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Fifteen schools districts of the 295 in our state consistently fail to pass their bonds. South Kitsap School District is one of them.

Our legislators have a solution, though: just lower the bar. Some now want to change our state constitution to tacitly enable 15 failing school districts by lowering the passage rate to 50%. Our State's Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal is lobbying our Legislators for this change. I bet that those 15 failing school districts (including SKSD) are lobbying hard. Did you know that SKSD board gave specific permission to board member Kate Espy to lobby on behalf of SKSD? Did you know that SKSD'S bond debt limit is approximately \$800 million? Do you wonder how many bonds that is?

Our legislators begin meeting in Olympia January 8 and adjourn March 7. [SJR 8207](#), if passed, would effect this change. The title is "Amending the Constitution to allow a majority of voters voting to authorize school district bonds." Tell them no! Don't amend our state constitution to enable 15 failing schools districts. Many school districts lack the confidence and trust of their voters. They fail to effectively, efficiently, and responsibly manage our tax dollars. This proposed change will tacitly enable any district to continue to fail the kids and the constituent voters. Now's the time, send your emails to our [Senators](#) and [representatives](#) or [join hearings through Zoom](#) to voice your displeasure, and tell them not to support this bill!

Don't delay! Start writing to our legislators now!

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