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**Q3 Want us to tag you on social media? Please share your @**

People for Kelly Bashaw. Facebook

**Q4 Which of these arts did you have as part of your own K-12 education? **Music****

**Q5 How did learning in the arts impact your education and life after high school?**

A love of classical music and dance.

**Q6 How would you describe the current status of arts education for Elementary students in your district? (The arts are a core subject in our state definition of basic education and in federal law.)**

Dance	<b>Not available</b>
Media Arts	<b>Not available</b>
Music	<b>Robust</b>
Theatre	<b>Needs Improvement</b>
Visual Arts	<b>Not available</b>

**Q7** How would you describe the current status of arts education for Middle School students in your district?

Dance	<b>Available</b>
Media Arts	<b>Needs Improvement</b>
Music	<b>Robust</b>
Theatre	<b>Available</b>
Visual Arts	<b>Needs Improvement</b>

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**Q8** How would you describe the current status of arts education for High School students in your district? (Two arts credits are required for graduation.)

Dance	<b>Robust</b>
Media Arts	<b>Available</b>
Music	<b>Robust</b>
Theatre	<b>Robust</b>
Visual Arts	<b>Available</b>

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**Q9** Research has shown that arts education increases student engagement, helps close opportunity gaps, and reduces dropout rates, yet a recent study in King County shows that race and income are barriers to access to the arts. How do you see yourself addressing fair access in your district?

Through our new policy on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion we are continually looking at how to close this gap. I believe strongly that all of our students need to have access to the arts.

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**Q10** If elected, which of these strategies would you consider to support arts education in your district?

**Research current arts program 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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**Support professional development for classroom teachers**

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**Create a local arts education task-force**

**Develop or update a district level arts plan.**

**Support arts inclusion professional development opportunities**

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**Develop or expand district support for teaching artist residencies**

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**Expand district-wide data collection for tracking and accountability**

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**Support cultural access legislation**

Other (please specify):

I believe that a well rounded arts education is as important as all our subjects. Bellingham just moved to a 4x8 schedule. Students are now able to try all kinds of electives that they have never had access to before. For the first time students who have been a part of band or orchestra or choir are now able to be a part of orchestra or band or choir which was never the case before. As an academic advisor at Whatcom Community College I am hopeful that students who show up in higher education will be able to develop a passion.

**Q11** If elected, would you like Arts, Culture & Education updates from ArtsEd Washington?

**Yes, and please send me the studies referenced in the survey**