

OPINION

Supporting three SKSD candidates with thoughtful answers

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Voters in South Kitsap have an opportunity to vote on three school board positions this fall. I support Greg Wall, John Berg, and Eric Gattenby.

Greg has demonstrated experience and leadership as a school board director for the past several years, and is appreciated for his questioning attitude, honesty, and his firm understanding of the obligations and responsibility of the school board. Eric has an amazing record of public service, and has shown a profound ability to connect with members of the community, while serving as an interim director. John has been a steadfast observer for the past few years, frequently seen at meetings, and has shown a high degree of competence in understanding the process, legal limitations, and statutory requirements the board must abide by. John also recently paid his own way to the directors conference this fall, just so he could be as informed as possible, should he be elected to serve.

While these three have spent the past few months thoughtfully working on issues of importance to our schools, the other candidates have been busy promoting conspiracy theories, unrealistic solutions, and have rallied around the idea that teachers are overpaid and we invest too much in our schools.

Support our schools and our community. Vote Wall, Berg, and Gattenby.

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