

Election 2008: Kentucky Music Educators Association Candidate Survey

A copy was mailed to each of the candidates below.

State Representative			Candidate	District	Party
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Mike Lawrence	1	Democratic Party	Trina Summers	49	Republican Party
Steven Jack Rudy	1	Republican Party	David W. Floyd	50	Republican Party
Fred Nesler	2	Democratic Party	Doug Mullins	51	Democratic Party
Frank Rasche	3	Democratic Party	John "Bam" Carney	51	Republican Party
Mike Cherry	4	Democratic Party	Ken Upchurch	52	Republican Party
Melvin Henley	5	Democratic Party	James R. Comer	53	Republican Party
Will R. Coursey	6	Democratic Party	David C. Sparrow	54	Democratic Party
John A. Arnold	7	Democratic Party	Mike Harmon	54	Republican Party
John C. Tilley	8	Democratic Party	Kent Stevens	55	Democratic Party
Myron B. Dossett	9	Republican Party	Timothy Gray	55	Republican Party
Travis Neal Calhoun	9	Democratic Party	Carl P. Rollins	56	Democratic Party
Eddie Ballard	10	Democratic Party	Derrick W. Graham	57	Democratic Party
David A. Watkins	11	Democratic Party	Frank Haynes	57	Republican Party
Jim Gooch	12	Democratic Party	Bill Young	58	Democratic Party
Ben Boarman	13	Republican Party	Brad Montell	58	Republican Party
Jim Glenn	13	Democratic Party	David W. Osborne	59	Republican Party
Tommy Thompson	14	Democratic Party	Sal Santoro	60	Republican Party
Brent Yonts	15	Democratic Party	Royce W. Adams	61	Democratic Party
Martha Jane King	16	Democratic Party	Stephen Wood	61	Republican Party
Tim Thompson	16	Republican Party	Charlie Hoffman	62	Democratic Party
C.B. Embry	17	Republican Party	Jason D. Mays	62	Republican Party
Dwight D. Butler	18	Republican Party	Alecia Webb-Edgington	63	Republican Party
Dottie J. Sims	19	Democratic Party	Ken Padgett	63	Democratic Party
Jody Richards	20	Democratic Party	Thomas Robert Kerr	64	Republican Party
Charlene Rabold	21	Democratic Party	Arnold R. Simpson	65	Democratic Party
Jim DeCesare	21	Republican Party	Addia Kathryn Wuchner	66	Republican Party
Shawn McPherson	22	Republican Party	Dennis Keene	67	Democratic Party
Wilson Lee Stone	22	Democratic Party	Joseph M. Fischer	68	Republican Party
Johnny W. Bell	23	Democratic Party	Adam Koenig	69	Republican Party
Jimmy Higdon	24	Republican Party	Merrick S. Krey	69	Democratic Party
Jimmie Lee	25	Democratic Party	Mitchel "Mike" Denham	70	Democratic Party
Lisa Williams	25	Republican Party	John Will Stacy	71	Democratic Party
Mike Weaver	26	Democratic Party	Sannie Overly	72	Democratic Party
Tim Moore	26	Republican Party	Don Pasley	73	Democratic Party
Jeff Greer	27	Democratic Party	Richard D. Henderson	74	Democratic Party
Charles W. Miller	28	Democratic Party	Woody Wells	74	Republican Party
James A. Sexton	29	Democratic Party	Ruth Ann Palumbo	76	Democratic Party
Kevin D. Bratcher	29	Republican Party	Jesse Crenshaw	77	Democratic Party
Tom Burch	30	Democratic Party	Thomas M. McKee	78	Democratic Party
Steve Riggs	31	Democratic Party	Michael P. Farmer	79	Republican Party
Scott W. Brinkman	32	Republican Party	Susan Westrom	79	Democratic Party
Greg Galbraith	33	Democratic Party	Danny R. Ford	80	Republican Party
Ron Crimm	33	Republican Party	Harry Moberly	81	Democratic Party
Mary Lou Marzian	34	Democratic Party	Charles L. Siler	82	Republican Party
Michael L. Pitzer	34	Republican Party	Jeffrey H. Hoover	83	Republican Party
Jim Wayne	35	Democratic Party	Fitz Steele	84	Democratic Party
J. R. "Dick" Brunson	36	Independent	Tommy Turner	85	Republican Party
Lonnie Napier	36	Republican Party	Jim Stewart	86	Republican Party
Ron Weston	37	Democratic Party	Rick Nelson	87	Democratic Party
Tim Firkins	38	Democratic Party	Bill Farmer	88	Republican Party
Chris Moore	39	Republican Party	Marie L. Rader	89	Republican Party
Robert R. Damron	39	Democratic Party	Tim Couch	90	Republican Party
Dennis Horlander	40	Democratic Party	Ted "Teddy" Edmonds	91	Democratic Party
Tom Riner	41	Democratic Party	Ancel "Hard Rock" Smith	92	Democratic Party
Reginald K. Meeks	42	Democratic Party	W. Keith Hall	93	Democratic Party
Darryl T. Owens	43	Democratic Party	Leslie A. Combs	94	Democratic Party
Joni Jenkins	44	Democratic Party	Gregory D. Stumbo	95	Democratic Party
Stan Lee	45	Republican Party	Larry D. Brown	95	Republican Party
Larry Clark	46	Democratic Party	Robin L. Webb	96	Democratic Party
Rick W. Rand	47	Democratic Party	Hubert Collins	97	Democratic Party
Bob M. DeWeese	48	Republican Party	Tanya Pullin	98	Democratic Party
David M. Watson	48	Democratic Party	Rocky Adkins	99	Democratic Party
Larry Belcher	49	Democratic Party	Kevin P. Sinnette	100	Democratic Party
			Michael "Mike" Stewart	100	Republican Party

