



EDUCATION

Parents must come first in education. We entrust our most valuable resources - our children - to teachers. A high-quality teacher is the most significant influence on student achievement. We must adequately remunerate them for the task we are entrusting them to perform, particularly when they exceed expectations. We also need to ensure that the pipeline of new teachers are themselves properly educated, so that every classroom is staffed with a well trained, caring and qualified teacher.

We must ensure teachers are empowered to teach and not be beholden to far-left curriculum. We need to raise the educational standards at the state level, standardize a rigorous curriculum that would apply to all classrooms across the state, develop a testing program to measure results, and employ a process for periodically reviewing and updating these standards and curriculum.

We must strengthen the parent-teacher-student relationship for optimal student success. The recent North Carolina Parents' Bill of Rights and School Choice legislation, which are now law, enable parents to make informed decisions about their child's education. Teachers should also be required to post outlines of lesson plans and assignments to publicly available websites, for added transparency.

We also must ensure our schools are safe, by including School Resource Officers in those areas prone to school violence. And we must address economic disparities through an effective education system that fosters career and college readiness, including an emphasis on the trades and entrepreneurship programs.

Every child deserves the best education possible. We must work to make all our teachers successful, our schools safe and give students the opportunity to learn and perform at their best. Our future depends on student success.

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