

I live in Medford, Oregon, and have 4 school-age children. This bill is important, and not because we are all overt racists. We are all humans, simply doing our best, with our best intentions, trying to care of ourselves and families in the ways we know how. This bill is important because the legacy of slavery, of implicit bias, and racism are present in our institutions. In order for our state, and our country, to create a world in which there is true equality and equity, our schools must introduce real anti-oppression curriculum. Teachers are best equipped to present the material to children who may not be hearing about inequality, and what we can do about it, at home. Schools are a place where education, even of our ugly past, will continue to shape the world we all live together in. Schools are a place where children learn the tools that will assist them not just with their chosen career, but with life skills and interpersonal skills. Knowledge is power, let's give our children the power grow into adults who truly care for the plight of others, and who have the skills to rectify our collective history's wrongs.