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To whom it may concern,
SKSS responds to the allegations below accordingly.

Allegation one: SKSS disclosed the full cost of signs for the 2021 Levy campaign, in accordance with law. The only expense occurred during the campaign for these signs were for stickers to alter the signs to make them applicable to the Levy election. The signs, stakes, and screws were previously purchased during the November 2018 Bond and Capital Levy campaign, and expenditures were reported to the PDC as required at that time. Following the November 2018 campaign, the signs were collected and stored by members of the PAC for reuse in future campaigns. As the previous signs were applicable to both a Bond and Levy, alteration was required to make them applicable to only a Levy election. As such, the PAC purchased stickers from Capitol City Press to place on the signs for re-use. Following the February 2021 election, signs were again immediately collected for reuse in future elections.

Allegation two: SKSS did not publish, mail, or contribute to the creation, publication, or mailing of any fliers for the February 2021 Levy Campaign. Informational materials which were generated by the South Kitsap School District were done independently without input, review, or collaboration with SKSS. SKSS did not share costs or provide any support whatsoever for the generation of these materials. SKSS maintains independence in this matter because while SKSS can advocate for a position on a measure, SKSD can only provide information materials without advocacy for a position.

SKSS did not make any expenditures in excess of \$1,000 between January 19th and February 9th.

If there are additional allegations that the PDC wishes to inquire about, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Gerry K. Austin
Treasurer
South Kitsap School Supporters