



Mr. Walls recent interview in the Port Orchard Independent was very disappointing for a current school board member. He offered no real information about the district but was very negative about students, parents, and others. His comments about providing for the “bright students” with programs such as AVID is most certainly offensive to all parents and clearly demonstrates his lack of care and concern for all students no matter what their learning capacities might be. One role of paramount importance is for him to actually learn and build unity in our District with community participation. Do you really want this bombastic person on the board? Mr. Wall, an attorney with more than a few years arguing in courtrooms, used the word DISSIDENT to describe Jeff Daily’s views. He uses this word as a negative but is a very positive word. My dictionary defines Dissident as a revolutionary against totalitarian regime. Jeff is such a man in my book.

Wall’s current attitude on the School Board seeks to suppress voices not like his own. In other words, he is just like President Trump- just a big bully to get HIS way. This maybe appropriate in the courtroom but his role on the Board is to be open to views, especially different views. This requires different skills such as respect for all views. The district preaches diversity but apparently the school board doesn’t adhere to that policy. Isn’t the role of the board to learn what the community wants and build unity in our District? Last time I checked, democracy is dependent upon differing voices as a way of community building. It’s on all of us to think about the 5 person School Board managing \$154,000,000.00 of our taxes currently with virtually no oversight, meaning no accountability.

Any public office holder that must lower themselves to calling those with differing view, value and opinions "extremists" trying to "take over the board" and "don't care about education" should check such diatribe at the door. One of the dumbest utterances by Mr. Wall is "these people only want to lower their taxes". Since Mr Wall charges \$200 an hour for his work, I guess he has plenty of money and doesn’t worry about property taxes. Really? What property owner doesn't want to lower their taxes? First consideration should be what the kids really need in order to be successful balanced with what the parents are willing and able to pay for with their hard earned tax dollars". We must insist there is more responsible use of our tax dollars by the board for the purposes for which they were intended- educating student; not every pet project that sounds like a good idea.

And that is not all from the incumbent’s fountain of wisdom. To go even further by labeling those with differing views as "deceitful" and misleading; putting out

“disinformation” and that he “has a big problem with that” is more than upsetting. What Mr Wall said is more than just being critical, it is borderline hateful speech. The incumbent is clearly demonstrating lack of respect of those with differing views, “others” who do not abide by or following the views he is espousing.

As a parent I found this comment by Mr. Wall very troubling. “AVID — short for Advancement Via Individual Determination — are critical to raising academic standards and providing options for **“bright students”** particularly offensive. This implies that he has divided students into **“bright students”** and those who are **not so bright**. As educators ourselves, we are appalled at this kind of comment. How disrespectful can you be? Every student has great skills which are developing as they grow and learn. Who is he to categorize students so cruelly? What does Director Wall intend to do to help those “other” students that **are not so bright**? Reading between the lines it would appear that Mr. Wall believes the “other” not as bright students should all be trade workers working at the Shipyard or elsewhere. We all are wondering just how Mr. Wall has managed to retain his seat this long given his derogatory comments and views about others.

For those of you who have not heard this, Mr Wall has no intention of remaining on the board. He is desperate to preserve his seat for other member of HIS group. A conspiracy exists between Mr Wall and a former candidate where Mr Wall, should he win reelection, will abruptly resign for personal reasons and the board has already predetermined his replacement - one with no educational experience but his same mindset so as to preserve the seat for HIS group of supporters.

Keep in mind that the Crew Team that Mr Wall is proud of cost you \$500,000 and about \$8000 each time it goes out. It has about 20 kids on it. CK has a similar team but they fund themselves.

The final thing that is disturbing is Mr Wall’s comments on the growth of McCormick Woods. This point was refuted long ago with the city council. First, the water issue needs to be resolved before any construction can begin. This will cost McCormick Woods and the city millions to resolve due to the need for more storage and retention stations. Second, go ahead and add 700 homes but do the math. Say each home has 2 kids so 350 kids. Each is worth \$15K. The district gets \$5.2M. Doesn’t go very far given that personnel costs alone are rising over \$5.4M a year. And, all those kids won’t be in one grade. The high school graduates about 600 kids a year. So, why do we need a high school when the 350 will easily be offset by the 600 who graduate annually? Do the math folks.

