

The North Mason School Board has committed to posting a message to the community each month. I felt the recent message delivered by our Superintendent Dana Rosenbach was important and should be repeated again.

School has been in session since the beginning of September. It has been unlike anything we have ever known or imagined as we respond as a community to the challenges of living through the Covid 19 pandemic. Recently a message was posted by UW professor Chelsea Wood, adapted from Brandon Bayne at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, to share with her students. I would like to share some of that message here:

1. *Nobody signed up for this...*

- *...not for the sickness, not for the social distancing, not for the end of our collective lives together on campus.*
- *...not for online class, not for teaching remotely, not for learning from home, not for mastering new technologies, not for varied access to learning material.*

2. *The humane option is the best option.*

- *We are going to prioritize supporting one another as human.*
- *We are going to prioritize simple solutions that make sense for the greatest number of people.*
- *We are going to prioritize sharing resources and communicating clearly.*

This message resonates throughout our North Mason community. As stated by our Superintendent Dana Rosenbach, we know that working in a remote environment is fraught with challenges and we will continue to work with partners throughout the community to find ways to support our students, staff and families. We are looking forward to the opportunity to once again see students in our buildings, engaged in learning and are implementing a plan to go slow, be safe, and get back to school in a hybrid learning environment. In the meantime, our teachers and staff are connecting and engaging in learning in new ways every day.

Our families are important partners in this work. We need to hear from you about what is working, and what roadblocks come your way. I encourage you to stay positive and keep looking forward.

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