



FIGHTING FOR EQUITABLE ARTS EDUCATION SINCE 1983

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Dear Candidate,

Congratulations on your 2024 candidacy for OSPI Superintendent. The following organizations would like to thank you for your commitment to education in Washington State, and invite you to complete the attached survey.

- ArtsEd Washington
- Inspire Washington
- Washington Art Education Association
- Washington Music Educators Association
- Washington Thespians

As we enter into a new era of education in our post-COVID world, we believe students will benefit more than ever from inclusive and equitable arts access, including not only the skills and artistic processes they experience but also the welcoming and supportive environments that are often both a cause and a product of quality and sequential arts programs. The arts are also defined as a core academic subject in [federal law](#), and required basic education in RCW [28A.230.020](#), and they deserve to be included in all discussion about basic education, yet for a variety of reasons, many Washington students lack access to quality arts instruction.

ArtsEd Washington is a statewide nonprofit that represents constituents in *every school district* in Washington State who are passionate about their children receiving a *quality arts education*, as promised by the State of Washington. Along with the collaborating organizations listed here, ArtsEd Washington does not aim to endorse or oppose any candidate. The purpose of this survey is to make the responses available to voters and constituents across the state so that they can make informed decisions at the polls.

With that in mind, we humbly request that you complete this survey by June 15th. so that constituents can better understand your experience with and commitment to arts education for all students. Thank you for completing this survey and for your willingness to serve.

With gratitude,

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2024 OSPI Superintendent Candidate Survey: Please respond by June 15th.

1. Please submit a short biography and campaign photo of your choice.
2. What was your personal arts experience in K-12, and how has that shaped your experience as a leader?
3. How will you ensure that all students in Washington schools have access to equitable, inclusive arts instruction taught by highly qualified certified educators?
4. How will you contribute to the discussion about the value of integrating the arts into other academic subjects, and the value of teaching the arts for their own sake?
5. When discussing future legislation, funding sources, or funding decisions that impact arts education, what schools/organizations/community leaders will you invite into the conversation? How will you provide guidance and/or accountability regarding cutting the arts?
6. How do you envision Arts Education intersecting with Career & Technical Education or other Graduation Pathways?
7. What role do you see arts education playing in the success of Washington students and Washington schools as a whole?

