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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,
Theatre**

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

I played violin in the middle school and high school orchestras and was in the pit for all the theatre productions. Music provided a way to connect with other students in the school both during the school day and after school as we rehearsed and performed. I still have an understanding of music theory and a deep appreciation for all music whether it's on the radio, at a live performance or on my personal media player.

I recognize that music is very important to my children and helps them emotionally and socially. Since they were very young, I provided them with music lesson and instruments and also made sure they had access to music through electronic media.

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

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

Dance	Needs Improvement
Media Arts	Needs Improvement
Music	Needs Improvement
Theatre	Needs Improvement
Visual Arts	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	Needs Improvement
Media Arts	Needs Improvement
Music	Needs Improvement
Theatre	Needs Improvement
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 have read the Lake Washington School District's budget documents and there is inadequate information to determine how money is being spent.

As a school board member, I will ask for a break-down of arts spending to determine how and where the money is being spent and then advocate for equal and fair access for all students across the district.

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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Develop or update a district level arts plan.

Support arts inclusion professional development opportunities

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Other (please specify):

From talking to my children's teachers, I am aware that many of our teachers already have significant music, dance and theater talent that is not being brought to the classroom or utilized in after-school programming. I would like to investigate how to bring our teachers' talents to our students at their schools.

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

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