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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More scrutiny for SKSD board's resolution

A previous writer recommended looking at the South Kitsap School District board's Resolution 1281, which was sent to the Legislature. I found two items of concern to me.

The first item said that the district doesn't have any money to fix our schools and is asking for more money from the legislature. Didn't we just approve a \$24.1 million operations levy along with an average of 20 percent pay raises for all teachers? So what are we doing with our tax dollars if they aren't being used to fix the buildings?

Why all the pay raises if we can't fix the pool, the buildings, and other infrastructure? Who comes first, the kids or the adults in SK? Ask your school board member what is going on.

The second thing that disturbed me was the request to change the supermajority from 60 percent to 50 percent plus one. The supermajority prevents a slight majority from taxing a large minority for questionable items. If the law is changed, 50.01 percent of voters who cast a ballot will have the power to commit the other 49.99 percent to taxes/bonds for up to 30 years for something that may or may not be in the community's best interest. That affects the whole community (rich and poor; young and old), not just those who want something because it sounds like a good idea and are rich.

Write your state legislators and tell them to keep the supermajority. Try the website at CitizensSupportingSouthKitsapSchools.com for more information.

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