



**Commissioner  
Josh W. Brown**



## Support CK Schools...

There is a crisis in funding K-12 education in Washington State. As such, I am asking our community to do what you can to support CK schools and all of our students. If there is one thing we need to do well, even in the depths of this recession, it is to educate our children. The future of these students, our community and the economy depend upon it. The education we provide today will last a lifetime.

The cuts to the State's education programs are real and they are deep. Like many of you, I personally benefitted from the strong public schools in our County. I am proud of the fact that we have a school district in Central Kitsap that is recognized as one of the best in the State of Washington. This excellence and the positive impact it brings to our community is at risk.

While Central Kitsap struggles to keep their basic programs intact, many things are at risk of being reduced or eliminated including advanced placement classes, music programs, transportation routes, co-curricular activities such as drama, sports and more. Classroom sizes will increase without additional support. The Supplemental School Support Levy will not maintain everything—but it will help lessen the damage.

Election Day is coming on February 14th. Please vote!

## Open Office Hours A Great Success

On January 24th, I held my first "open office hours" at the Silverdale Library. It was a great success! I had 7 individuals drop by to discuss issues, provide feedback, or simply meet me in person. The highlight for me was visiting with a group of 20 kids from a local Montessori school on a field trip to the library. They had tougher questions for me than the adults I met with earlier that day!

It is important to me as an elected official to be available to the public to address your concerns. I hope that these monthly office hours in Silverdale will be helpful for citizens and make me more effective as your County Commissioner.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank Melody Eisler, librarian for the Silverdale branch who made these open office hours possible. Along with suggesting the idea, Melody helped to pull the event off by promoting it with library patrons and the general public. This is another example of the library's efforts to make the Silverdale branch a welcome hub for the entire community.



When we find a date for my next Open Office Hours in Silverdale, I will let you know. I hope to see you