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## 2022 North Carolina General Assembly Candidate Questionnaire

**Name:** Amber M. Baker

**District:** House District 72

**Party Affiliation:** Democrat

**Current Occupation:** State representative, consultant

**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?**

It is important that they have access to quality healthcare, early learning opportunity and programming that develops them socially, emotionally and physically. I will continue to fight for Medicaid expansion, funding universal Pre-K and pushing for pay increases for teacher, especially child care providers.

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

We have to build collaborative business partnerships that can assist financially with funding universal Pre-K.

**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?**

Early childhood education, like school age education is grossly underfunded. In addition, there is a need to develop training and learning opportunities in colleges and university that is affordable for individuals interested in a career in early childhood education.

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

First, the General Assembly MUST fully fund Leandro. Then, it is essential that teachers are paid a livable wage and finally, community partnerships have to be created to provide additional learning centers.