

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHOICES

“I believe the children are our future; teach them well and they will lead the way; show them all the beauty they possess inside.....” Whitney Houston, Children are our Future.

Our community has demonstrated that they, too, believe that the children are our future through your support of the construction bond and most recently, the replacement levy. With your support, our students have opportunities and choices in learning and activities that they may not have otherwise had.

One example of those choices and opportunities is the new James A. Taylor High School. The NMSD recognizes that not all students will be successful in a traditional high school setting. Taylor High provides a quality educational program for non-traditional learners where students demonstrate mastery of basic skills required to learn and prosper in an ever changing world. Their primary instructional program is a computer-based learning system entitled Edgenuity, which offers a large on-line library of interactive instructional courseware. Students progress through coursework only when they have achieved mastery. There were 27 JTHS students who received high school diplomas at the 2016 graduation ceremonies this year!

The school board is currently discussing a recommendation by our superintendent, Dana Rosenbach, to use the Theler Center to house an early childhood learning center for children in our community who are 0-5 years of age. This will provide another opportunity/choice for students to become academically prepared to enter kindergarten with all the tools necessary to succeed.

The mission of North Mason School District, together with our community, is to educate, empower, inspire and prepare ALL students to graduate confident in their abilities to meet life's challenges and opportunities. As one of your five elected school board members, I will work diligently to achieve this end.

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