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## Board member isn't working for SK schools

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Now that South Kitsap Voters have passed the school levy, it's a relief to know that students returning to classrooms in the wake of the pandemic will not have to suffer through budget cuts and staffing turmoil during a time when they need stability and a strong support system. The amazing thing is that the levy passed despite SK School Board member Jeff Daily's best efforts to undermine it and thus gut the array of opportunities available to students.

The four board members who have persevered despite Daily's many "No," "Nay" and "Abstain" votes deserve our gratitude for their conscientious effort to do right by our schools. Don't get me wrong, this is not a case of one board member simply disagreeing about district priorities; it is about an individual acting disagreeable toward colleagues and every administrator, teacher, and classified employee group in the district. Daily's most recent letter to the Sun ("SKSD still needs levy feedback", March 2) seems to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory, and judging from his call to action, we can expect more contentiousness in the name of what he alleges to be "voter mistrust."

As author Ken Kesey used to say during his Merry Prankster years, "You're either on the bus or you're off the bus." When it comes to buses, Mr. Daily has missed the big yellow one. It's time for him to resign his seat and make space for someone willing to work with others in good faith to keep the bus running on all cylinders.

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