

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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To the editor:

The South Kitsap School District needs \$2.8 million in 2026 to replace Chromebooks.

Let me remind taxpayers of some things they are funding currently. Since 2006, they have been paying a Maintenance and Operations levy at a cost of \$25 million per year.

For the last eight years, taxpayers also have been paying SKSD \$25 million more per year on a second M&O levy.

That means the district has collected about \$700 million dollars for M&O levies.

What does “M” mean SKSD? It means maintaining, repairing, replacing damaged items, etc., of any/all taxpayer-owned materials/items. We are now officially aware that maintenance has been almost nil since the inception of the American School System.

What does “O” mean SKSD? It means “We the People,” the employer of all SKSD employees, are paying you to care for our taxpayer-owned system. Constant levy demands are made every year to accomplish the same work year after year that is never accomplished.

I am extremely curious why SKSD is receiving \$50 million per year of M&O money, and they are not replacing Chromebooks they know are going to die? They know when they were purchased how long they would last.

This nation’s school system is not functioning properly or in a cost-effective manner so it is obvious that the employer (we taxpayers) needs to stop or greatly curtail all funding to school districts.

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