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Lafayette school district seeks to quickly rectify parcel tax error

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those who have not already paid their taxes this year. For those who have already paid, the county will be issuing reimbursements to taxpayers. This calculates out to about \$26 per year, per taxpayer."

The errors came to light when a resident new to the area was examining his annual tax bill and brought questions to the school district.

Zinn says they are very grateful that the resident brought it to their attention so that they can rectify the problem as fast as possible.

"The refunds will come from the general fund or reserves, or some combination of the two," said Zinn. Taxpayers will be receiving a letter when the district has worked out the mechanics of refunding the money, including a process for "opting out" as a choice. The district is now working with SCI Consulting Group as they straighten out the problem.

Zinn says the reaction she has received so far has been overwhelmingly positive with many people suggesting they would rather the district keep the money.

Zinn, who says that no programs will need to be cut as they issue refunds, points out that the district really needed the parcel tax to support programs in the face of inadequate state funding.

"I am so grateful to the community for even passing a parcel tax to enable us to provide such a high quality education. We really regret that this happened and want to get it taken care of as quickly as possible."

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