

OPINION

A poor role model to emulate

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South Kitsap School Board member Rebecca Diehl stepped down as president of the school board but did not resign from her elected office. The school board continues to acquiesce by not demanding her to resign. She's had two DUIs in three years and recently stated: "It has been a good thing in my life."

Ms. Diehl lied to the State Trooper, telling him she was not drinking; refused to take a sobriety test; caused a motor vehicle accident; plead not guilty; was convicted of DUI; sentenced to 364 days in jail and is now on probation till 2024. These actions and behaviors are not acceptable for a member of the school board. Such actions and behaviors do not meet our community's standards. This is not a role model for the 9,000 students attending South Kitsap schools to emulate. The board members' moral compasses are out of whack.

Bad behaviors, mismanagement of funds, conflicts with district administrators or teachers, refusing to listen to their constituents, and violating open meetings laws are some of the reasons used to target elected officials for removal from office. There is an election recall process in our state's Constitution. Should a recall action be started to remove Diehl from office? The other board members are also not listening to their constituents. Perhaps the entire board should be removed from office.

Does Diehl want the students of SK schools to remember her in this way, or will she opt to gracefully resign her seat on the board.

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