

Vote to support earned tax increase

A very important election is coming up, even though it is a primary in an off year, that will have ramifications for years to come. School board members, the same ones who turned down Act 51 because of the effects it would have on their puppet masters, are now saying vote no on the earned (or income) tax increase.

Their line is you'll pay more in income taxes than you'd save in property taxes. This is probably true, for now. But what happens 10 or 20 years down the road? You'll then be on a fixed income and, if this tax increase is not passed, your property taxes will keep going up.

The Bangor Area School Board is proposing an income tax (which will tax savings and other things not taxed by an earned income tax) to try to scare people who have a lot of dividend and interest money to supplement Social Security. To those on the fence: Do you make \$60,000, \$70,000 or \$80,000 a year on interest and dividends? If not, it won't hurt at all.

The puppet masters are another story. Maybe they should start to feel a little pain in their wallets for all the years of selfishness and disregard for the people who've been paying their salaries. When they feel the pinch of year after year of tax increases the way property owners have, they might think twice before always asking for the stars before settling on the moon.

So everyone who can should vote for the tax increase. It might not help you now, but down the road you will be happy you did.

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