State Senator

Candidate	District	Party
Carroll Hubbard	1	Democratic Party
Kenneth W. Winters	1	Republican Party
Joey Pendleton	3	Democratic Party
Tom Jones	3	Republican Party
Carroll Gibson	5	Republican Party
Julian M. Carroll	7	Democratic Party
David P. Givens	9	Republican Party
Gary G. Elliott	9	Independent
Steve Newberry	9	Democratic Party
John Schickel	11	Republican Party
Chuck Ellinger II.	13	Republican Party
Kathy W. Stein	13	Democratic Party
Vernie McGaha	15	Republican Party
Damon Thayer	17	Republican Party
Micah L. Ingram	17	Constitution Party
Robert Powell	17	Democratic Party
Bob Heleringer	19	Republican Party
Tim Shaughnessy	19	Democratic Party
Tom Jensen	21	Republican Party
Jack Westwood	23	Republican Party
Kathy Groob	23	Democratic Party
Michael "Whitey" Adkins	25	Democratic Party
Robert Stivers	25	Republican Party
Richard White	27	Republican Party
Walter "Doc" Blevins	27	Democratic Party
Johnny Ray Turner	29	Democratic Party
Ray Jones	31	Democratic Party
Gerald A. Neal	33	Democratic Party
Denise Harper Angel	35	Democratic Party
John Albers	35	Republican Party
Doug Hawkins	37	Republican Party
Perry B. Clark	37	Democratic Party

United States Representative

Candidate	District	Party
Edward Whitfield	1	Republican Party
Heather A. Ryan	1	Democratic Party
David E. Boswell	2	Democratic Party
S. Brett Guthrie	2	Republican Party
Anne M. Northup	3	Republican Party
Edward Martin	3	Libertarian Party
John Yarmuth	3	Democratic Party
Geoff Davis	4	Republican Party
Michael Kelley	4	Democratic Party
Harold "Hal" Rogers	5	Republican Party
Jim Holbert	5	Independent
Ben Chandler	6	Democratic Party
Jon Larson	6	Republican Party

United States Senator

Candidate	Party
Bruce Lunsford	Democratic Party
Mitch McConnell	Republican Party

Listed below are the names of the candidates that responded to the survey.

