



HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

At the bottom of this page is a link that takes you directly to our state legislators registration page to give testimony on the plan to lower the passage rate rate of school bonds from 60% down to 50% +1.

Did you know that only fifteen schools districts of the 295 in our state consistently fail to pass their bonds? South Kitsap School District is one of them. Senate Joint Resolution 8207 intends to change that, and in fact it is an effort lobbied by South Kitsap School District Board of Directors. This change to our Constitution is sponsored by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. If you think more money for more schools is the answer to improving student academic performance you are wrong. Check out the student report card(s) for all school districts in Washington State. If you believe lower the threshold to pass bonds will solve the academic decline problem, you would be wrong. Bonds don't hire teachers or buy books, bonds are for school construction. **DON'T LOWER THAT BAR!**

Here is the link to OSPI student report cards:

<https://washingtonstatereportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/>

Our legislators will begin meeting in Olympia on January 8th and are set to adjourn on March 7th. SJR 8207, if passed, would have the effect of making a change to our Constitution to lower the requirement of YES votes to pass school bonds down to a simple majority of 50% +1. **The title is "Amending the Constitution to allow a majority of voters voting to authorize school district bonds."** Doing this will do nothing more than enabling those few (15) failing schools districts to pass their bonds. The answer is not to lower the bar, the answer is for these districts to prove their fealty to their voters. This simply comes down to the voters feeling their school district are failing them and their kids. No trust that the districts have any fealty when it comes to them spending community tax dollars. They have lost that trust and confidence of their voters. These 15 school districts continue failing to effectively, efficiently, and responsibly manage the funds they are given. Its time to have your voice heard. **Join the hearing to be held on January 10, 2024 starting at 10:00 am Here is your link to register and give testimony on this extremely important legislation:**

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/Testifier/Add?chamber=Senate&mId=31530&aId=155953&caId=22748&tId=2>