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

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

Western culture is rich in the wealth of Monet to Brahms.

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)

One must master basic skills in Math and Reading but the arts add another Primary color to create all the other colors of literacy. Art instruction is equally important as Math and Reading.

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.

Given I'm married to an artist who has homeschooled my children up to the junior high level, I have seen first hand the benefits of visual and musical arts within my children's lives. Their passion for learning is amplified for math and sciences.

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.

We need creative minds to run the country. Arts education cultivates creative thinking.

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

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