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

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

Theater increased my confidence and expanded my social social.

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**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)

I think that our arts education is very good however it is all focused on those students already excelling in the arts. We need to expand basic arts education particularly in light of the CORE 24 Arts requirements.

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**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 would ensure that all budget discussions include ensuring equitable funding to the arts.

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**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 has many benefits. It can be an outlet for expression. It can be the start of a future in the arts. It can a stress free class for students in an otherwise jammed packed academic schedule. It can be the social group that gives students a place in the school.

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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)

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

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**Find opportunities under ESSA to use federal funds to support arts education.**

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**Utilize arts organizations to support arts instruction and professional development for classroom teachers.**

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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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**Q7** Please enter your name and school district.

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**North Kitsap School District, Director 1**

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