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McCleary case attorney, superintendents to discuss school funding

Today at 5:00AM

BREMERTON — The League of Women Voters of Kitsap will mark the back-to-school season with an ambitious public program on school funding issues.

“State School Funding and McCleary: A Local Perspective” is slated for Sept. 17, from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Bremerton High School Performing Arts Center, 1500 13th St.

Tom Ahearn, chief counsel for the McCleary plaintiffs, will give a presentation on the case that resulted in the state Supreme Court ruling that the state was not providing adequate funding for public schools.

Although the Legislature increased funding during the most recent session in Olympia, it did not meet benchmarks set out in the court decision.

For the local perspective, our five Kitsap County school superintendents, hosted by Bremerton Superintendent Dr. Aaron Leavell, will have a panel discussion on the effects of state school funding at the local level.

The superintendents will discuss funding issues in their districts, their expectations for the coming state budget cycle and suggested questions for legislative candidates in the November election.

The panel will also touch on special programs, successes or recognition that distinguish their schools.

The public is invited to come and learn more about the challenges facing educators in our area and around the state.

For more information about this program, call Sharon Shrader at (360) 373-9608.

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