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Our school board remains divided

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I suspect our community is tiring of hearing the constant infighting and bickering between our South Kitsap School Board Directors. Their dysfunction continues to cripple their ability to effectively govern. Critical decision-making is slowed down and adversely effects parents, students, and employees. Others see the district's finances in disarray, with claims of overspending and over hiring that the current budget can no longer support without the passage of larger, perhaps multiple levies.

The board bogs itself down, focused on individual agendas, often taking hours in conducting routine and "rote" business functions. There is a lopsided focus on format rather than substance. Agendas, now too long stifle meaningful and productive board discussions, in turn frustrating board members and the public, skewing the balance of other's viewpoints from being expressed. All too often discussions stop from a lack of tolerance, thus eliminating inclusive and or otherwise diverse opinions.

Our school board is failing us. They've lost focus and direction. They demonstrate division and exclusion as some members hope to return to the "good old" ways of doing business. Those promoting progression or changes are marginalized with attempts to silence them using antiquated group processes.

This board must prove it retains the ability to work together in a positive and harmonic fashion. Without these changes the passage of future levy's or bonds remains uncertain.

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