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

Dance,
Music,
Theatre,
Visual Arts

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

The experiences I had in the arts was significant and set me on the path to higher education, where my major was commercial art and I was on the ballroom dance team. Visual arts continue to be a tool in my every day 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)

I believe North Thurston offers a wide variety of opportunities on all levels and we are making a serious effort this year to ensure that more students can take advantage of 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.

As school board members we help oversee the programs in the arts and attend events that showcase students participating in diverse vocal and instrumental music, visual arts and dance. On my part I will always speak up for them. We meet at our neighborhood schools where students perform for us and they are always well attended by parents and families.

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.

Let's just quote the above statement..."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." Amen to that.

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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Other Ideas (please specify):

This survey has brought the arts into focus for me today and I appreciate the reminder.

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Q7 Please enter your name and school district.

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