State Representative

Candidate	District
Fred Nesler	2
John Tilley	8
Myron Dossett	9
Ben Boarman	13
Brent Yonts	15
Jimmie Lee	25
Mike Weaver	26
James A. Sexton	29
Ron Crimm	33
Greg Galbraith	33
Robert Damron	39
Mike Harmon	54
Woody Wells	74
Susan Westrom	79
Robin Webb	96
Michael R. Stewart	100

State Senator

Candidate	District
Joey Pendleton	3
Chuck Ellinger	13
Bob Heleringer	19
Kathy Groob	23
Michael Adkins	25

United States Representative

Candidate	District
Edward Martin	Kentucky 3rd Congressional District
Jim Holbert	Kentucky 5th Congressional District

1. Did you participate in a school music program as part of your K-12 education?

Candidate	Office-District	Yes	No
Fred Nesler	SR-2		x
John Tilley	SR-8	x	
Myron Dossett	SR-9	x	
Ben Boarman	SR-13	x	
Brent Yonts	SR-15		x
Jimmie Lee	SR-25	x	
Mike Weaver	SR-26		x
James Sexton	SR-29	x	
Ron Crimm	SR-33	x	
Greg Galbraith	SR-33	x	
Robert Damron	SR-39	x	
Mike Harmon	SR-54	x	
Woody Wells	SR-74	x	
Susan Westrom	SR-79	x	
Robin Webb	SR-96	x	
Michael Stewart	SR-100	x	
Joey Pendleton	SS-3	x	
Chuck Ellinger	SS-13	x	
Bob Heleringer	SS-19	x	
Kathy Groob	SS-23	x	
Michael Adkins	SS-25	x	
Jim Holbert	US Rep	x	
Edward Martin	US Rep	x	

2. If yes to the above, please check all areas that apply to your experience:

Candidate	Office-District	A music class setting at the Elementary or Middle School level.	Participated in a school band	Participated in a school orchestra	Participated in a school choral program
Fred Nesler	SR-2				
John Tilley	SR-8	x			x
Myron Dossett	SR-9	x			
Ben Boarman	SR-13	x	x		x
Brent Yonts	SR-15				
Jimmie Lee	SR-25	x			
Mike Weaver	SR-26	Not available			
James Sexton	SR-29				x
Ron Crimm	SR-33	x			x
Greg Galbraith	SR-33	x			
Robert Damron	SR-39		x	x	x
Mike Harmon	SR-54	x			
Woody Wells	SR-74	x	x		x
Susan Westrom	SR-79	x			x
Robin Webb	SR-96	x	x	x	
Michael Stewart	SR-100	x	x		
Joey Pendleton	SS-3	x			
Chuck Ellinger	SS-13	x			
Bob Heleringer	SS-19	x			

Kathy Groob	SS-23	x	x		x
Michael Adkins	SS-25	x			
Jim Holbert	US Rep	x			
Edward Martin	US Rep	x			

Participated in some other form of arts education (indicate which):

Candidate	Office-District	Theater	Visual Art	Dance	Other
Fred Nesler	SR-2				
John Tilley	SR-8				
Myron Dossett	SR-9				
Ben Boarman	SR-13				
Brent Yonts	SR-15				
Jimmie Lee	SR-25				
Mike Weaver	SR-26				
James Sexton	SR-29				
Ron Crimm	SR-33	x	x		
Greg Galbraith	SR-33				
Robert Damron	SR-39				
Mike Harmon	SR-54	x			
Woody Wells	SR-74				
Susan Westrom	SR-79		x		
Robin Webb	SR-96				
Michael Stewart	SR-100				
Joey Pendleton	SS-3				
Chuck Ellinger	SS-13	x			
Bob Heleringer	SS-19	x			
Kathy Groob	SS-23	x	x	x	
Michael Adkins	SS-25				x
Jim Holbert	US Rep	x			
Edward Martin	US Rep				

3. In your view, what is the value of music education to students, parents, and the community? (Please limit response to 100 words.)

