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On Wednesday, the North Carolina General Assembly convened for the 2021 long session. If you're hoping to get involved in state-level advocacy, or just want to be more informed about how our state government works, **here's a guide from Mebane Rash.**

"Much of my career has been spent trying to make sure people across the state are comfortable and confident participating in state government, from walking

into the legislature to interacting with policymakers. **This moment in time makes that more important to me than ever," writes Rash.**

Wondering what to expect this legislative session? **Liz Bell recaps the key early education issues** that face the General Assembly this year, from financial relief for child care providers to support for working parents. **Read her early education legislative preview here.**

And, **Rupen Fofaria has this legislative preview on reading reform**. He spoke with Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger, R-Rockingham, about **his plans to re-introduce legislation similar to 2019's Excellent Public Schools Act**, which would have modified the state's Read to Achieve law. Notably, it would have required that "early literacy training be evidence-based, systemic and explicit, based on the **science of reading.**"

"Children matter." Principal Matt Bristow-Smith discusses the importance of school support staff in this week's moment of hope. ***Listen here.***

More from EdNC.org...

The community college system has a new leader. Here are the key issues he faces. // Nation Hahn

As Thomas Stith takes over North Carolina's community colleges, we lay out the challenges and opportunities ahead.

One high school had a 97% FAFSA completion rate this year. Here's how they did it. // Alli Lindenberg

How did a data sharing agreement help Edgecombe Early College High School reach its FAFSA completion goal? Principal Matt Bristow-Smith explains.

A chat with President Rachel Desmarais of Vance-Granville Community College // Nation Hahn

We caught up with Rachel Desmarais of Vance-Granville Community College to discuss the challenges of COVID-19, the school's emphasis on bolstering social mobility, faculty pay concerns, the budget consequences of enrollment declines, and more.

What we're tuning into

The Hummingbird Stories - Ep. 6. - "Insist on it" featuring Dr. Lynn Moody

In this episode, Donnell and Jenny interview Dr. Lynn Moody, the recently retired superintendent of the Rowan-Salisbury School System. Moody is an accomplished leader in transforming education. They talk about failure being a necessary part of innovation, discomfort as a key to learning, and the charge to continue to reimagine how we educate our children.

School PR Drive Time - Episode 011 - James Ford on Equity in NC Public Schools

This episode features James Ford, executive director of CREED and a member of the NC State Board of Education. Co-host Randi Davis, who worked with Ford in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, joins host Kevin Smith to learn more about the background and future of equity work at the state and local level throughout North Carolina's public schools.

Perspectives

- **North Carolina: Strong, resilient, ready // Gov. Roy Cooper**
- **NC COVID-19 Student Response Corps: Strengthening the talent pipeline to public service // Liam Miranda and Dylan Russell**
- **Assessment and accountability during COVID-19 // Public School Forum of North Carolina**
- **A guide to hybrid coaching during COVID-19 // Marquis Mason**
- **Echoes of the roaring '20s still resonate in North Carolina // Ferrel Guillory**

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