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Q3 Want us to tag you on social media? Please share your @<https://www.facebook.com/mirilevi2019/>**Q4** Which of these arts did you have as part of your own K-12 education?

Dance,
Music,
Theatre,
Visual Arts

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

As a child, I played flute while also attending ballet and singing lessons. Before pursuing a career in the medical field, I completed a bachelor of fine arts in musical theater at New School University in New York City and performed as an opera singer in North America and Europe. I have personal experience with the intersection of STEM and fine arts education, and I can negotiate the challenge of balancing multiple priorities within the district's educational goals.

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	Adequate
Music	Adequate
Theatre	Adequate
Visual Arts	Available

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

Dance	Needs Improvement
Media Arts	Adequate
Music	Available
Theatre	Available
Visual Arts	Available

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	Available
Theatre	Adequate
Visual Arts	Available

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?

Anacortes School District has been focusing a lot on equity. Equity means giving each of our students the opportunity to succeed, which requires a dynamic approach that gives everyone the same odds of success. Equity ensures fairness in our schools.

Providing teachers with the classroom enrichment, teaching tools, learning technologies, and administrative support they want for themselves, along with creating inclusive classrooms, should be an essential component of our equity policy. I will seek a superintendent who has demonstrated a history of effective, efficient educational leadership through transparent community involvement in the decision making process. I will find a candidate who believes in education as a human right for every student, and who will fight to provide the learning experiences that our children need. Our new superintendent should be an advocate for our teachers and be an educator who loves children and wants to see each and every one of them succeed.

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):

Grant writing is an essential component for any school district and therefore we need to employ a grant writer for our school district on a regular basis. Partnerships with local businesses, professionals, community service groups, families and nearby school districts must also be fostered to help us work together to fiscally support our schools with funding and volunteer time. We have an amazing community in Anacortes that would like to be a part of our children's education, and a robust community arts program that can be leveraged to support the schools. I will work with our citizens to facilitate that support on an ongoing basis.

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

Yes