Candidate	Office-District	Response
Fred Nesler	SR-2	Everybody loves some kind or type of music. Music was not offered at Melber Elementary or Lower High School when I attended. Music is a way to learn to communicate and in some ways be a part of some or certain culture. Maybe being a part of some other heritage.
John Tilley	SR-8	I firmly believe in the arts; that music, drama, dance and art all play a pivotal part in the education of a child. Without them, the educational experience is incomplete. Each form of the arts is equally as important as reading, writing and arithmetic.
Myron Dossett	SR-9	Music education is another tool to broaden the knowledge of our young people and offer them a view into a creative experience.
Ben Boarman	SR-13	Music education provides students not only with a creative outlet for their emotions but also provides insights into mathematics, reading, and writing that would not be gained without music education. Music education can also provide lessons in areas as history and culture that are hard to teach in any other format. The value to parents is a more rounded child who is exposed to arts and culture. The value to the community is students who become performers, or at least who support the performing arts that bring culture and entertainment into our communities.
Brent Yonts	SR-15	No response
Jimmie Lee	SR-25	Music education gives the student a better understanding and appreciation for all forms of music as they become adults.

Mike Weaver	SR-26	Students: in addition to music, discipline, commitment, endurance & leadership. Parents: pride & involvement with student education. Community: pride, involvement & entertainment.
James Sexton	SR-29	We have found that music education adds so much to the overall student in the four year high school cycle in respects to being well rounded and also very aware of the subject of humanities. The elementary and middle schools must continue in the overall preparation of music program students for high school and beyond. I have been a high school principal for 26 years and have always made certain that music was very prominent in the curriculum offerings. My high school (Eastern High) has received many opportunities for our students in performance and scholarships. We have many all state music recognized students every year in choral, band and orchestra. We have recently offered classes in guitar and percussion. Eastern has four music teachers to support our student demands for classes. We feel that music class students have contributed to our strong reputation and excellent state CATS scores.
Ron Crimm	SR-33	I had no idea the positive effect on my life from music and art appreciation. In high school I took vocal music and sang in the choir. We did 2 Gilbert and Sullivan's every year and I loved it. I was in a number of acting rolls in high school and college and as teacher I directed the high school plays
Greg Galbraith	SR-33	I believe that an introduction to music in schools leads to more well-rounded individuals.
Robert Damron	SR-39	Provides a well rounded educational experience.
Mike Harmon	SR-54	I believe music as well as the other arts make students more well rounded as well as providing much needed confidence to succeed in this world.
Woody Wells	SR-74	Students that participate in music education in my opinion make better students. They achieve more, less likely to get into trouble which parents are less likely to worry as much. Everyone I've known that I have played music with have went on to be great citizens of my community. They also have gotten involved in the community and made it a better place to live.
Susan Westrom	SR-79	Cannot place a price tag on the importance of music education--brain studies demonstrate academic achievements of music rich students.
Robin Webb	SR-96	Important to most.
Michael Stewart	SR-100	As a parent of a daughter who graduated from a school orchestra program and went to college on a music scholarship, I am deeply aware of the value of music education. Appreciation of good music is a gift for a lifetime. It also creates another venue through which students may express themselves. For parents, it creates a sense of pride to see their child accomplishing something and using the gifts God gave them. For the community, music and music education help broaden the range of the arts available to the community.
Joey Pendleton	SS-3	It is important to provide education that makes them well rounded. Music & arts are important to their role as future leaders.
Chuck Ellinger	SS-13	Very important
Bob Heleringer	SS-19	It is invaluable to all three groups --- the arts enhance our lives and make us better, more enlightened citizens and better human beings, period. Without the arts, we just exist. (How sad that would be!!) I believe in what Shakespeare said in " Twelfth Night:" " If music be the food of life, play on! . . . O, it came o'er my ear like the sweet sound that breathes upon a bank of violets, stealing and giving odour!"
Kathy Groob	SS-23	Music enriches the lives of everyone and it is proven to enhance brain function in young people.
Michael Adkins	SS-25	I believe it is a proven fact that children who play an instrument are more likely to excel. It builds confidence and provides motivation for them to succeed in other avenues of their lives. Practicing teaches discipline that shows them they must put forth efforts to become better. Parents can use the love of music as stimulator and motivator to the kids. The community can use these talents to provide more activities for the kids to occupy their time in a constructive way.
Jim Holbert	US Rep	Music education is the entry into the arts for most students. Music education certainly made me a more well-rounded person and I think this holds true for students in general. And, as a purely practical matter, music education can lead to a full or part-time career.
Edward Martin	US Rep	Music education adds another level of comprehension to the students learning experience, especially if the classics and master works are taught. History, culture, and even mathematics can be tied in with music. Music education also affords many students a social network, as well as a field which to excel in.

