

OPINION

What has happened to that tax relief?

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Remember that good deal we got on the education property tax relief by the state?

There is a strong possibility that it will go away next year. The House and Senate are also considering bills to lower the 60 percent requirement to pass school bonds down to 50 percent. Looks like the state wants to drop this "tax problem" back in our laps in 2020.

Our legislators are working hard to pass bills to wipe our meager one-year tax break on education funding. One bill will remove the \$1.50 per \$1,000 levy cap for school levies. If the bills go into effect, our legislators may be in trouble with the Washington State Supreme Court again. Removing the tax limit (levy cap) on our property may be a violation of the court settlement they made in the McCleary decision to fully fund K-12 education.

So much for promises made, and promises kept.

However, it may not be too late! Write your legislators and tell them how you feel. You can find contact information for your state Senators and representatives at <http://leg.wa.gov>. It's also worth your time to look up "Citizens Supporting South Kitsap Schools", at www.citizenssupportingsouthkitsapschools.com.

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