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COMMUNITY RELATIONS

SUBJECT: SENIOR CITIZENS

It is the policy of the Massena Central School District that senior citizens, those having attained the age of sixty (60) years, **be given special consideration at considered for important and integral to the Massena schools.**

Upon proper proof of age (e.g. driver's license), senior citizens shall be admitted to all school-support-sponsored athletic and non-academic events at the same fee as that paid by Massena students.

The buildings of the District are available for use by groups of senior citizens, on arrangement with the building principals.

Senior citizens are to be encouraged to serve in the elementary and secondary programs in whatever ways their talents and skills may be useful, including both academic and non-academic aspects.

Each year, one school day will be designated "Grandparents' Day" when special efforts will be made to encourage grandparents and "adopted" grandparents to visit the schools and to familiarize themselves with the various programs and services of the system.

It is understood that no part of the policy will operate or be in force should it be in conflict with regulations issued by the Commissioner of Education, the governments of the United States, the State of New York, St. Lawrence County, the Towns of Massena, Brasher, Louisville, Norfolk, the Village of Massena, or other negotiated contracts of the District. It is further understood that participation by senior citizens is at all junctures to be purely voluntary.

The Board of Education grants a partial exemption from taxation of fifty percent (50%) of assessed valuation of real property located in the district and owned by persons 65 years of age or over, or by a husband and wife, one of whom is 65 or over, whose income meets the statutory requirements set forth in Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York in effect for the income tax year of application.

Real property owned by persons 65 years of age or over shall be exempt from school district taxes of fifty percent (50%) of the assessed valuation subject to the following conditions:

a. The owner or all of the owners must file an application annually in the assessor's office by March 1st of each year.

b. The income of the owner or the combined income of the owners must not exceed \$12,000.

Education Law Sections 1502 and 1709(22)
Real Property Tax Law Section 467

Adopted: