



# ULSTER COUNTY NEWS

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

Frank Mauro, Executive Director of the Fiscal Policy Institute, will share his insights about understanding the economics of tax reform on May 1 at a meeting of Ulster County's Blue Ribbon Commission on School Funding and Tax Reform.

The public is invited to attend the meeting which will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Lecture Center 108 at SUNY New Paltz.

The Fiscal Policy Institute is a nonpartisan research and education organization that focuses on tax, budget, economic and related public policy issues that affect the quality of life and the economic well-being of New York State residents.

Blue Ribbon Commission chairwoman Susan Zimet, D-New Paltz, said Mauro is one of the leading experts in the state on understanding the economics of tax reform.

"Frank Mauro will be sharing his insight into the finances of funding schools through the state versus property tax," Zimet said. "Anyone who cares about the issue of school taxes and all other property taxes and the crushing burden it is having on all of us is welcome to attend this meeting. It will help us all understand our options with regard to property taxes."

Ulster County Legislature Chairman David B. Donaldson, who formed the county's Blue Ribbon Commission, said tax reform is something on the minds of most county residents.

"The mission of the Blue Ribbon Commission is to contribute to the current dialogue and efforts in New York State to reform the opaque, unfair method of school funding by examining Ulster County's role and suggesting changes that support reform," Donaldson said. "I am confident this commission chaired by Legislator Zimet will come up with some significant ideas that will work to alleviate the unfair tax burden that many county homeowners must shoulder."

For more information about the May 1 meeting, call Zimet at 845-255-2117.