

# FW: Middle School Tracks

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I was shown a copy of the proposed track for Sedgwick today. What it shows is a 375 meter 4 lane track wrapped tightly around the football field. If you look closely you will see that there is plenty for the length and width to be added to create a 400 meter competition style track. I am not sure what the real reason is that you are resistant to building a regulation track...will someone please explain that to me?

What is the difference in cost to put in what you are proposing versus a 400 meter track?

Would you consider you consider putting in an 80 yard football field or a baseball field that didn't have enough room to put in 3<sup>rd</sup> base? Why does the Track have to come out with something less? Track here has consistently had some of the highest numbers of participants of any sport.

I would be happy to sit down with any or all of you to discuss this matter. I am frustrated by a lack of real answers.

Kenneth Durham

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**From:** Durham, Ken

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I sent this message to John Berg back in October but have not heard any response from him so I am forwarding it to the rest of you at this time. I realize that three of you were not on the board at that time. Here is the link to the original document from the District Website. [Capital Levy 2018 - South Kitsap School District \(skschools.org\)](https://www.skschools.org/Capital-Levy-2018-South-Kitsap-School-District)

Respectfully

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**From:** Durham, Ken

**Sent:** Sunday, October 17, 2021 9:43 PM

**To:** Berg, John <[berg@skschools.org](mailto:berg@skschools.org)>

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I am concerned the the people of this community voted for a capitol levy a few years ago under the understanding that tracks were to be built at John Sedgwick and Marcus Whitman. Over the last year I have heard varying stories about what that might look like. I, as well as the community, were under the understanding that meant we were going to have competition style tracks at both schools. I have heard there was a proposal to put in 300 meter tracks. That is not even regulation length. Then I was told that we, at Sedgwick, were going to get a four lane track. Neither of these is what the community voted to fund. I

am told there is not enough money to put in regulation tracks. That is interesting since that was what was promised while at the same time we can fund an \$8,000,000 renovation of the pool at the high school (an amount that was not in the capital levy that was passed).

I have been coaching track at Sedgwick for nearly 30 years and have heard the same story many time. "Sedgwick is going to get a track". As a board you wonder why it is difficult to pass levies and impossible to pass bonds...would you like the answer? You as a board have lost credibility with the community. We vote to support items and then you do a bait and switch on the community.

If you put in real tracks at the middle schools you would take the pressure off the high school facility. The other schools in our league have tracks to practice and compete on. Why is South Kitsap the only district in the league that does not have facilities for the middle schools?

I am frustrated by the promises and the lack of follow through. The track should have been put in when the school was built...no other sport in our building is asked to practice under such conditions. The area that is marked out for practice around the football field has sprinkler heads and other hazards that the athletes need to navigate.

Just do it right. Reestablish credibility in the community. Give us what we voted for and paid for.

Kenneth W. Durham