



Election 2018  
School Board Candidate Survey  
Hackberry School District

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Which of the following art forms do you have personal experience (training and/or participation) in?  
(Check all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Instrumental Music
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vocal Music
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visual Arts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Theatre
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Photography
<input type="checkbox"/>	Creative Writing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Film

In which arts activities have your children participated in school? (Check all that apply)



Music

Theatre



Visual Arts

Dance

I have no children.

Other (please specify)

Until 2017, the Arizona Administrative Code required the teaching of music and visual arts in Arizona K-8 schools. Current policy now requires schools offer two of five artistic disciplines (music, theatre, dance, visual arts and media arts). According to the 2018 Arizona Arts Data Project (based on 2015-16 enrollment), under the previous requirement, only 65 percent of Arizona K-8 students had access to music and arts.

As a school board member, would you support a district policy that requires that all K-8 students in your district have access to at least two of the five disciplines, per the new state administrative code?

Yes

The arts are an integral part of school. My daughter is very artistic and is lucky enough to have a wonderful art class. I took music in school and was part of the school band for some of my grades.

As member of the school board, will you support district-level policies that insure your district schools properly report all data to the Arizona Department of Education about arts education course offerings and student enrollment so that equity and access to arts education can be evaluated and parents are aware of whether their children are receiving a quality arts education?

Yes

As stated above, it is my opinion that the arts are vital in school. I fully support policies to insure the children are receiving the best quality in the arts.

Would you support a comprehensive district-wide assessment of the degree to which arts education is being offered in your schools, including enrollment, instructional minutes, teacher qualifications, resources and materials, and adequacy of student assessments?

Yes

All teachers, no matter what lessons are being taught, should have qualification relevant to the needs of the children either that being resources, materials or assessments.

If elected, will you promote a policy of including arts education stakeholders in the annual required district needs assessment with arts educators appropriately represented on planning teams, etc.?

Yes

Again, should I be elected I will uphold any and all needs whether they are an annual district need, assessments, etc.

The state A-F Report card for K-8 schools does not currently give a school ANY credit for student achievement in arts education because students often are not evaluated by grades, or “satisfactory” or “unsatisfactory” measurements. If valid assessments existed, the State Board of Education likely would give credit for student achievement in arts, thereby creating a greater incentive for quality arts education.

As a member of the school board will you promote the adoption of a process to develop valid student assessments of achievement in arts education, based on the Arizona Arts Education Standards?

Yes

If arts education is part of the curriculum it should have a grade attached to it. I fully support any measurements that can help the state and children.

Currently, the 9-12 A-F school report card only gives credit for student achievement in AP Arts Classes (as part of the College and Career Ready point formula). However, Arizona’s arts standards are sequential with increasing conceptual learning and proficiency to either the junior or senior level. Would you advocate the expansion of the College and Career Ready point formula to include credit for successful completion of study in an arts discipline (e.g., visual arts, theatre, music) to the senior level as is done for other academic and CTE courses?

I am a candidate in an elementary school district.

Elementary school is the foundation of schooling for our children. It is of the most important that the children have all the resources that are available to them. This is going to set the standards for the rest of their schooling years.

Arts Education advocates are working to develop a Fine Arts Seal -- similar to the Civics and Biliteracy Seals-- to be affixed to the diplomas and noted in transcripts of graduating students with advanced achievement in high school Fine Arts.

If the state adopts the Fine Arts Seal, will you support the adoption of the seal in your school district?

I am a candidate in a K-8 district only.

Some of the children will go on in a career in Fine Arts. This will be important as they continue through College.

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.

I am running for the school board in a very small school that goes to only the 6th grade. Provisions are for K-8. When my daughter went to school there were no art classes to speak of. She is an artist and it was sad to see no classes were offered. I fully support any policies that can advance our children for their future. The children from the school here are not prepared for high school when they leave this district and more needs to be done for them.