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

Respondent skipped this question

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

**Dance,
Music,
Visual Arts**

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

Learning the art in school allowed me to have creative outlet as an adult. The arts was a gateway for me to math and science. I felt that I was a terrible student in math and science until I took a photography class in high school. The math and chemistry skills necessary for photography came easy to me. Eventually I was able to serve as a TA in Chemistry my last year high school.

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	Not available
Media Arts	Not available
Music	Needs Improvement
Theatre	Not available
Visual Arts	Needs Improvement

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

Dance	Not available
Music	Needs Improvement

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	Not available
Media Arts	Needs Improvement
Music	Adequate
Theatre	Adequate
Visual Arts	Needs Improvement

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?

I will work to ensure all students have access to an arts education. Schools should be funded for the arts equitably across the district. Also, information about classes and programs in the arts should be in multiple languages.

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):

Also, I would add the Arts to discussions about STEM. I believe that we need to the focus on STEAM so as not to forget the importance that the arts play in a students education.

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

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