

# PDC Complaint Response

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reported via email

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To:"pdc@pdc.wa.gov" <pdc@pdc.wa.gov>

Mr. Stutzman,

Please accept our apology for not seeing the request for response to the PDC complaint. As mentioned, the emails went to the district SPAM folder and we failed to notice and retrieve them.

This is the South Kitsap School District's official response to PDC inquiry on February 9, 2021 EP&O Levy communication complaint.

The bulleted list below is in response to #4 on page nine in the complaint from Larry Mann (see attached). The complaint is inaccurate in several areas.

- A. There was a single factual community wide mailer produced and distributed to all residents in the boundaries of South Kitsap School District for the Educational Programs & Operations Levy. There was only one four-page mailer not five as claimed in complaint. A pdf of the mailer is attached.
- B. The mailer does not ask for a yes vote as claimed in the complaint. The mailer contains only factual information related to the programs and positions funded by the EP&O levy. It reminds residents to return ballots and not vote a particular way.
- C. The mailer clearly states the document was paid for by South Kitsap School District (see shaded area with nondiscrimination statement on bottom of page four)
- D. The graphic design of the mailer was done by SKSD staff during regular hours. Printing was completed by FedEx and mailing completed by Olympic Presort. The cost of the mailer was not \$55,000 as claimed in the complaint but actually \$7,037.08. Please see the breakdown below:
  - a. Printing cost for 32,500 copies was \$3,188.25
  - b. Mailing cost for approximately 31,740 copies on January 19, 2021 was \$3,848.83.

In addition to the mailer, we held numerous virtual Levy Facts Presentations for the public. Attached is the schedule. We also utilized school and district reader boards encouraging the public to vote as we do with all elections whether a SKSD issue is on the ballot or not.

Robert Parker mentions the SK20 bus photo on the voteskschools.com website. That photo was not produced by the School Supporter group. The photo was posted on the South Kitsap School District website and must have been copied from there similar to the photos posted on the Citizens Supporting South Kitsap Schools website that are from the South Kitsap School District website.

Please let me know if there is anything else you need in response to the complaint.

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