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

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

I love the performing arts: instrumental and vocal concerts and plays.

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)

There is an inequity in vocal music education. One high school and one middle school have state-recognized programs and multiple choirs. The other two secondary schools are forming choirs as best as their student enrollment allows them.

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.

I've been an vocal art proponent for years, and many parents of secondary school students, especially, recognize me as a solid booster of the arts. I would update our four-year old district Arts policy and push for an Arts procedure and revised district field trip rules.

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 gel as a team in a choir as much as players on a football team will unite. The companionship gives some students a 'home' in school that wouldn't otherwise be there. Student participation in the arts does indeed increase student engagement and student success.

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

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Q7 Please enter your name and school district.

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