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Q1 Which of these arts did you have as part of your K-12 education? **Music,**
Theatre,
Visual Arts

Q2 How did learning in the arts impact your education and life after high school??

I gained an appreciation and understanding of visual beauty that I otherwise might have missed.

Q3 How would you describe the current status of arts education in your district? What's good, and where is there room for improvement?The arts (dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts) are a core subject in our state definition of basic education, and in federal law.(1) However, the reality is that many schools are not providing adequate arts instruction.(2)

I would say that parts of the program are outstanding, other parts somewhat limited and therefore subsidized by the community. We can always do better.

Q4 How would you describe your role in ensuring that there is an equitable provision of standards-based arts instruction for all students in your district? What strategies would you use to support this?A well-rounded curriculum is a key part of a high-quality education. However, studies(3) show that over the past decade the arts have been crowded out of the school day.

A school director's role is to try to insure that all programs are more than adequate. The legislative approach (fully fund public education) is imperative. The next best step is to continue to engage with the community for additional funding. Since our community is small, the options can be limited.

Q5 How do you see the arts playing a role in student success in your district?Extensive research (4) has shown that arts education increases student engagement. It helps close opportunity gaps, reduces dropout rates, helps more students be college-ready, and develops the creativity needed in the 21st-century workforce.

There are many students from our district who have gone on to successful careers in Hollywood and New York, and many many others in graphic arts, visual arts, sculpture and dance. School is a start, mentoring and belief in talent is also important.

DO VOTERS KNOW YOUR VIEWS ON ARTS EDUCATION?

Q6 If elected, which of these strategies would you consider for supporting arts education in your district? (Check all that apply)

Research current arts programs and assess needs at district buildings.

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Work for a budget to financially support arts instruction at all schools.

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Utilize arts organizations to support arts instruction and professional development for classroom teachers.

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Find opportunities under ESSA to use federal funds to support arts education.

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Develop or update a district level arts plan. Outline policies, goals, and strategies for implementing arts education for all students.

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Share research about the benefits of arts learning with colleagues.

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