that you will be paying on your 2023 property tax bills (that are currently payable in 2024). Thus, the School District will be providing you with a refund this year for the overage amount on your property tax bill that was created by this error. After the district receives our first instalment from the County Treasurer's Office and upon verification from the County Treasurer's Office of the payment of the first installment on your 2023 property tax bill, the School District will issue a refund check to the taxpayer listed as the owner of the parcel. The owner of each parcel of property will also be verified through Christian County records. The refund check will come directly from the South Fork School District – not the Christian County – and will vary in amount based on your property tax bill assessments. After completing this refund process in 2024, no adjustments will need to be made to next year's property tax bills issued in 2025.

***This refund does not alter or change your current tax bill or your responsibility to timely pay the Christian County Treasurer's Office the entire amount listed on your 2023 property tax bill (payable in 2024). You are still accountable for paying your full 2023 property tax bill and for meeting all due dates associated with the 2023 property tax bill through the County and/or your bank or mortgage company through escrow.**

The amount of specific refunds can be viewed through the South Fork School District Webpage or utilizing the following link [FY23 \(Payable FY24\) SOUTH FORK PROPERTY TAX REFUND CHART](#)

The School District deeply apologizes for the error on your current property tax bill. We know the support and backing of our taxpayers is the life blood of our School. The School District continually makes decisions that are not only for the best for students, but are financially responsible to the taxpayer. We will always respect each and every dollar that you pay to the School District in taxes. We appreciate all of the support the South Fork Community shows for the School District and our students to help make this a place where people can achieve success.

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