

2022 North Carolina General Assembly Candidate Questionnaire

Name: Rachel Hunt

District: Senate District 42

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Current Occupation: State legislator and college counselor

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 prenatal to age 5 stage in early childhood is a vital developmental stage for young kids, and it is crucial that they are provided with the care and education they need to succeed early on, which is why I support making childcare more affordable for families and investing in that across the state.

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

As a life-long education advocate, I have always been a proponent in raising teacher pay to raise the quality of our schools. This includes early education. We should invest in paying early childhood educators and other early child care personnel well.

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?

To support the child care workforce, I support investing in our early education teachers and school personnel to ensure that our children have access to quality care. Additionally, I support making early education and child care programs more affordable and accessible to families.

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

I believe that everyone deserves access to a sound, basic education. We can start by providing access to affordable early education. For example, investing in universal pre-school would help families with enrolling their children in early education programs.