

2022 North Carolina General Assembly Candidate Questionnaire

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Party Affiliation: Democrat

Current Occupation: Health inspector

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?

Babies and young children need stability. Families need to have paid parental leave, paid FMLA, and paid sick leave to start. Additionally, young children need access to quality, equitable early childhood education. Child care and preschools are often expensive and have limited enrollment so many children are unable to have the needed educational and social experiences before they begin elementary school. We need to increase the subsidies for child care, increase teacher and staff pay, and increase child care enrollment spots. Our families need support!

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 bills and policies to help working families like increasing child care subsidies, child care enrollment spots and teacher/staff pay. I also support implementing the Leandro plan. We have to find ways to take burdens off of our working families.

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?

We have a responsibility to provide resources for our children, working families, and educational systems. I support the Leandro plan, increasing child care subsidies, child care enrollment spots and teacher/staff pay.

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

The General Assembly has an obligation to implement the Leandro plan. This includes increased funding for early childhood education and our public schools. Investing in our children and schools will help our families, our economy, and our communities.