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

Dance,
Music,
Theatre,
Visual Arts,
Other (please specify):
Debate

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

Yes. Even in technical fields, it is important to be able to draw. "A picture is worth a thousand words."

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)

Great: Richland School District theater arts are second to none! We have great music departments as well.

I would investigate to ensure that arts programs involved in competition receive support from the district, including travel support.

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 job as school board member is to listen, observe, and query the superintendent of the status of the various arts programs and the district's plans for the future.

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.

Arts provide creative outlets for students and prepares them for life. "All the world's a stage"; we are but actors. And in our time, we will play many roles. Art helps us develop our creativity and adaptability as life's events cause our roles to change.

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

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Other Ideas (please specify):

Avoid federal involvement, since it leads to federal control.

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Q7 Please enter your name and school district.

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