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

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

I am a musician. Without the exposure I got in school I would not have developed my love for stringed instruments and classical music. Having music in my life makes me a happier and more creative individual.

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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)

We are in need of more support for the arts. The arts should be a core component in order for our students to reach their greatest potential. The arts should be a high priority. Every student should be given the opportunity to explore their creativity; not just those with the resources. This should change. The arts initiative is a project, however, that I commend. Students are provided the opportunity to experience performance arts. Music, dance, theater and other events are made available to students by providing entrance fees and transportation. This is funded by a grant.

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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.

We must act to ensure that the budget covers the arts and expands our programs to reach all of our students. As a school board director, I will make supporting our arts programs a high priority. Research has shown that students do better overall academically if they have been involved in the arts. I will encourage the adoption of district-wide expansion of arts curriculum. Further, I will support learning assessment tools and strategies necessary to maintain funding for programs. It is also important to involve the community to sustain support and build resources. Educators training and certification is also important and should be fully funded.

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## 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 education promotes critical thinking skills, enriches life experience, and helps develop emotional stability. Research indicates art involvement helps keep students from dropping out, improves their academic outcomes, and helps reduce behavioral problems. My voters pamphlet message is clear. We must support arts education for our children's well-being and development.

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

Name

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School District, Position Number

Olympia; district 4

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