



Election 2018
School Board Candidate Survey
Deer Valley Unified

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vocal Music
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Visual Arts
<input 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

I believe art in general is good for children and adults.

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?

No

We already have policies in place to ensure proper reporting. The way this reads it seems to be asking for additional regulations. Arts are very important in our district.

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?

No

Again, this is already done. I do not want to add further assessments that would take away the joy of art as we have it.

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.?

No

We already partner with our community and professionals. I would not want to add further regulation on our arts.

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?

No

I believe this push for regulation in the arts would remove the Joy of art and would become “teaching to the test” rather than art exploration. Some art is exact and more measurable but some is subjective and we should be encouraging in art rather than regulatory.

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?

Yes

Only if this would display a proven benefit for the student.

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?

Yes

I put yes but it depends on it being something positive for kids and not attached to any other agendas. It is difficult to say since we are speaking in hypothetical.

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 know that for some Art will become a career, but it will enhance everyone's education. Just like athletics, art brings the joy and engagement that keeps students in school. As a child I took part in many different types of art and believe they are some of my fondest memories in school. Now as an adult my art is my outlet for all aspects of my life.