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Vote yes on the South Kitsap School District levy

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We're voting "YES!" on the South Kitsap School District Levy renewal. It funds programs and positions that aren't funded by the state's definition of basic education. It funds projects that are necessary for physical and mental safety of our children and community. The levy funds 100 percent of athletics, 100 percent of performing and visual arts, 100 percent of band and music programs, 15 percent of Transportation costs. It funds school nurses, librarians, counselors, resource officers, custodians, special education programs, etc. that are all necessary for the health and well-being of our students.

It's easy to complain that the state should fund all these programs and positions, but the reality is that the community is required to fund the difference or do without. If the levy fails these programs and positions are gone. If you feel the school district hasn't been transparent enough or hasn't communicated where the money has been spent, then contact Superintendent Winter or your School Board and get the information you need to be informed. The South Kitsap community and City of Port Orchard deserve a school district that educates our children and keeps them safe. This levy renewal, not a new tax, does this.

Vote "yes" on the South Kitsap School District Levy renewal!

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