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Q4 Which of these arts did you have as part of your own K-12 education?

Music,
Theatre,
Visual Arts

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

I ended up pursuing theater in college, trying all facets on and off stage, and graduated with a major in theater. Working in theater became my career, and I worked in the scenic shops at Seattle Repertory Theater, Village Theater, UW, before going to the east coast to earn an MFA in scenic design, and live and work in NYC. Learning in the arts gave me tools for expression and the opportunity to engage with education in a way that felt relevant and exciting, and gave me tools to pursue the career I was interested in, as well as great joy and critical analysis skills.

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	Not available
Music	Needs Improvement
Theatre	Needs Improvement
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	Not available
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	Adequate
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?

The arts are not extra - they are basic education. As a an arts professional, educator, and appreciator, access to the arts will be a priority of mine. I will work to commit resources to supporting the arts in all schools, and work against practices that eliminate student access to art in favor of academic intervention. The arts ARE academic.

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):

In SPS we have great initiatives such as the Creative Advantage - central policies and procedure need to ensure accountability and support for access to such programming at all schools. I supported Prop 1 Access For All and will gladly do so again. Regarding question 11, I already receive updates from ArtsEd Washington - thank you!

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

Respondent skipped this question