4. Do you support music as a way to engage students in performing and creating, enrich students' school experience, and increase student achievement?

Candidate	Office-District	Yes	No	Comments:
Fred Nesler	SR-2	x		
John Tilley	SR-8	x		See question 3 response.
Myron Dossett	SR-9	x		

Ben Boarman	SR-13	x		
Brent Yonts	SR-15	x		
Jimmie Lee	SR-25	x		
Mike Weaver	SR-26	x		
James Sexton	SR-29	x		We have 2150 students this year. The popularity of music offerings is a big part of our attraction to students and parents. Music students do very well academically. The last state test scores reflect Eastern high school as a top state CATS scorer.
Ron Crimm	SR-33	x		I see this in a very positive way. It is intellectually stimulating as well as gratifying as a human being.
Greg Galbraith	SR-33	x		
Robert Damron	SR-39	x		
Mike Harmon	SR-54	x		
Woody Wells	SR-74	x		Absolutely, students that participate in music programs make better overall students and achieve more.
Susan Westrom	SR-79	x		
Robin Webb	SR-96	x		
Michael Stewart	SR-100	x		Not all students are going to be math or science whizzes. Music gives many students an increased sense of self-esteem they don't get from their other classes. Music gives students who otherwise would not be noticed a chance to shine. The pride engendered by music achievement will push the student to succeed in other areas.
Joey Pendleton	SS-3	x		
Chuck Ellinger	SS-13	x		
Bob Heleringer	SS-19	x		Absolutely!
Kathy Groob	SS-23	x		
Michael Adkins	SS-25	x		Many times children are not sure of their talents. If they have more options to choose from, they can discover their hidden talents. They will have more confidence and more than likely, excel in other areas. It will help them enjoy school more knowing they have something to look forward to. Happier kids mean less discipline and better grades. They will feel encouraged and motivated to put forth more effort. They will also feel special in their own way.
Jim Holbert	US Rep	x		Music is both an art and a skill which appeals to people more than any other form of expression. Musical training helps students develop logical thinking, planning, memory, fine motor skills, sensory skills, and discipline.
Edward Martin	US Rep	x		Absolutely. In addition to giving students a field to excel in and a group to identify with (socially). The practicing and study that music training requires translates in to better study habits.

