

SACHEM COMMUNITY WATCH

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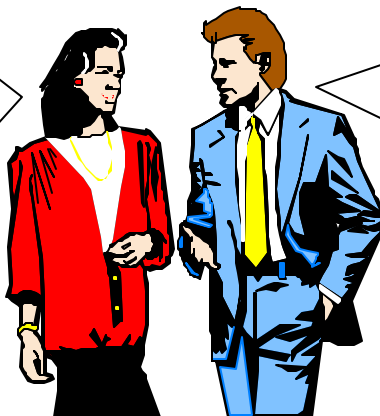
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And show up at the next Board Meeting. **Demand that the reserves be used so our children are not punished because of the Board's excessive spending.**

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If we don't give them the money to continue their crazy spending, they will punish the kids. That's blackmail.

Whatever, it is doesn't matter. We have to stop it! We have to organize like the teachers & special interests before the Board makes it impossible to live here.



No! It's Extortion! The difference between a passed and failed budget is only \$6million. If we vote no they will not return the \$10million they overcharged us in the past and will cut services to the Kids by 12 million. Ripping us off for \$22 million if we don't give them \$6 million is definitely extortion.

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The projected passed budget tax increase will be 17% ... **\$17.8 MILLION (\$740 per taxpayer)**

Reserves are created with taxpayer dollars. **+ One time cost \$6 MILLION (\$250 Per taxpayer)**

Fund Balance is last year's taxpayer dollars **+ One time cost \$4 MILLION (\$166 Per taxpayer)**

The projected austerity budget tax increase will be 14% ... **\$14.6 MILLION (\$607 per taxpayer)**

(The Board will not use \$6 million of Reserves & 4 million of Fund Balance to reduce taxes if the budget fails.)

Cost of Passed Budget **\$1,155 per taxpayer** Cost of Failed Budget **\$607 per taxpayer**

THE TAX INCREASE WILL BE 17% IF THEY KEEP IT THEIR WORD AND AS MUCH AS 23% IF THEY DON'T

The \$30 Million Spending increase has nothing to do with education its about salary, benefits & patronage

2003-04 TEACHER & ADMINISTRATOR BASE SALARIES

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We can't let the voters know that the entire tax increase is going to the teachers. Some of those teachers are our children and many are close friends. And don't forget those fat contracts we gave our buddies and your kid. So let's use the reconfiguration bonds as a cover up . We'll make an \$800,000 bond line increase look like \$5 million. The voters will never remember what we told them last year.

Yeah, and since we increased the budget by \$3million over what they voted on. We can switch the budget numbers from \$222 million to \$225 million. The voters are too stupid to remember what they voted for and \$225 million is closer to the \$250 ops!! the \$244 million we are looking for.

Listen, since we can't take anything away from the children. Let's extort the voters! We'll promise to reduce taxes by \$10 million if they pass the budget and if they don't we won't! We got away with it last year and we don't have to keep our word.

Yeah, that promise, will make \$123 million tax levy look like \$117 million and "Sachem Math" will make 17% tax increase look like 12%. They won't find out until they get their tax bill. And then it's too late.

The only way we can do it all is with smoke, mirrors, and good old "Sachem Math" sprinkled with extortion!

Look, the voters don't know that we bought the tow-truck, buses, other stuff they voted down or the \$9 million computer contract we slipped by them. Man, if we can pull this off, we should consider becoming used car salesmen.

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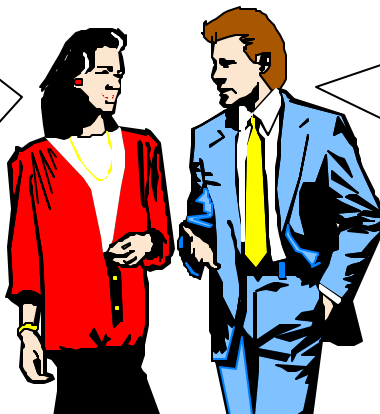
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