

deaeyc Early Childhood Education Candidate Questionnaire

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1. What are your views on the needs of young children (birth to kindergarten) and what specific steps would you take to address these needs?

Children from birth to kindergarten is the most important time in children's lives. At this age the state should focus that these children are receiving the necessary medical and nutritional care. Children at this age also should begin to experience what it is to live in a safe and stable environment. A step I would like to take to ensure this is implementing the value of nutrition and medical care into family services to better let parents understand how important it is for a child's future.

2. What are your views on the ways in which we can close the education achievement gap with a particular focus on the early years?

1. education vouchers

2. Revamping the k-12 education system to make learning more fun and less of a tsk, the more interested children are in learning the more they will learn.

3. Merit pay for teachers

4. A new statewide way to test students growth, and a geared focus to those with the least growth

3. What is the role of the state/city/federal government to provide for programs that will be addressing the socio-emotional and mental health issues young children will experience in the coming weeks and months resulting from the disruption in their lives brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic?

Gov't should ensure that when the country opens up the services and professionals needed to provide these services are on standby. This can be achieved by continuing to allow higher education to operate while restricting interest on student loans.

4. What steps would you take to attract, and retain quality educators in the early childhood education field?

1. Merit Pay for educational professionals
 2. A state wide rating system to track improvement
 3. Incentives for parents to be involved in their children's education
 4. Allow new experimental learning methods that aim to teach children in a fun, engaging and interesting way.
5. As an elected official, what would be your top 4 priorities in the first 100 days in the position?
1. Education Reform
 2. Ban Tax hikes on the elderly & disabled population
 3. Implement Small scale farming free of GMO, pesticides and hormones
 4. Challenge constitutional infringements
6. How would you improve the economy of your city, our State and/or our nation?
1. Bring back factory jobs to the state.
 2. Implement all high schools to either 1. Train students in a skill/trade or 2. Prepare student for higher education
 3. Support incentives for new & emerging small businesses.