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| 2 | House | DEM | Bill Brannon | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | |
| 2 | Senate | DEM | Kendall Scudder | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | I believe that exposure to the arts and culture is important. When we are exposed to things we wouldn't see in our everyday lives, we're able to appreciate and learn from our differences. At festivals all around my district, I get to see the celebration of different art forms and cultures. I always make it a point to speak with those people, learn about their crafts, and buy something from them. |
| 4 | House | DEM | Eston Williams | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | Arts education is just as important as the three "R's" and may keep students in school so they can master those subjects which they find less compelling. |
| 5 | Senate | DEM | Meg Walsh | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | I was the orchestra boosters president St round Rock high school for 2 years and treasurer for 1 |
| 7 | Senate | DEM | David Romero | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | |
| 8 | Senate | DEM | Mark Phariss | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | More information | Yes | I took piano for 10 years, from when I was 8 to 18, and also took trumpet in junior high, playing in the band. My 9th grade year I was the drum major of my junior high band. I absolutely believe that those music lessons helped me develop intellectually. |
| 9 | Senate | DEM | Gwenn Burud | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | The arts are an integral part of the education of all students. The continued loss of funding for our public schools will make it more difficult in future years to protect the arts from budget cuts unless we elect leadership who will make a change to our school funding formula and protect the commitment of the State of Texas to educating our children. |
| 11 | House | DEM | Alec Johnson | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | I abhor standardized testing like STAAR. Diane Ravitch makes it clear that it is a bad solution to invented problem. I believe the arts are critically important to a student's full development. Education should be for life, not merely specialized job training. We need an enlightened citizenry for a well-functioning Democracy. |
| 12 | House | DEM | Marianne Arnold | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | More information | |
| 14 | House | DEM | Josh Wilkinson | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | The arts contribute to a colorful and fulfilling life, and I as a state legislator, will do everything in my power to help every Texan lead a fulfilling life. In 1938, Winston Churchill is reported to have said, "The arts are essen-tial to any com-plete national life. The State owes it to itself to sus-tain and encour-age them....Ill fares the race which fails to salute the arts with the rev-er-ence and delight which are their due." And I agree with him. |

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| 15 | Senate | DEM | John Whitmire | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | More information | |
| 15 | Senate | REP | Randy Orr | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | More information | Yes | I believe the fine arts education program is so important in helping our children learn how to express their creativity, which is so important to our society. Thank You Randy Orr |
| 16 | House | DEM | Mike Midler | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | As a 40 year high school social studies teacher, fine arts education has always been important to me and my students. It is equally as important as sports as far as motivating students and giving them an opportunity to be creative and express themselves. Concerts by orchestras and choirs and art displays enhance everyone's educational experience. |
| 16 | Senate | DEM | Nathan Johnson | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | |
| 17 | House | DEM | Michelle Ryan | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | |
| 17 | Senate | DEM | Rita Lucido | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | |
| 19 | House | REP | James White | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | We need more fine arts and music course options in rural Texas and I am willing to work with you to achieve that. God bless and thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my importance in the arts and education. |
| 20 | House | DEM | Stephen Wyman | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | I participated in music (chorus & band); theater (musical); art and music information and appreciation in classes in school: elementary through high school. It was very helpful in keeping school interesting and productive. I believe these types of programs should be available to all current and future public school students, at all levels. |
| 25 | Senate | DEM | Steven Kling | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | |
| 26 | House | REP | Rick Miller | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | |
| 28 | House | DEM | Meghan Scoggins | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | As a child, I was in multiple choirs in school and church. As an adult, I have participated in community choirs, served on the board of arts related non-profit organizations. I have advocated for funding, assisted in writing grant applications and volunteered as staff for productions. The arts are a vital part of my life and I want everyone to have that same opportunity. |

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| 30 | House | DEM | Robin Hayter | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | As our nation begins to transition from an industrial economy to a service based economy, the ability to provide creative and artistic services will define our ability to compete in the global market. It is paramount that we shift our views on education towards building a future with the kind of skills and tools people will need to be the very best version of themselves. We are shortchanging our future as a nation when we shortchange students education in fine arts. |
| 30 | Senate | DEM | Kevin Lopez | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | A well rounded education cannot be based on the results of a standardized test. Texas students should have the opportunities to learn about a multitude of subjects that foster creativity, innovation, and personal development. I firmly believe that fine arts should be a strong part of a diverse educational experience, and not considered extra-curricular. I welcome the opportunity to fight for better education in Texas, which includes a stronger emphasis on fine arts. |
| 33 | House | DEM | Laura Gunn | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | |
| 41 | House | REP | Hilda Garza DeShazo | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | More information | Yes | |
| 42 | House | REP | Luis De La Garza | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | More information | Fine Arts Education should be part of every student. We need to increase student participation in this type of education. |
| 43 | House | DEM | Dee Ann Torres Miller | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | I am a strong believer that the fundamentals of music, art, sports, health, VOE program are all important to create children to adulthood. Senator Lucio is a fine ambassador to support the needs of fine arts in school. I will gladly work with him in helping that the same bill in the House. |
| 44 | House | DEM | John Rodgers | Yes | More information | More information | Undecided | Support | More information | Yes | |
| 45 | House | DEM | Erin Zwiener | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | More information | I hold an MFA in creative writing and teach creative writing workshops to kids. I have seen firsthand the positive impact of arts education for our students. Arts education helps students mature emotionally, encourages lateral thinking, and engages students who are in their own education. |
| 45 | House | REP | Ken Strange | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | I fully support fine arts in our public schools. |
| 47 | House | DEM | Vikki Goodwin | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | My daughter is in her second year at a Fine Arts college in California - CalArts. My son is also very artistic and is in the architecture program at the University of Houston. He plays the guitar in his spare time. I am a supporter of arts and a believer that a well-rounded education is important. |

