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Q1 Name

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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?

Music

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

I learned to play violin starting in 5th grade and continued with my school orchestra until the program was cut my junior year. Having some musical education has helped to use music as a recreation. I also have used my experience to serve in my church community.

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.)

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

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.)

Respondent skipped this question

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?

Each district faces challenges. Our district is no different. Arts education is important. I do not like seeing arts programs cut. At the same time, our district is facing overcrowding and poor buildings, both of which inhibit fair access. We need to establish a balanced budget, and then create a plan to continue to support arts education.

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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Support professional development for classroom teachers

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Support arts inclusion professional development opportunities

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Support cultural access legislation

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

No