

2022 North Carolina General Assembly Candidate Questionnaire

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Party Affiliation: Democrat

Current Occupation: Media production

1. What are your views on the needs of young children (prenatal to age 5) and what specific steps would you take to address these needs?

The more children are supported early in their development the better their chances are to fulfill themselves as adults. The General Assembly should fully fund early childhood education. But that currently is happening. Thousands of young children do not have spots available to them.

2. What steps would you take to ensure that children birth to age five have access to high-quality and affordable early learning programs?

I will support funding early learning programs. I'm not hung up on a definition of affordability. High-quality may not be affordable to some. Children are worth the investment.

3. What steps would you take to stabilize and sustain North Carolina's early education system and child care workforce as we approach the end of the federal child care relief funding?

Just fund it. It ain't like we don't have the money. But it appears the leadership's priority is to drive the corporate income tax rate to zero instead.

4. What are your views on how to provide all children with access to a sound, basic education beginning in early childhood?

Fund the Leandro/West Ed plan. We have the resources. We know what to do. We just aren't doing it.