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

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

My lack of access to anything but Band and one photography class inspired me to pursue arts in college. I was starting from scratch but I majored in Art, Photography and Dance and consider it one of my best life choices. What I learned about my brain, the creative process, the collaborative process, perception, design, innovation, representation, sense of self and connection to others has served me extremely well in all of my professional and personal endeavors. Recognizing the level of science in arts also drew me more readily into "STEM" where I had otherwise begun to avoid it in post-secondary.

**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>Needs Improvement</b>
Music	<b>Needs Improvement</b>
Theatre	<b>Needs Improvement</b>
Visual Arts	<b>Needs Improvement</b>

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

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

Access to the arts has been driven by PTA and PTO funding and only available in schools where parents can afford to subsidize. Even with that opportunity the quality is quite variable and unsustainable for the purposes of deep, integrated learning. SPS has made some great strides through Creative Advantage. However, I believe until we move to STEAM philosophically the arts will continue to be de-prioritized. We also need to look within our district how to allow robust arts programming to fulfill graduation requirements (more below).

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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 have seen teachers resist PD associated with inclusion of arts (STEAM) as it is presented as addition rather than integration. We must not allow arts to continue to be seen as separate from science, technology, math and health and wellness, etc. As such, it is important to revisit curricular adoptions and graduation requirements to ensure arts related programming is robust, integrated, aligned and available to meet graduation requirements (2 credits starting in 2019 for art) in equal measure to science and math, particularly via integrated course options.

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

**Yes**