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# Rising costs for schools shouldn't be passed to us

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In response to recent SKSD levy talks and letters from Mr. Jeff Daily and Ms. Laura Rarig Pugh.

I agree with Mr. Daily, and am also concerned with rising teacher/education costs. A pay increase of up to 20% is almost unheard of in the private sector. These costs continue to fall onto the backs of homeowners. It cannot continue, especially in a time many have been forced out of jobs due to Inslee's Covid mandates to close many businesses. However, in true SKSD fashion, it's all about them, not the struggling homeowner, out of work, trying to feed children, pay the mortgage and, have some type of Christmas, all while living within limited means.

Perhaps, SKSD implement an economics class, take the class, and learn to live within means. Increased health insurance costs for employees should come from them, not the taxpayer!

Why should we do with less so you can continue to have more?

To Ms. Pugh, teaching 165 students, I'm assuming that's spread out through six periods with an average of 27.5 kids per class? After 13 years of classroom experience, with a structured schedule, that seems manageable.

With online teaching, of course you will have "after hours" calls from parents, since many work during the day.

I always thought teaching was a calling, similar to nursing. Most got into it for the love of teaching, not the pay.

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