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## Who does levy opposition really help?

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I was in the military for 26 years and although not every dollar was spent most efficiently, the efforts were valuable. If you don't think public institutions are working as well as you would like I encourage you to volunteer, make them better, or even run for office. And the idea, from a school board member no less, that we are doing too much for our children is unbelievably disheartening.

Opponents of the levy are arguing that music and art are excessive? Social workers and psychologists? Librarians, Special Ed, computers, athletics — excessive? Why would you not want to give our children every opportunity to succeed?

Don't get me wrong, I do believe you can "spoil" a person. By never asking them to sacrifice for the greater good or by giving in to demands for perfection. But who is being spoiled by voting "No" on a continuation school levy — our children or our adults?

If you truly must choose between paying for essentials or this levy, I will work with you to create a more progressive tax system. But there is no way I can't afford it, especially if the cut comes at our children's expense. Vote yes for the South Kitsap schools levy by Tuesday. Our kids are counting on you.

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