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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??

I was a piano performance major in college. Though I did not complete this degree, I did have a successful career as a pianist for Holland America Cruise Line, several hotels and a currently sell pianos.

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)

Evergreen Public School has had a long tradition of supporting and more importantly funding the arts; teachers, instrument and curriculum. This is evident is placing top performers in the state solo and ensemble contest. Many of our students have continued in the arts as professionals and simply doing the arts in their community.

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 am a strong proponent and advocate of the arts. As a past parent/ teacher president in my children's schools i have actively fundraised and implemented musical instrument purchases, brought in cultural drama and ethnic dance groups as well given more awareness to the fantastic programs that we have in our schools.

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.

The nurturing of both sides of the brain simultaneously is done through the arts. Art transcends language barrier, fosters creative and improvised problem solving, and makes a community better. No one ever did a flash mob with slide rules!

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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Create a local arts education task-force.

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):

Develop collaboration and mentorship with professional arts businesses

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Q7 Please enter your name and school district.

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Evergreen Public Schools District 5