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“Let them eat cake”. That’s what you’ll be telling Dover residents if you pass this tax cap busting proposed budget. Face reality! Businesses are closing and some may never reopen. Restaurants that are operating at reduced capacity may fail. Working people are losing their jobs and worrying about feeding their families. Retirees, already squeezed by years of property tax increases, are seeing their IRAs shrink.

This isn’t the time for wish list spending. First responders need all the support they can get. Even if the COVID-19 pandemic declines in May as some predict, the economic damage will persist for a year or more. Public officials keep saying “we’re all in this together”. If that’s not just placating propaganda then the school department shouldn’t be floating above the turmoil. They must revisit their budget in light of the unfolding economic disaster, starting with deferring any new positions until the economy recovers.

If you want to support the residents of Dover during this unprecedented crisis you must exercise financial restraint now.

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