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## Growth should pay for schools

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To The Editor: An Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance is a law to enable county planning staff to assess classroom space of a given school to determine if a proposed subdivision will overcrowd that school.

The County Commission has the opportunity to provide an APFO to keep our schools from being overcrowded, forcing premature school construction with 100 percent taxpayer funding. With commission approval developers may reduce density and/or contribute funding to alleviate the situation. Or commissioners can postpone development until adequate classrooms are available.

This not an impact fee. An APFO was passed in Union County and challenged in court. The court upheld the APFO.

This is a win-win thing to do. Children and teachers will benefit and taxpayers will benefit and taxpayers will get relief from increased taxes to provide to the school board.

The School Board should immediately petition the County Commission to act on an APFO.

Some commissioners will not answer your e-mails or phone calls. We must act by calling 697-4808 and tell the clerk, "I am a voter and taxpayer and I support and APFO."

Elections are coming and it is time for the commissioners to act or step aside.

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