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Why the special treatment for school district leaders?

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Reading the Sun's recent story on the Bremerton School District superintendent's contract, it should be no surprise there are problems at times with district employees. What continues to surprise is me is this notion that we must give a superintendent the three-year contract and continually roll it over, so they are always three years out. I kind of get it for the start of the contract, as they may be moving or leaving a job elsewhere. But who else gets this kind of treatment except a franchise quarterback in the NFL?

We all take risks in life in business or career advancement. Why are they a protected class? The past North Kitsap superintendent cost \$300,000 a year with all the benefits, and has made in the range of \$120,000 since being forced to resign. I would be sure the fact the the NK board had her contract rolled over to three years worked against a reasonable separation. When will we learn as a community it is not about the kids? When we demand that we stop this expectation of a continual three-year roll?

Our school staff and teachers deserve respect when due them. A GS 15 Step 10, the highest available pay rate in federal service, makes \$193,000. What skill set, what education, what experience makes local school employees get paid so much more? Just remember, it is not about the kids.

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