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| 52 | House | DEM | James Talarico | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | As a former educator, I truly understand the value of a diverse curriculum that covers core subjects as well as athletics and the arts. Students benefit massively from an arts-informed education, and I intend to protect these programs from additional cuts. |
| 53 | House | DEM | Stephanie Ertel | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | Both of my daughters are graduates of Booker T. Washington Arts Magnet High School in Dallas. My older daughter honed her team leadership skills in technical theater classes and my younger daughter learned communication skills presenting and explaining her visual arts projects. Students from all parts of Dallas, all ethnic groups and economic strata attended the Arts Magnet, and their arts related activities kept them in school. |
| 54 | House | DEM | Kathy Richerson | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | More information | No | Yes | I did not see your email. I am sorry about the delay. |
| 55 | House | REP | Hugh Shine | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | Undecided | More information | |
| 56 | House | DEM | Katherine Turner-Pearson | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | I played trumpet in the band, and participated in speech and acting while in high school. I also painted and did other arts. These things were very important to my overall education, so I understand how important the arts are to a well-rounded education. I still play music and am an artist in my spare time. |
| 56 | House | REP | Charles "Doc" Anderson | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | There is no doubt that arts ed improves the lives of students and their families. Therefore arts inclusion and ed should be maximized to the greatest extent possible. It is a quality of life issue. |
| 62 | House | DEM | Valerie Hefner | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | I believe that we must protect the Arts. This is the key to developing well rounded adults for the workforce. I also am a firm believer that the Arts help to keep a larger majority of students in school than we might even realize. There is a place for EVERY person and the Arts might just be where they fit. |
| 64 | House | DEM | Andrew Morris | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | Fine Arts are a crucial element of a well-rounded education and the formation of well-adjusted young adults. I would be a vehement defender of fine arts courses and fine arts funding. |
| 66 | House | DEM | Sharon Hirsch | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | |

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| 70 | House | DEM | Julie Luton | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | As the daughter (and granddaughter and great-granddaughter) of teachers, including music teachers), I believe whole-heartedly in the value of music education and its positive effects on student educational outcomes. As a former band AND orchestra member, I can testify firsthand how important musical education was to my school experiences. Please keep up the good work in educating the general public and encouraging the state legislature to support fine arts curriculum. |
| 71 | House | REP | Stan Lambert | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | |
| 73 | House | DEM | Stephanie Phillips | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | The Issue: Arts Education I am a professional classical musician and music teacher and a product of Texas public school arts education. I regularly teach music and creativity (improvisation) in schools around the state and coach music ensembles in AISD. I have seen firsthand the benefits of arts education and would be a strong advocate in the Texas House. Every child deserves access to a well-rounded education that includes the arts. I would work to ensure that the arts remain part of standard K-12 school curriculum with the proper funding and resources. The 2015 passage of ESSA, the Every Child Succeeds Act, ensures that the arts are considered part of a well-rounded education and have equal billing with reading, math, science, and other disciplines. I would support the implementation of the many new opportunities in Arts Education that are possible with this new legislation. I would work with state education leaders and other legislators to ensure that Arts education remains an important part of state education policy. |
| 81 | House | DEM | Armando Gamboa | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | |
| 81 | House | REP | Brooks Landgraf | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | More information | Yes | |
| 85 | House | DEM | Jennifer Cantu | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | Thank you, as both a previous dance and band member, going through marching season, and learning to mark spot while performing stimulates both left and right hemisphere, during marching season we are having to enforce our long term memory of our CA3 region of hippocampus, which definitely leads to better school readiness and being ready for adult situational scenarios |
| 86 | House | REP | John Smithee | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | Undecided | Yes | |
| 89 | House | DEM | Ray Ash | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | There is good reason for the Juilliard Academy in New York. The School turns out "well-rounded" and "well-grounded" individuals. |

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| 91 | House | DEM | Jeromey Sims | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | 10 studies that support art education: https://www.onlinecolleges.net/10-salient-studies-on-the-arts-in-education/ |
| 91 | House | REP | Stephanie Klick | Yes | Yes | Yes | More information | Support | More information | More information | |
| 92 | House | DEM | Steve Riddell | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | Our state and national obsession with accountability delivered via high stakes testing is delivering few benefits, and coming at a great cost: we're neglecting other areas of study besides math and reading that improve student performance, enhance student enjoyment of the educational experience, and prepare students to become well-rounded adults. I valued the training in the arts I got from my public school, and I firmly believe that those early formative experiences contributed in large part to the person I am today. |
| 93 | House | DEM | Nancy Bean | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | |
| 94 | House | DEM | Finnigan Jones | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | Thank you for this important work. I participated in band from Jr High school and went on to study music education in college. It was the most important part of my childhood and school years. My music teachers were not only my teachers, they were my mentors and councilors. I fully support the arts in all of our schools and advanced learning. |
| 97 | House | DEM | Beth Llewellyn McLaughlin | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Support | No | Yes | I taught French for 32 years in public high schools, incorporating music and art into my lessons regularly. Now, in retirement, I am a volunteer docent at the Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth. Fine arts education provides joy in school and for life. |