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

Dance,
Media Arts,
Music,
Theatre,
Visual Arts

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

To me, being exposed to Arts helped me engage deeply into history, cultures, and gave me a safe space for personal reflection.

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)

In BSD, we do value the Arts throughout our K-12. I would love to engage our community at large more, to highlight our students' works more, and to bring in more local artists to support our students in various forms of Arts.

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.

My role as a Board Director, I am one of five elected officials who set policies, direction and vision for our SD. We often ask ourselves who will be impacted positively and negatively by our decisions. How do we eliminate barriers to improve access to all our students who are interested in learning. One of the strategies we use is to directly engage with educators, parents, and students. Another is to build relationships and partnerships with our local Arts Museum and local artists.

DO VOTERS KNOW YOUR VIEWS ON ARTS EDUCATION?

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.

It is part of our whole child initiative. It is also part of the Social Emotional Learning Curriculum in Secondary schools we are rolling out this year. Through Arts, our students are able to express themselves, communicate with others; hence, improve their capacity for learning.

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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Q7 Please enter your name and school district.

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School District, Position Number

Bellevue School District, Pos. 5