Southey Blanton
North Carolina State Senate 25

BIOGRAPHY/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:



Bio:
Southey Blanton is a lifelong North Carolinian, proud public school advocate, and graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill. As a husband and father of four, he has spent the past decade actively supporting public schools by volunteering in classrooms, coaching youth sports, attending IEP meetings, and working alongside teachers, staff, and families. His firsthand experience has strengthened his commitment to ensuring every North Carolinian has the opportunity to succeed.

Why he's running:
Southey is running because he believes North Carolina deserves leaders who listen to communities and invest in their future. After seeing educators, students, and families do more with fewer resources while their concerns are overlooked, he is committed to fighting for strong public schools, responsive leadership, and policies that put people—not politics—first.

School Funding:	• Will fight to ensure North Carolina's public schools receive the funding and support they deserve, because every child deserves a quality education and every community deserves strong public schools.
School Safety:	• Supporting investment in counselors, mental health services, and student support helps prevent problems before they become crises and creates a safer learning environment for every child.
Teacher Pay:	• Strongly support increasing teacher pay, restoring lost benefits, and making sure we can recruit and retain the dedicated professionals our students depend on.
Families:	• Strong supporter of making life more affordable by expanding child care access, investing in early education, lowering the burden of rising utility costs, and creating more affordable housing opportunities.
Healthcare:	• Dedicated to protecting healthcare access, strengthening Medicaid, and ensuring families can get the care they need when they need it.
How We Pay For It:	• We can invest in our schools, healthcare, and families by stopping costly tax giveaways to large corporations and ensuring North Carolina's economy works for everyone, not just the wealthiest.