



Election 2016 School Board Candidate Survey Tempe 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>Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, Theatre</p>
<p>In which arts activities have your children participated in school?</p>	<p>Music, Theatre</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: It is not enough to support our current standards, we can do better. We need innovative programs and expand on what students can achieve, through cooperative projects. For example, a “Date Night at the School”. The Culinary Club features an artistic dinner under the stars. The orchestra performs and sets the ambiance. After dinner, guests are treated by performances in the auditorium featuring students in various clubs. This requires our community’s support.</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> <p>Comments: Not only will I support, I will advocate. We need members who stay on top of this position all year long.</p>



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It seems to always be the case that when budget cuts occur, curriculum for the arts and music are the first to be impacted. My goal is to work with our universities and develop partnerships in which we can facilitate a process that would allow us to obtain additional resources and funding outside the budget.

For example, when ASU remodels classrooms, used equipment that is in great shape is sent to a warehouse near Rio Salado and Price Rds, where it is auctioned. I would like to get this equipment. In exchange we can support a tax credit for the donation. This way we can get what we need and not be dependent on the dwindling State budget.

It's a cliché to quote John Kennedy in government, however, he was one of those leaders who inspired us to seek greatness in humanity so therefore, I will. John said, "If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, then society must set the artist free, to follow their vision wherever it may take them."

We must embrace our community's artists and celebrate their works. We may not always agree with their works, nor may we understand it, but we must always strive to accept it. Art should be disturbing: frail, controversial, unnerving and unsettling. Art should be inspiring: full of hope, compassion and depth. Art should be anything and everything. Subjective and Objective. If art is a reflection of society, then it must be a clear reflection.

Our community is full of beauty and pain and to deny the artistic expression of either direction leaves us half full. From the tree of art and wisdom, we must grab all the fruit, not just the low hanging stuff.



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<p>Don Fletcher</p>	<p>Contact Information 16029 S 33rd Place Phoenix, AZ 85048 natrona74@gmail.com 602-471-8185</p>
<p>Do you have any personal experience (training and/or participation) in any of the following art forms?</p>	<p>Instrumental Music, Theatre, Photography</p>
<p>In which arts activities have your children participated in school?</p>	<p>Music</p>
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I understand spending priorities and budgets. I have dealt with these matters in my professional life for many years as a small business owner and a business consultant. We need to evaluate what can be done, and what should be done.

I have long enjoyed and supported the arts programs, and my children, while in high school, participated in the arts programs. These programs were a critical part of their educational experience. I will work very hard for balance in the programs, and make sure that I get as many dollars as possible for funding a well-rounded arts program.

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I believe all teenagers need to find a positive and uplifting group or identity that provides a support and platform as they navigate through these rapidly maturing times of their lives. The high school arts programs can be one important avenue for students. From my personal experience, the arts programs have provided a critical part of my children's teenage experience.

I am a firm believer of a strong and robust arts program that will help students succeed not only in their academic experience, but in finding out who they are, and what they can become.



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<p>Michelle Helm</p>	<p>Contact Information 1227 E Balboa Dr Tempe, AZ 85282 michellehelm@aol.com</p>
<p>Do you have any personal experience (training and/or participation) in any of the following art forms?</p>	<p>Theatre, Creative Writing</p>
<p>In which arts activities have your children participated in school?</p>	<p>Theatre, Visual Arts, Other (please specify) Both of my children were art majors at ASU</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: As a current board member of Tempe Union High School District all of our art teachers are highly qualified and we offer a large variety of fine art classes.</p>
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As a current board member of Tempe Union High School District I have voted for all art related field trips, budgets for materials, and attended art shows, theater and music performances.

As a retired school teacher I have seen the role fine arts plays in the education of students. As a current Tempe Union High School board member I have always been passionate about providing an excellent education for the children of our community.

During my tenure on the board I have supported fine arts education, dual enrollment with ASU and our community colleges, gifted and advanced programs, drop out prevention programs, and summer bridge programs. I have helped maintain a balanced budget. I believe my educational experience and dedication to student learning qualify me for another term on the board.



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<p>Sandy Lowe</p>	<p>Contact Information Tempe, AZ 85284 sandalowe@cox.net</p>
<p>Do you have any personal experience (training and/or participation) in any of the following art forms?</p>	<p>Instrumental Music, Dance</p>
<p>In which arts activities have your children participated in school?</p>	<p>Visual Arts</p>
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Our district uses some M & O dollars but we also have a strong partnership with our cities, local businesses and community members to assist our schools. In addition, Tax credit dollars and grants from the outside as well as our own Tempe Union Foundation help supplement some of the schools' needs.

Having strong schools across all core classes as well as our electives is a result of a strong partnership between parents, students, educators, businesses, community and the Governing Board. I believe all of our stakeholders including myself, see the importance of the Arts in K-12 but it does come down to also Fiscal Responsibility and balancing the needs of our schools for the good of all students.



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<p>Scott Ryan</p>	<p>Contact Information Phoenix, AZ 85048 sr@scottryan.org</p>
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<p>In which arts activities have your children participated in school?</p>	<p>N/A</p>
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I believe that student success depends on giving students a reason to go to school and helping them build a lifelong passion. For many students, the Arts will be that passion and I intend to support this.

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