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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?

I had just basic music in elementary school but I made sure to have Art every school year throughout my K-12 education. What I learned from it showed in what I've done since then with numerous murals throughout my military career but it all started with creating the yearbook cover my Senior year in 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	Adequate
Music	Available
Theatre	Not available
Visual Arts	Adequate

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

Dance	Not available
Media Arts	Adequate
Music	Available
Theatre	Not available
Visual Arts	Adequate

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	Needs Improvement
Media Arts	Adequate
Music	Robust
Theatre	Adequate
Visual Arts	Adequate

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?

Confirming with schools access is not impeded for anyone no matter their race or income level. I went through a good amount of my childhood basically homeless (5 years from 1987-1992) so I can attest to the importance of fair access to the Arts... I am a walking example as to what it means to every income level.

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 would do what it takes to ensure access to the Arts programs at schools in my district is equal to every student no matter their background.

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

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