

As you heard from Superintendent Corey Lunn late last week, the potential list of cuts to our schools will make the next few years more challenging than we could have imagined. Either we get parents, supportive neighbors and extended families to the polls to vote yes to the levies and bond Nov. 8th, or we spend the next several years re-doubling our PTA/PTO fund-raising efforts to try and make up for the severe cuts to our school programs. We CAN do something about it and we can do it now.

As a PTA chair, I am asking that you help us make one big, strong push in the next three weeks to get our parents and young adult children to the polls Nov. 8th to vote yes to all three of the district's questions. Getting our parents to polls is our best chance to win.

Want to know what you can do? Start by voting yes to all three questions Nov. 8th. Then volunteer to convince undecided voters to vote with us. If you can help make those contacts, volunteer directly on the Yes to Kids! website at www.yestokids.com or send an email message to the Yes to Kids! volunteer coordinator at volunteer@yestokids.com . They can get you a list of people to contact, some materials to share, and some talking points to guide the conversations.

As parents, we can also make a visible stand in support of the levies. Parents can wear Vote Yes stickers and stickers reminding other parents to vote on Nov. 8th, particularly as we get closer to election day.

Something else that is good to know: The Yes to Kids! committee is a group of 834 parents, trying to juggle a million things at once, just like us and have added working on the levy campaign to their own to-do lists. They have made an intentional decision to win support by staying focused on a positive outcome rather than by getting into a public fight.

If you have other ideas on how to rally support among our parents for the levies and bond, please let me know. Thanks!