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Q1 Which of these arts did you have as part of your K-12 education?

Media Arts,
Visual Arts,
Theatre,
Music

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

I enjoyed a variety of arts ed while in school, providing me with several paths for expressing ideas, thoughts and feelings. Ultimately, my career has been creative work through communication and marketing.

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)

Orting is a small but growing community. There are several options for students to engage in the arts through music, choir, culinary arts, media and more. If students have interest in other areas, I am open to hearing their ideas.

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.

As a board member, my primary role is to review policy so it leads to the strongest environment for learning and support of our students. Our leadership is strong and focused on each student. My role will be to consider all the perspectives, ask questions, and engage in healthy discussion resulting in the best possible outcomes for our students.

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.

Students bring many talents to our community and through the arts, they can be challenged and succeed in new ways. The skills, social engagement and curiosity that comes through involvement in the arts have lifelong value.

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)

Create a local arts education task-force.

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

Share research about the benefits of arts learning with colleagues.

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

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

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

Research current arts programs and assess needs at district buildings.

Other Ideas (please specify):

Our school teachers and leaders have firsthand knowledge of student needs. I would consider whatever recommendations they bring to the board.

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Q7 Please enter your name and school district.

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