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## SKSD still needs levy feedback

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I read many comments stating concerns after the passage of the 2021 SKSD levy. While many in our community consider the levy passage a “great victory”, 51% in favor vs. 49% against is not a great victory. Clearly, our community remains divided on levies and funding.

The 2013 levy passed by 62%; the 2017 one by 56%; and this one by 51%. This disparity in voting is a “flare” providing ample notice to the district and the board which reflects a disturbing downward trend that should no longer be ignored. It’s past time to ask all the voters why they voted the way they did. In this regard, I ask all of you to please send feedback to your respective school board representative as to your reasoning for your vote.

While many voted “yes” in support, nearly as many voted “no.” Why? Is it saving your job? Is it falling academic progress? Ever increasing taxes? Increases in employees, pay, and benefits? Outdated school facilities? Facility maintenance concerns? Exactly what are the reasons for this vote disparity? How prevalent is voter mistrust or concerns over how your tax dollars are being managed? What are the concerns with district personnel or school board performance?

As our community continues making progress against COVID and as “some” concerns fade, our district must address the need to improve, rebuild, or expand the districts existing facilities. As some folks have suggested, “it’s time to give the taxpayer what they want and ask what they will support.”

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