

Cottage Grove Sentinel

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# Opinion

**The First Amendment**  
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

"I never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend." —Thomas Jefferson (1800)



LETTERS

**TAYLOR RIGHT PERSON FOR SCHOOL BOARD**

I am writing in support of my husband, Taylor Wilhour, who is running for School Board Position 2.

Taylor has been a valuable member of the school board because he is knowledgeable and level-headed. He looks at issues from all sides and supports the choice that offers the most benefit for our kids and our teachers.

We have kids in the school district in both traditional and charter schools. Cottage Grove has been a wonderful community to live and work in.

I am grateful that he has chosen to give back by volunteering in the schools and serving on the Board.

Taylor Wilhour has my vote for School Board Position 2.

—Zuzanna Wieckowska, MD  
Cottage Grove

**RE-ELECT A CHAMPION FOR STUDENTS, FAMILIES**

As a member of the Lane Education Service District Board, I have been privileged to work with Rose Wilde, a dedicated and innovative advocate for students and their families.

Rose Wilde has shown incredible leadership skills, as a Chair of the LESD Board, member of the Legislative Policy Committee for the Oregon School Board Association and now, as Chair of Oregon Association of ESDs, where

she co-founded the Equity and Racial Task Force.

She has trained school board members from across the state at our conventions and seminars.

Before Rose joined the Lane ESD Board eight years ago, she had already demonstrated her deep care and compassion for children and families, working with the 90-by-30 organization, where she connected with many community members, as well as Womenspace in Eugene.

Rose carried that compassion forward in her board work to ensure success for all of our K-12 students in Lane County, no matter what their background.

Her newest priority is expanding Career and Technical Education services to give an opportunity for all students to train for a living wage job.

Rose Wilde has eight years of work experience for the Lane ESD board, as well as significant connections at the state level. She offers the stability and continuity we need as we cautiously reopen schools.

I want Rose to continue to engage with students and families while she helps build a vision for our future. I will be voting for our champion, Rose Wilde.

—Nora Kent  
Deadwood

**CREATIVITY, EXPERIENCE NEEDED FOR LCC BOARD**

I have known Mark Boren for a couple of years. He was born and raised in Lane County and raised a family in the Fern Ridge area. I noticed that he is passionate about education and training.

He is currently Chairman of the Board of Fern Ridge School District, so I was excited when he told me he was running for Position 1 on the Lane Community College Board of Education.

As a Firefighter/EMT by profession and specifically a Training Officer, he began as a volunteer and continued for six years while working as an Instructional Assistant in Special Education for the Lane Education Service District.

Mark believes that LCC is primed to support the Career Technical Education needs of the ever-growing programs in the local school districts. We need someone who can hit the ground running.

Too often, people run for the Lane Community College Board as a political stepping-stone.

Not Mark.

Lane Community College is a place where he can add creativity and experience to helping instructors, students and their families succeed.

—Sherry Harvey  
Florence

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