NC Voters Guide 2020 Questionnaire

Please describe your background and experience.

I'm a Safety Engineer from Va. Tech. I sub and volunteer in the community: PTA, Communities In Schools, Azalea Festival, recruiting volunteers for local races and NHCS on Title IX, Crisis Management, School Health Advisory and All Hands on Deck Committees

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What are your top 2 or 3 priorities if elected and how will they impact the daily lives of students in your county?

1. Safety
2. Virtual Learning Capability and Access to Technology/Internet
3. Reducing the Achievement Gap - use more innovative best practice teaching strategies that include intentional teacher input; address students' non-academic needs.

What will you do to remove barriers to students accessing their education (i.e. reducing the digital divide)?

Ensure that NHCS:
Has a 1:1 student-technology match
Has partnerships with internet providers for hotspots
Informs parents about community resources available

Trains students/parents to use learning platforms
Checks in with families regularly

About 50% of criminal and juvenile court referrals are coming from schools and black boys get the majority of those referrals. In what ways would you work with parents in finding community solutions to reduce racial disparities in school discipline and court referrals? For example, would you support a school "Peacebuilder program" (Peacebuilders are community intervention workers, they are not police officers, that could be placed in schools to help with conflict) as an alternative to school police?

I support having additional caring, well-trained adults, including school resource officers, in our schools to help deal with peer conflict, substance misuse, and other mental health issues, especially those related to Adverse Childhood Experiences.

What will you do to ensure that students with disabilities are college and career ready?

I would evaluate data on graduation rates for this student population to determine strengths/outages of current NHCS programming. I would seek funding to provide appropriate resources to students as identified in their IEPs.