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## 2022 North Carolina General Assembly Candidate Questionnaire

**Name:** Brian Echevarria

**District:** House District 73

**Party Affiliation:** Republican

**Current Occupation:** Financial advisor

**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?**

Children need the healthiest home life possible. That starts with the loving care of their parents and extended family, proper nourishment, and mentally stimulating opportunities to grow and prepare for the years ahead. Families understand that each child is unique, and their needs vary. Because of that, legislation must be flexible when it comes to early childhood education.

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

Jobs and economic growth are the catalyst for upward mobility, opportunity, and a family's ability to allow their children to participate in the best programs available. I will work to identify and connect with experts in my district to properly assess and strategize the best ways to enhance that at the state level.

**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?**

As your representative, I am committed to doing what is best for the families of North Carolina. Even without having all of the data, I am certain that I will have the opportunity to collaborate with the foremost authorities in this field to make our entire education system sustainable, stable, and successful for our children.

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

Parents are the frontline. They know their children best, love them most, and want a great future for them. I will support policies at the legislative level that help early education and childcare businesses be less burdened with unnecessary regulations and support the needs that they express as most urgent for the children.

