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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you regarding this article about bus fees once again going up for the Central Okanagan families. How is this justifiable? Look at the compensation being paid out to the 5 board members? It is disgusting that they can keep giving themselves raises year after year while us families have to fork out more money each year just to get our children to school. 50% increase in 5 years if this increase is approved. We live on the outskirts of town and do not have access to the local public transit like city children.

<https://www.castanet.net/news/Kelowna/533556/Central-Okanagan-school-board-to-debate-increasing-busing-fees-again#533556>

Every year more raises???

<https://www.castanet.net/news/Kelowna/448320/Executive-salaries-rise-at-Central-Okanagan-School-District>

More fee increases to get our kids to school on the bus? Increasing fees on parents year after year to pay for atrocious compensation, included with the "operation costs".

2020 fees were \$300 per child- if increased to \$600 per child, that is double the price for parents.

School District 23 Board (5 Members) Compensation:

2023/24 Compensation \$1,409,806 (\$105,741 Raise from previous year)

2022/23 Compensation \$1,304,065 (\$114,766 Raise from previous year)

2021/22 Compensation \$1,189,299

Kevin Kaardell earns \$356,012 per year in compensation!

How about the \$250k shortfall in the budget is lightened by reviewing these huge incomes for five staff.

How is this justifiable? Who are you to take such massive compensation raises when families are struggling every day? Local families do not get paid this type of income, but yet are the ones being taxed to death to pay for these huge and inappropriate incomes to these board members.

I am demanding an answer as to how this is justifiable.

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