5. Do you support music as a part of the core curriculum for all students?

Candidate	Office-District	Yes	No	Comments:
Fred Nesler	SR-2	x		
John Tilley	SR-8	x		See question 3 response.
Myron Dossett	SR-9	x		
Ben Boarman	SR-13	x		
Brent Yonts	SR-15	x		
Jimmie Lee	SR-25	x		
Mike Weaver	SR-26	x		
James Sexton	SR-29	x		It is very important in our course offerings here at Eastern High.
Ron Crimm	SR-33	x		A child might not appreciate it at the time, but it is such a valuable cultural experience. Example, traveling in Europe and visiting some of the great galleries and being able to recognize the works of some of the worlds greatest artists.
Greg Galbraith	SR-33	x		I believe that an introduction to music at the Elementary or Middle School level is important and should be part of the core curriculum. However, it should remain an elective at higher levels.
Robert Damron	SR-39	x		
Mike Harmon	SR-54	x		

Woody Wells	SR-74	x		Had it not been for my music curriculum in high school I very well could have been a high school drop out. I'm very thankful for my schools program and glad I went on to graduate.
Susan Westrom	SR-79	x		No contest here! Music <u>must</u> remain part of curriculum.
Robin Webb	SR-96	x		
Michael Stewart	SR-100	x		All students should be exposed to the arts in school. First of all, music appreciation is something that lasts a lifetime. Secondly, many students will discover they do have talents they were never aware of before they took part in a music program. It would be a shame to think the next Yo Yo Ma would never be given the chance to know he had talents as a cellist.
Joey Pendleton	SS-3	x		
Chuck Ellinger	SS-13	x		
Bob Heleringer	SS-19	x		
Kathy Groob	SS-23	x		Music and arts should be a part of the curriculum at all levels. We need to teach students how to be creative and think with an open mind. Music and arts helps students look at the world in a different way.
Michael Adkins	SS-25	x		Music brings cultural experiences and all kids could profit from that. It would allow them to explore a side of themselves that they may otherwise not even know about. A music curriculum would also help in other core content classes. Music is in our every day lives so kids could connect to a subject and enjoy it at the same time. They would be learning without realizing the work involved.
Jim Holbert	US Rep	x		All students should be exposed to basic musical education in K through middle school. High school students should have elective opportunities available in band and/or choral activities.
Edward Martin	US Rep	x		All students should at least be exposed to music education. It's not hard to imagine that the next creative genius goes unnoticed...for lack of being exposed to something they could have connected with...like music. Personally though...please don't consider rap to be music. As a side note... My eldest daughter (13) does not have more advanced music education at her school, we think it is important enough we have her tutored after school.

6. Do you believe that music should remain a part of the Program of Studies and Core Content?

Candidate	Office-District	Yes	No	Comments:
Fred Nesler	SR-2			No response
John Tilley	SR-8			
Myron Dossett	SR-9	x		
Ben Boarman	SR-13	x		
Brent Yonts	SR-15			No response
Jimmie Lee	SR-25			No response
Mike Weaver	SR-26	x		
James Sexton	SR-29	x		I support.
Ron Crimm	SR-33	x		There is no question in my mind that I believe it needs to remain in the studies some place. We can't just keep taking the basic culture away from the students
Greg Galbraith	SR-33	x		Again, see comments for question 5.
Robert Damron	SR-39	x		
Mike Harmon	SR-54	x		
Woody Wells	SR-74	x		
Susan Westrom	SR-79			
Robin Webb	SR-96			
Michael Stewart	SR-100	x		I understand many children do not have exceptional musical talents. However, many do and to deprive them of the opportunity to be exposed to and develop those talents not only cheats the student, it cheats society.
Chuck Ellinger	SS-13			No response
Bob Heleringer	SS-19	x		
Kathy Groob	SS-23	x		

Jim Holbert	US Rep	x		All students benefit from basic musical education in the development of sensory and study skills which help academic performance in other areas.
Edward Martin	US Rep	x		

