

SKSD Money Management

This year an 83% local school tax increase. And what next year?

In February a school board member said they should collect \$3.60 rather than \$2.50 per \$1,000. She said SKSD raised the \$1.50 to \$2.50 because they could and "we need it". No demonstration of any concern for struggling taxpayers. Central Kitsap School District chose to collect \$1.50 rather than \$2.50. CKSD continues to foster trust and confidence in their community, SKSD fosters neither.

SKSD promised us they'd fix our pool for \$5 million. A promise made to pass that levy. Now we learn it might cost twice that amount, maybe more. Will anyone be held accountable?

\$1 million budgeted to remodel science labs now over budget by 55%. Why? Lab contents stored in conex box got wet. Likely a total loss. Four Board members demonstrated no concern, had no discussion and approved the cost overrun. No questions for the project manager. Again - no one is held accountable.

A \$21,000,000 capital levy approved in 2018. Now 2020 and the District has yet to complete a priority list of projects to be done. A project manager was just hired last month, he stated there may not be enough levy dollars to complete all the promised projects.

And SKSD continues lobbying Olympia to change bond passage from 60% to 50%. Why? Because it 'should' be easier for them to pass bonds. If they can't manage smaller levies how can we trust them to responsibly manage bonds exceeding \$193,000,000 lasting 20-25 years?