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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??

The skills of practice and team work I learned in music, and team work and public presence I learned in theater have contributed greatly to both my personal and professional life.

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)

Currently our K-12 schools are dramatically underfunded by the State, and many of our schools only have arts education programs because of generous parent groups or non-profit groups. We need for the State to fully fund education so that we can provide arts education for every student.

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.

Again, arts programs aren't funded, and we need to increase funding and ensure that every school has arts programs.

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.

Art education is critical to a well rounded education. The arts are also know to increase understanding in math and sciences. It is important to provide arts education for every student.

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)

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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Q7 Please enter your name and school district.

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