

2022 North Carolina General Assembly Candidate Questionnaire

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Party Affiliation: Republican

Current Occupation: Retired engineer

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?

I was adopted at the age of 2. My first memory is that of lying on the living room floor with my mom doing think and do books. There is no question that there needs to be a sound learning environment for children. At this age the family is the most important. And it the family that needs to teach children proper psycho-social-emotional ways of behavior. It is only with this environment that a child can be led to explore and learn. Discipline is so very important in teaching as this is what discipline is - to teach. Specific steps - I cannot say right now as I am not as familiar with the issues in depth. All I can say is that I will study them and come up with good ideas in the cause. Our children are our future and this is some of the most important work being done in our society today.

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

Will need to study more in-depth - a plan of this nature will have many steps all of which I cannot say here. For starters I would consult those more adeptly knowledgeable on the issue than myself.

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?

Will need to study more in-depth in order to determine.

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

Access means resource - resource = efficient deployment of assets as well as funding new programs that make sense and accomplish specific goals. Our society needs good-hearted and educated people if we are to maintain and build. Again - this is our future and some of the most important work we can do as a society.

