

**The Tax Reform Effort of Northern Dutchess
(TREND)**

presents

" *Changing the Property Tax System in New York* "

A conference for local leaders and lawmakers in the Hudson Valley

Hosted by the Northern Dutchess Alliance

The Governor has formed a seven member property tax commission to draft recommendations, including a cap proposal by May 15th of this year. If passed into law, a tax cap could have major impacts on municipal, school district and taxpayer budgets. This educational event will discuss the experience of other states that have enacted caps; potential benefits and drawbacks, as well as other tax relief and reform alternatives under consideration. The evening's objective is to provide decision-makers with the up-to-date information they require regarding this important policy matter.

Thursday, March 6, 2008 - 7:00PM.

Multi-purpose room, Henry A. Wallace Center at the

FDR Presidential Library and Home

4079 Albany Post Rd, Hyde Park NY 12538

Speakers will include:

Frank Mauro, Executive Director, Fiscal Policy Institute will discuss the financial implications of legislative initiatives that seek to change the way we fund our schools. Mr. Mauro's presentation will also focus on relief measures that could assist in transitioning towards reforming educational financing.

Robert McKeon, Director, TREND (Tax Reform Effort of Northern Dutchess) will update us as to the testimony before the Governor's PTR Commission and its efforts to propose a property tax cap. Robert will detail the various types of caps as well as the results of other states that have implemented them.

John Whiteley, Tri-County Committee for Property Tax Relief, will address legislative initiatives to limit overall property taxes paid by an individual by enacting circuit-breaker legislation. John will detail how such a program can replace portions of STAR and achieve different results.

Presentations will be followed by a roundtable discussion by representatives of government, unions and policy think tanks.

Space is limited and the program is available by invitation.

Call 845-399-4582 for more information or log onto www.trendny.org