



Election 2016

School Board Candidate Survey

Phoenix Union High School

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<p>Do you have any personal experience (training and/or participation) in any of the following art forms?</p>	<p>Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, Film, Other (please specify) Very limited in all of the above.</p>
<p>In which arts activities have your children participated in school?</p>	<p>Music</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>Comments: Phoenix Union High School district is heavily involved in arts education for our students.</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?

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 will ask questions of the individuals who have the answers to whether or not we are providing adequate support in this area. I am friendly with several art teachers and have not heard any complaints from them about lack of supplies but will support adequate support at budget time.

As a retired teacher, I have always been friendly with and supported the arts teachers on my campuses and at other schools. I believe in a strong arts curriculum as I believe it makes for a better rounded person who will perform better academically.

Further, it is my belief that there are social and emotional benefits to students who participate in arts programs. As a member of the legislature I have a longtime commitment to the arts in our schools and in our broader communities.

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Both Candidates are running uncontested for the two available seats on the school board.