



Election 2016

School Board Candidate Survey

Yuma Union High School

<p>Ralph Farr</p>	<p>Contact Information 3401 S 9th Ave Yuma, AZ 85365 928-246-0761 k93es1r@msn.com</p>
<p>Do you have any personal experience (training and/or participation) in any of the following art forms?</p>	<p>Vocal Music</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>Comments: Youth have varied interests and talents which enrich and support their academic experiences, and as a life long educator, I have personally observed the arts as being key to the growth and success of many 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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Classroom success is most dependent on having dynamic and competent staff in place. I will work to make it a priority to find and hire such staff. Next, I will need to look at budgetary allotments per subject area to be able to insure that funds are being equitably distributed. Tuition tax credits are another avenue that might be able to assist underfunded programs.

Appropriate use of technology in the classroom is a very serious issue. I retired as a full time educator after 42 years of experience at levels K-12, and have spent the last three years as a substitute teacher primarily in public high school classrooms.

The frequent and improper use of technology (phones and computers) is destroying the effectiveness of the classroom educational experience.



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<p>Bruce Gwynn</p>	<p>Contact Information 6792 E Telegraph St Yuma, AZ 85365 928-503-2003 brucegwynn@gmail.com</p>
<p>Do you have any personal experience (training and/or participation) in any of the following art forms?</p>	<p>Photography</p>
<p>In which arts activities have your children participated in school?</p>	<p>Music, Dance</p>
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We have a funding problem in this state for education. We are trying to survive on less money than ever before. I will continue to pressure our legislature to keep increase our funds so that we can do what you are asking.

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The arts are extremely important and i support any and all efforts we are doing and hope o do to insure they are improve upon every year.



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<p>David Lara Desert Water</p>	<p>Contact Information PO Box 3748 San Luis, AZ 85349 928-941-0151 Desertwater2002@aol.com</p>
<p>Do you have any personal experience (training and/or participation) in any of the following art forms?</p>	<p>Instrumental Music</p>
<p>In which arts activities have your children participated in school?</p>	<p>Ballet</p>
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I can't do it alone, you need majority on the board to approve the funding in the budget. I will work to persuade the rest of the board.



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<p>Shelley Mellon</p>	<p>Contact Information 3609 W County 12 1/2 Street Yuma, AZ 85365 928-580-9963 sjmellon@gmail.com</p>
<p>Do you have any personal experience (training and/or participation) in any of the following art forms?</p>	<p>Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, Visual Arts, Dance</p>
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Continue to advocate for every child to receive a “well rounded” education which includes quality arts education programs.

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