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

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

It gave me an appreciation of music (especially) and art that has added considerable enjoyment to my 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)

There's an excellent music program and a great high school theater program. I believe the visual and media arts - not to mention dance - are neglected.

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.

The school board is responsible for assuring that state and federal education standards are met. All of the strategies in #6 are great ideas for Ellensburg (except research, which the board has heard lots about concerning music). Lobbying to reduce high stakes testing in other subjects could also help shift resources to the arts.

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.

I've heard about the research and I know from personal experience how good our music program is for students in all the ways mentioned.

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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Create a local arts education task-force.

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