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# State, not an SK levy, should fund schools | Letters

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I am opposed to the South Kitsap District's Levy Renewal as presented to our community. This school district has not been transparent continuing to deify the need to know what they are doing or spending our levy tax dollars on.

The Washington State Constitution has decided that the state provides ample education for all students in the state public school system. McCleary v State Supreme Court of Washington decision in 2012. While McCleary was a victory there continues dialog between the Court and Washington State Legislature.

The state does fund basic education! This current renewal levy is for all the extras: School safety and security, athletics, arts, and extracurricular activities, health services, of which are impacting parental rights through additional counselors. All the mentions are wanted and are not necessarily needed by the district.

Until the Legislature is providing initiative-taking solutions for improving Washington State's education requirements and are serious about setting priorities that will lessen the tax burden on our communities, now is the time to oppose this renewal levy.

Vote no on February 11. *Ron Flerx, Port Orchard*

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