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

Dance,
Media Arts,
Music,
Theatre,
Visual Arts

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

Expanded my creativity, confidence and global understanding of cultures.

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)

Our schools don't rely on one 'art' teacher to teach all required and supplementary subject matter; we bring in experts from around our community, some world renowned, to bolster our students enjoyment, love and understanding of the arts.

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.

Our students need more space to practice and learn. Our current music room space is inadequate. I am working to pass a bond in November 2017 that will provide a new multipurpose music room. This new room is designed to properly resonate sound like a performance hall, and allows adequate space for our students to dance, play string instruments, and fully practice together.

DO VOTERS KNOW YOUR VIEWS ON ARTS EDUCATION?

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.

Beyond the facts stated here, "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..." arts education and exploration encourages the type of cross brain connection (left, right lobe balanced thinking) that promotes critical thinking, and is proven to increase mindfulness and happiness plus reduce anxiety, depression, loneliness and fatigue; it provides both an outlet for students expression in a system driven by rigid state standards and transforms individual consciousness so students learn to apply their individual strengths in a way that benefits an entire team.

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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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.

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Share research about the benefits of arts learning with colleagues.

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Other Ideas (please specify):

I believe we already have most of these in place.

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