

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Decreased poverty level estimates are a good thing rather than a cause for school budget concerns

The 12/18/19 issue of the *Hermiston Herald* had an article discussing our poverty level estimates and how it effected the Title V Rural and Low Income Schools grant for the Hermiston School District. For the 2019-2020 school year the district became

ineligible for the grant, which amounted to more than \$85,000.

The U.S. Department of Education, using the most current available data, found that the District's eligibility poverty rate had dropped below the 20% threshold to less than 17%.

Last year the rate was 24.4%.

To me, this would be something to celebrate.

I am not familiar with the data collection techniques used for these determinations; however, I am cautiously optimistic this could be a trend

based on our improving economy.

What concerned me about the article, rather than the diminishing rate being a positive, it was framed in how certain school services were going to have to be modified and money taken from the gen-

eral fund or other places in order to maintain these services at their current funding levels.

It strikes me that the district sees this as a glass half empty rather than half full and they have budgets they have to forecast, but I would be much more

interested in learning what is being done right to lift our citizens out of poverty and stretching district tax dollars.

Which, in my estimation, is always a good thing for everyone.

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