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## SK levy request doesn't track with state promise

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The South Kitsap School District flyer promoting the levy vote in a week does not address in any way the Legislative response to the McCleary decision. If you look at the 2017-18 budget and compare it to the 2020-2021 budget, the State's contribution increase exceeded the local levy amount. Describing this as a "replacement" is disgustingly disingenuous.

If this levy revenue is removed from the 2020-2021 budget, the SKSD budget is 11% higher than the 2017-2018 budget. With the levy they have a 24% revenue increase over four years, with just a 2% increase in the number of students.

The whole point of the Legislature's fix to McCleary was to shift the burden of basic education costs from our local levy to the state. The state did their part, but the SKSD is not being honest with the voters.

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