

## Letters

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Last Update Wednesday, May 24th, 2023

### Mailer's headlines didn't tell voters the full story

Many Oregon voters, including those in Josephine County, recently received a postcard in the mail with headlines pulled from various sources with the words "A quick review of recent headlines show that school districts across the state are shifting from the essentials of education (reading, writing, math, science, etc.) to an assortment of controversial ideologies..." Clearly, it was a "quick" review as the postcard claims because anyone who went and read the full articles would discover the portions of headlines on the postcards did not accurately reflect what the articles said.

For example, the headline about suspending essential skills testing is temporary. This is not a shift away from the essentials of education as the headline may imply, but a recognition of the impact on student learning the pandemic caused. For each story you may have gone and read, a different picture of the gravity or accuracy of the headline would have been seen.

Catchy headlines are intended to draw a reader into a story and do not always convey the main points covered in an article. It is our responsibility to keep reading in order to not let sensationalism based on misinformation mislead us. Our community deserves the support of a well-informed public. Next time you see a catchy headline, consider reading the entire story.

And for those of you who did read this entire letter, kudos to the Courier for the catchy headline they used to get you to this point.

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