



Real Property Tax Law Section 487— Exemption from taxation for certain energy systems

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To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed for filing with your office is a copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Education of the West Canada Valley Central School District on March 9, 2026 providing that the Real Property Tax Law § 487 Exemption (RPTL 487) exemption shall be applicable with respect to solar and wind energy systems which begin construction subsequent to the effective date of the Resolution.

If questions arise, please contact me by emailing jsiddon@westcanada.org or by calling 315-845-6800, ext. 3380.

Sincerely,

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**WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION**

[Opting-In to Real Property Tax Law § 487 Exemption]

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) § 487(2) provides that real property which includes, among other things, a solar or wind energy system shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of any increase in the value thereof by reason of the inclusion of such solar or wind energy system for a period of fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, RPTL § 487(8)(A) provides that a school district may “opt out” of said exemption by adopting a Resolution providing that no such exemption shall be applicable within its jurisdiction with respect to any solar or wind energy system which begins construction subsequent to the effective date of such Resolution; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the District’s Board of Education held on February 7, 2005, a Resolution was adopted providing that the tax exemption made available by RPTL § 487 shall not be applicable within the boundaries of the District with respect to any solar or wind energy system constructed subsequent to February 7, 2005; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Education to now offer the RPTL § 487 tax exemption with respect to solar and wind energy systems which begin construction subsequent to the effective date of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the RPTL § 487 tax exemption shall be applicable to any solar or wind energy system which begins construction subsequent to the effective date of this Resolution; and it is further

RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective as of **March 9, 2026**.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the above motion was approved by the West Canada Valley Central School District Board of Education at its meeting, duly noticed, held on March 9, 2026.

Dated: March 19, 2026



Clerk Board of Education