

The Magic Power of Perception

***How the SKSD Board
Tried to Fool the Voters!
For a \$271,000,000 Bond!***

***And Just Wait for the O&M Levy!
“COMING SOON”
November 2024***

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Infamous SKSD Board Member's Utterances

- ❖ SKSD families spend more on Espresso's each week than the cost of this levy.
- ❖ If we allow anyone to speak, the activists will take over our board meetings!
- ❖ Boards don't ask the voters what they want, we tell them what we want!
- ❖ The voters will have to vote on levies and bonds before they know what their new taxes will be. (Snickering, chuckling, grins from most).
- ❖ The SKHS science labs remodeling was budgeted for \$500,000. The over budget costs were another \$550,000. The same contractor was hired for the “pool remodeling” as they called it.

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More SKSD Board Member's Infamous Utterances

- ❖ The entire SKHS pool remodel including planning, construction will only cost us \$5 million. Straight out of the capital projects levy people voted for.
- ❖ Total construction costs expected to exceed \$12,000,000. SCAP funding of \$2M and COVID money of \$2.3M allowed due to “classrooms” in the building?
- ❖ We expect that some students won't come back. We lost 675, but we have 100 returning this year.
- ❖ 20% pay raises were given in 2019-2020. The Unions can always ask to re- negotiate for more "if" the levy passes, in addition to the 3% increase each year already in the contract, plus the states COLA (IPD).

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We continue to see a blatant lack of respect from the SK District and School Board Directors. We shouldn't expect them to change. We continue to see zero expressions or actions that demonstrate concern for our financial wellbeing. They offer no tax saving's solutions showing they value our continuing "tax contributions".

Let's face it. They are treating us like their own personal "Cash Cows". Now, they are again circling us just like sharks for another meal.

We are a very giving community, but it does have it's limits. Some continue to demonize some of us for placing dollars signs above the value of our children's educations. But what of the District's continued disregard for our financial challenges during these extremely trying times? Their utter lack of empathy is inexcusable. And the blatant smugness in their comments just adds further insult to injury.

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We need to think long and hard before we commit ourselves to any more four-year or six-year levies. Proof of financial responsibility is still absent and the voters have lost trust and confidence in the SKSD Board and Administration.

We need to turn off this "tax spigot". It's all fine and good when times are not so tough, but now is not the time for more pay raises and excessive benefit packages. It's past time we sent the District, and yes, the Unions a loud and clear message. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH and we won't take it anymore!

We demand to see changes in how they manage our hard earned tax dollars. It's past time they stopped taking our generosity for granted.

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The district employs over 220 extra employees which are nice to have versus required. Since the state does not pay for any of them, the over \$100K per employee is paid from levy funds. Exactly how is this enrichment for students?

The NJROTC luxury sail boat, the 44 foot “Lively” sits in dock for 8 months out of they year at a cost of over \$10,000 a year. Used by only by NJROTC cadets and the ship can only hold 9 NJROTC students at a time. **More to come about the Lively in another web page**

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Rowing Sculls cost between \$3,000 and \$25,000

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Many voters vote for levy's because they believe folks will think them as "not supporting education" or "the kids". If 80% of the levy goes to fund the 220 extra district employees, is your money really going towards curriculum, building improvements, computer upgrades, improved security, or services to "catch up student learning" or "improve learning"?

Does every school need an RN at a cost of over \$130K "just in case"?

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They always want more and they never offer up any tax saving initiatives. No never means no to them. And always this is the cost of higher taxes to a community with 40% low income parents that can ill afford them.

“It’s for the kids” and “Support Kids Education” isn’t really it at all.

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