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South Kitsap deserves to see an audit of district's pool project

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After reading the article “South Kitsap pool modernization project reaching finish line” in the Kitsap Sun, no one should have any doubt that the South Kitsap School District is in need of an independent audit of its spending of levy and bond monies. The overhaul of the SK swimming pool is touted as a major milestone in the spending of 2018 levy funds.

It is stated that the project initially had a budget of \$5.2 million. In 2021, the estimate increased to \$10.4 million and now we are being told that the final cost won't be known until the work is complete. Why do we have to wait until complete to have an estimate of final cost? Could it be that with a \$271 million bond issue on the ballot the school district does not want to scare voters into voting against the bond issue?

What does the administration have against an independent audit of levy and bond monies? I believe we, the taxpayers, deserve to know how the funds are spent. In addition, we deserve to have a detailed report of what the proposed bond issue will cover. We deserve more than just designating projects without dollar figures. Is this how cost plus works, just like the swimming pool? What are the other cost overruns on past projects? Inquisitive minds would like to know, and not from the school district but from an independent audit.

Just tell the people how great it will be to have a swimming pool and all will be forgiven.

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