

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

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## **Election choices**

### **Letter to the editor:**

**If the South Kitsap School District's \$271 million bond passes, how will your part of our community benefit? Will you enjoy three new elementary schools, one Discovery/Explorer School, or some upgrades to the south end of South Kitsap High School?**

**There will only be about \$24 million "leftover" for other building improvements districtwide, assuming there are no cost overruns. And, there is still a lot of deferred maintenance on the district's existing buildings.**

**Carefully consider SKSD and South Kitsap Fire and Rescue's future bond and levy requests. SKFR passed its \$180 million six-year levy, now it wants to run equipment and building bonds in 2024, followed by another levy in 2025.**

**SKSD will have technology, operations and maintenance levies in 2024 and 2025.**

**The current interest rates and costs on SKSD'S \$271 million bond would add an additional \$227 million of debt over the next 22 years. Such additional property taxes for some may be fine, but for most these increased taxes might break their budgets.**

**It's easy for SKSD and SKFR to tell us they need more, but we must first consider "their wants vs. their needs" when we vote on these ballot measures.**

**"It's the kids" who will be paying for these bonds and levies, though many have no voice or vote on these debts now. For me, I will continue to vote with my pocketbook.**

**Remember, ballot postage is free, so please return your ballots by Nov. 7.**

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