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

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

It's given me tools to think creatively, appreciate beauty in everyday things/places, and to think more existentially about 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)

Pullman schools do express an appreciation of the arts. We've got a vibrant theater community, a deep well of talent locally to draw upon, and a belief in the utility of art education. However, we can always do more to support and maintain arts education in my District.

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.

I agree there is a general trend more recently to move arts to an after school/voluntary basis. I would work to ensure that we do not further erode the place of arts education in Pullman.

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.

Arts education speaks to all of us, but it serves a vital purpose for many of our students who do not fit the traditional educational model. Arts gives a tool for expression to emotions, thoughts, and beliefs that our students may not be able to/or feel comfortable communicating by traditional means.

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)

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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Work for a budget to financially support arts instruction at all schools.

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Research current arts programs and assess needs at district buildings.

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