

SEA members,

Your SEA bargainers first met as a team and then with the school board's bargaining team for over five hours today (Sunday, Aug. 26). We made it clear that SEA members are unwilling to bail the board out after its years of fiscal mismanagement. It's outrageous and irresponsible for the board to make students and staff members pay the price for its bad budget decisions. The Shoreline School Board has a credibility crisis, as well as a financial one. After at least a decade of revolving-door superintendents, overpaid consultants, and questionable no-bid contracts, how could we even trust that cuts to educator contracts would result in a balanced budget? Yet the school board still hasn't agreed to a settlement we can bring to you on Wednesday. That means we need to have a huge turnout at Monday night's school board meeting so the board sees our commitment and support for our SEA Bargaining Team.

Join us tomorrow (Monday, Aug. 27) at 6:30 PM in front of the Shoreline Center. The board meeting begins at 7:30, and again, we invite you to stay as long as possible and to put a face on some of the school board's proposed cuts. Do you have a story about how high impact and inclusion dollars or activity pay funds are used in your building? Please plan to speak at the board meeting and tell that story! Hopefully the school board will once again agree to adjust the agenda to allow public comment earlier in the meeting. I look forward to seeing you tomorrow and continuing our **Fight for the Future of Shoreline Schools!**

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