



Election 2016 School Board Candidate Survey Glendale Union

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<p>Do you have any personal experience (training and/or participation) in any of the following art forms?</p>	<p>Visual Arts, Photography, Creative Writing</p>
<p>In which arts activities have your children participated in school?</p>	<p>Music, Visual Arts</p>
<p>Are you aware that music and visual arts education are required in Arizona K–8 schools under the sections of the Arizona Administrative Code governing education?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Are you aware that Arizona has approved academic standards for the teaching of arts in K-12 schools?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Data from the Arizona Education Census, however, indicates that not all schools are providing the required instruction in music and visual arts, and 40% are not using “highly qualified” teachers in those two required areas. As a school board member, will you support and advocate for arts education taught to Arizona state standards in all of your district’s schools for all of your district’s students?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>The Every Student Succeeds Act, federal education law that replaced No Child Left Behind, defines arts and music as part of a “well-rounded” education on a par with other core academic subjects like mathematics, science, language... etc., as elements that contribute to overall student learning and performance.</p> <p>As member of the school board, will you support district-level policies that insure that your students are provided a “wellrounded” education including arts and music?</p>	<p>Yes</p>



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The Arizona Education census data from 2010 indicates that nearly 80% of Arizona schools spend less than \$1 per student on the materials and resources need to provide quality arts education in our schools.

How will you work to insure adequate dollars are budgeted to provide the tools and materials necessary to support standards-based arts education in the classroom?

The Arizona Legislature needs to be held accountable by all voters, especially when it comes to education. I have been working as a certified teacher since September of 1994; I am currently a middle school visual arts teacher in Phoenix, but I have taught other subjects as well. Through the years, I have witnessed the slimming down of the education budget, more and more each year.

Respect for the Arts requires a cultural shift so that a majority of our society values The Arts. After all, board members and legislators are voted in by The People. I frequently hear and read comments that prove many people don't regard the arts as important or valid: "How do you fail Art?" "Art grades don't count towards the incentives." Fortunately, in the district where I am a board member, we do not have a problem in this area because the Arts are valued.

Please take this opportunity to provide any additional comments about your views on arts education in our K-12 schools, or any other education issue you consider a priority as you seek a position on your district school board. (250-word limit)

I know that the arts provide a well-rounded education. The arts teach culture, tenacity, growth mindsets, creativity, empathy, persistence, problem solving, and so much more. The Arts open minds and allow students to express themselves creatively and appropriately while opening whole new worlds of understanding. They are an essential part of our society and culture.

It is important to remember that before he did anything else when invading a country, Hitler stole and/or destroyed art first. Even an evil individual such as himself saw Art as one of the most important parts of a culture/society. Art is a record of our existence, so its existence in school should be valued.

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All Candidates are running uncontested for the three available seats on the school board.