

Regarding the news story published in the Kitsap Daily on July 24, 2019: "SKSD school board candidates address district needs". Some issues to consider when voting for the new Director for SK School Board Director District No. 5.

Of the three choices for School Board Director for District No. 5, Mr. Daily clearly stands out as the superior candidate. Mr. Daily will insist on better board accountability for how and where our tax dollars are being spent. Mr. Daily will strive to ensure proper and responsible use of maintenance directed funds as they are allocated. He believes an increase in accountability is essential, and that the board must do far better in justifying to our community their decisions to approve current and future decisions on all education curriculums and programs. Mr. Daily's position is very clear; the community must be better apprised of where their tax dollars are being spent for all current and any future programs that require approval by the Board.

Mr. Daily believes the Board must do better in adhering to the State's basic education mandates. As a member of the Board, Mr. Daily will fully support those mandates and strive to ensure that adequate funding is being spent on programs that support basic education programs. Programs that are supposed to be leading to an increase in academic performance and excellence.

During the forum the incumbent (Mr. Wall) said nothing about checking with the community (the taxpayers) or informing them of where their tax dollars are being spent for current or future programs. As a member of the Board he has had the responsibility to approve student curriculums and student body association programs. This means he had to approve the Dungeons and Dragons Team as a program that meets the basic education curriculum requirements under the State's basic education mandate. Incredibly, this "program" was presented as a STEM Program (science, technology, engineering, mathematics). He also would have had to approve the Crewing Team (rowing competition), a program that serves very few students at an extremely high cost. As a member of the Board, he would have had to approve the Equestrian Team/ horseback competition program. This is an example of yet one more program that that clearly does not fall under the State's basic education mandate and offers very limited opportunity for very few students that does not justify the costs of this "program".

If you want superior management and accounting of our tax dollars, if you want to be fully informed and feel assured that all students are getting the best opportunity to succeed and achieve the highest levels of academic excellence as possible then the choice is crystal clear.