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## Sharing the burden

I am a senior citizen trying to survive on a modest fixed income and I certainly don't relish the idea of further erosion of my income through increased property taxes.

There is, no doubt, a need for new schools and funding to build them, but school bonds and property taxes seem to be the prime subjects when this issue is discussed. My support of a bond issue paid for by increased property taxes will be predicated on some sharing of the cost burden by pro-growth groups and an effort by school board leaders to make the most efficient use of our schools, capital equipment and public funding. I would propose the following:

An impact fee of 2 percent added to the cost of all new construction of residential and commercial property.

A transfer fee of 1 percent on all resales of residential and commercial property. Possible exception for properties below a certain price range.

The school board should offer and promote a plan to convert all schools to year-around schools.


In conjunction with the above, discuss a reasonable property tax based on the price of an average-priced home in Wake County.

Any bond referendum will stand a much better chance of being approved if you can show that everyone is sharing the cost, especially those who benefit significantly from ever-increasing population growth.

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