

OPINION

Now is not the time for North Mason's levy

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I am glad to hear people think the North Mason School campus is beautiful and the North Mason School district is filled with creative and caring individuals. However, I believe with hundreds of our community people currently without jobs plus some with the possibility of losing their homes and/or businesses, now is not the time to implement a costly school levy.

We do not know what the next plan of action will be from the Governor. We do not know how long people are going to be unemployed. We do not know when people will be allowed to re-open their businesses. We do not know what the future holds for educational institutions (brick and mortar? Online?).

A four-year levy amounting to \$2.16 per \$1,000 of the appraised value per property owner may not seem like a lot to those who can afford it, but it will hurt the families already living on the edge, struggling to pay their monthly expenses. I believe at this time that any increase in our property taxes are not in the best interest of our community. I encourage you to vote "No" on the North Mason School levy.

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