

OPINION

We're going to feel the tax increase

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It was informative to read the recent letter, 'School taxes could start to rise again.'

Not too sunny! Of course the SKSD wastes no time in raising the taxes..

I was curious as to what our increase would be. So I went online to see what our tax increase would be.

Our home value went up 20%. Our tax bill increased 26.5%. While it won't be as dramatic as some in our community will see, it amounts to a pay cut. We are on a fixed pension that does not enjoy COLA increases, as Boeing is a private pension payer, not state or government which can raise taxes to cover expenses.

Along with an earned SS benefit, we do not qualify for the paltry property tax break on a portion of tax bills. However, it's still a paycut.. two less movies out a month. It would be easy to cut two coffees/day each month, if we bought \$4 coffees daily.

Other areas increased as well on the tax statement. For some, an increase of \$50 can definitely be a game changer in the family budget!

I certainly hope the state, the school district and the city spend our funds wisely! One thing I've learned as an adult of many decades is that you never truly own your home. You lease it from the county! Now, if I could just get them to pay for new appliances or upkeep...

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