7. Do you believe that music should continue to be included in Kentucky's ongoing accountability/testing program?

Candidate	Office-District	Yes	No	Comments:
Fred Nesler	SR-2			No response
John Tilley	SR-8			
Myron Dossett	SR-9	x		I strongly believe we must look at testing program and make changes. We must allow our teachers to teach our children rather than have to teach a test.
Ben Boarman	SR-13	x		
Brent Yonts	SR-15			No response
Jimmie Lee	SR-25			No response
Mike Weaver	SR-26	x		
James Sexton	SR-29	x		The humanities and music should always be part of any assessment plans.
Ron Crimm	SR-33			Not sure
Greg Galbraith	SR-33	x		Again, see comments for question 5.
Robert Damron	SR-39	x		
Mike Harmon	SR-54			Undecided
Woody Wells	SR-74	x		
Susan Westrom	SR-79			
Robin Webb	SR-96			
Michael Stewart	SR-100	x		I think we need to revise the accountability/testing process. I don't think, as it is constituted today, the process objectively shows student success and achievement. It is extremely difficult to measure achievement in music on a test designed to measure school improvement and not designed to measure student progress. There must be ways found to accurately measure student progress and include those areas outside the core curriculum. Not every student is going to be a whiz at math and science. Nor will they be great writers. Many will find their niche in the arts and we need a way of rewarding and recognizing that achievement.
Chuck Ellinger	SS-13			No response
Bob Heleringer	SS-19	x		
Kathy Groob	SS-23	x		
Jim Holbert	US Rep		x	In general, I do not support performance-bases testing of school children. I believe it constrains educators, puts pressure on children, and wastes resources.
Edward Martin	US Rep		x	Personally, I think music is too subjective and open to interpretation to be a tested subject.

8. What will you do in matters of curriculum, accountability, class time, and funding to ensure the continuation of music as a vital part of the educational experience of every Kentucky child? (Please limit response to 100 words.)

Candidate	Office-District	Response
Fred Nesler	SR-2	Support legislation that includes all four areas listed above that comes out of the House Education Committee
John Tilley	SR-8	Support common sense legislation that furthers the aforementioned goal.
Myron Dossett	SR-9	I will do all I can to ensure that our children receive a quality education.
Ben Boarman	SR-13	In all matters of education I support, hiring, retaining, and rewarding teachers who get outstanding results.
Brent Yonts	SR-15	Make sure funding does not get cut. Arts are critical to success in life.
Jimmie Lee	SR-25	I will insure all forms of music education remains in our core curriculum. I will also lobby for sufficient funding for all the arts.
Mike Weaver	SR-26	Support

James Sexton	SR-29	Vote and lobby to support what I have found to be positive in school curriculums. Music must be part of all schools curriculum offerings.
Ron Crimm	SR-33	I am certainly prepared to support the arts as I can. I would be willing to share my experiences if that would be of value. Probably no one would want to hear it, but I'm willing.
Greg Galbraith	SR-33	I would ensure that adequate funds be made available guarantee the opportunity for every child to be exposed to and learn about music.
Robert Damron	SR-39	Put a priority on funding for all public education including arts.
Mike Harmon	SR-54	I graduated EKU with a triple major in Math, Statistics, and Theater so I have a true appreciation for the logical and the creative side. I will be happy to work to make sure music as well as other arts are an important part of the educational process. As for funding, I have studied the Pennsylvania school choice model where a corporation can contribute tax deductible funds to a non-profit. Much of this money goes to provide vouchers for school choice, but a portion is allotted for public school items such as music and other programs which may fall short. I believe we should work towards something similar in KY.
Woody Wells	SR-74	Education is in the forefront of my priorities when elected. I'm in favor of a complete overhaul of KERA. My pledge to you is that I will always put music as a vital part of education and will ensure that there will be proper funding for this curriculum so every child will have the opportunity to participate if they choose as I had the opportunity!
Susan Westrom	SR-79	Just give me a chance to co-sponsor such legislation.
Robin Webb	SR-96	Try to achieve the status it deserves.
Michael Stewart	SR-100	I will fight to stop cuts in the education budget that would deprive students of the opportunity to be exposed to music. I think there are many reforms needed in education but stripping schools of music and other arts programs would be an injustice to our children.
Joey Pendleton	SS-3	Make sure funding is in the budget for arts and music.
Chuck Ellinger	SS-13	No Response
Bob Heleringer	SS-19	There should be an hour of class time every day, or at least every other day, devoted to the arts, whether music, drama, art, art history, etc. Students should be educated "totally," enriched by an immersion/exposure to a wide range of the arts. Doing so will positively affect their whole lives --- basically, forever. I know, it did for me.
Kathy Groob	SS-23	It will be a priority for me first of all. I was fortunate to have a wonderful music and arts program growing up and it has shaped me as an individual. I am in favor of exploring schools for creative and performing arts especially in urban settings.
Michael Adkins	SS-25	I will support music education to remain in all school districts. I will encourage districts to search for grants that can expand existing efforts for music education. I will also support equal monies to go toward music programs.
Jim Holbert	US Rep	Specifics on this question are a matter for elected officials on the state and local level. However, in Congress I would work for education block grants which would ensure continuity of music education for Kentucky's public school students.
Edward Martin	US Rep	I am opposed to expanding government programs. However I'm VERY much in favor of tax relief policy. For starters, I would be agreeable to making post secondary music education expenses tax deductible...seems fair enough since most post secondary education in music has a high probability of leading top a career in music education/teaching.

9. Do you support the delivery of music instruction by highly qualified music educators ?

Candidate	Office-District	Yes	No	Comments:
Fred Nesler	SR-2	x		
John Tilley	SR-8	x		See previous responses.
Myron Dossett	SR-9	x		
Ben Boarman	SR-13	x		
Brent Yonts	SR-15	x		
Jimmie Lee	SR-25	x		
Mike Weaver	SR-26	x		
James Sexton	SR-29	x		We have already implemented this requirement at Eastern High.
Ron Crimm	SR-33	x		I would hope that it would not ever be left in the hands of untrained individuals. Look at the mistakes in order to save a buck, made by cutting, Home Ec, Manual Arts, Drivers Ed and Physical Education.

Greg Galbraith	SR-33	x		
Robert Damron	SR-39	x		
Mike Harmon	SR-54	x		
Woody Wells	SR-74	x		I was very fortunate in high school to having a highly qualified teacher, this made it easier to learn. We need to set the bar high and when we get these people pay them well.
Susan Westrom	SR-79	x		
Robin Webb	SR-96	x		
Michael Stewart	SR-100	x		My daughter was so very fortunate to have been exposed to wonderful music educators. Dan Boyer her strings instructor is a first rate educator. Terry Thompson, the band director and music theory instructor was a tremendous asset in her education. She was blessed to have these gentlemen. Through their instruction and encouragement she was able to go to college on a music scholarship. It is as important for music educators to be qualified in their fields as it is any other instructor in any field. Qualified instructors are not only capable of teaching music, they are empowered to share their love of music with their students. Music instructors, maybe more than instructors in any other field, care about their students and want to motivate their students to succeed.
Joey Pendleton	SS-3	x		
Chuck Ellinger	SS-13	x		
Bob Heleringer	SS-19	x		As opposed to “ highly qualified “ Math teachers? (They should be banned from the earth.) (Just kidding . . . sort of.
Kathy Groob	SS-23	x		We need the best qualified, high trained teachers shaping our young people.
Michael Adkins	SS-25	x		Music is as important as any other subject and needs to be delivered by someone who is competent and knowledgeable on the topic. They should have specific insight on the subject in order to provide correct perspective and understanding.
Jim Holbert	US Rep	x		Well-qualified and enthusiastic music teachers are important because the likelihood that a student will benefit from, enjoy, and continue in music throughout life is definitely linked to the quality of his or her instruction.
Edward Martin	US Rep	x		Yes...although at the younger ages, I think it OK for kids to be exposed to music by someone who makes it fun...Irrespective of training. I do think it important though to have some exposure, even early on, by a highly trained educator...so that potential might have a better chance of being recognized early on