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Barbara Yates-Lockamy NC State Senate (SD 13) Background Research Report

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	In June 2019, Republican Senate Leader Phil Berger Criticized Medicaid Expansion as a "Mistake that Not Only Will Fail to Solve the Problems Its Proponents Claim It Solves, but Will Create New Problems"
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	In May 2019, the North Carolina Association of Educators Opposed the Proposed North Carolina House Budget Because It "Continued Tax Cuts on Business and Wealthy Individuals"
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SECTION A: BACKGROUND & PUBLIC RECORDS

A.1 – General Background

<u>Identifying Information – Born in 1951; Resides in Whiteville, NC</u>

Name: Barbara Singletary Yates-Lockamy

<u>DOB</u>: November 21, 1951

Spouse: Fennell Yates (died in May 2012)

Daniel Lewis Lockamy

Residence: 4820 Old Lumberton Rd.

Whiteville, NC 28472

<u>Biography – Yates-Lockamy Was Involved in Public School Education for</u> More than 30 Years

The biography shown below is from Yates-Lockamy's campaign website. In this biography, Yates-Lockamy states that she was involved in public education for more than 30 years.

I am Barbara Yates-Lockamy, a lifelong resident of beautiful Southeastern NC. I am "Committed" to serving people. I have shown this with over 30 years of experience in public school education. During my tenure in education, I have served as a teacher, career counselor, VoCATS Coordinator, Special Population Coordinator, Human Resource Service Coordinator, Staff Development Coordinator, and Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource Services. I have also held "Trusted" supervisory roles with Risk Management, Child Nutrition and Maintenance. As your candidate, I want you to know that I am "Committed" and "Trusted" to lead and represent what's best for our families and community in the State House.

I was educated in the Columbus County School System and obtained an Associate Degree from Southeastern Community College and an undergraduate degree in Business Education from North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, NC. I completed my graduate work at the University of South Carolina at Columbia, SC receiving a Master's degree in Education. In addition, I have course work in Educational Counseling from the University of South Carolina. All of these details are not mere educational accomplishments, but they are elements of my "Committed" life to learn how to serve people in a greater capacity.

<u>"Barbara's Commitment," barbarayateslockamy.com</u> (accessed on 4/24/2020)

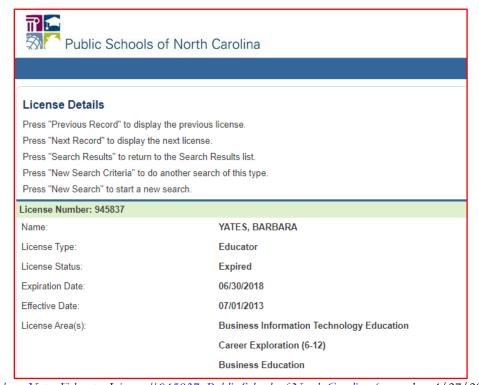
Professional and Political Timeline

The following timeline provides dates and date ranges for events that can be confirmed.

- 2019-2020 Member, Columbus Career and College Academy Fair Bluff and Southeastern Campuses School Advisory Council: In August 2019, Yates-Lockamy was appointed by the Columbus County School Board to the School Advisory Council at the Columbus Career and College Academy Fair Bluff and Southeastern Campuses. ("Former school board chair hired in parttime role," Columbus News Reporter, January 13, 2019)
- **2018 Ran for NC House District 46:** Yates-Lockamy ran unsuccessfully for NC House District 46. ("Jones wins NC House District 46 race," WECT, November 6, 2018)
- 2010-2018 Member, Columbus County School Board: Yates-Lockamy was a board member from 2010 to 2018. ("Yates-Lockamy in House District 46," Watauga Watch Blog, March 12, 2018)

<u>Professional License Verification – Yates-Lockamy Held an Educator License</u> from the Public Schools of North Carolina from 2013 to 2018

Searches of the Public Schools of North Carolina found that Yates-Lockamy held an Educator License from July 2013 to June 2018. The license areas were in Business Information Technology Education, Career Exploration (6-12), and Business Education.



Barbara Yates Educator License #945837, Public Schools of North Carolina (accessed on 4/27/2020)

<u>Degree Verification – Yates-Lockamy Received a Master of Education Degree in 1988 from the University of South Carolina</u>

Searches of Student Clearinghouse confirmed that Yates-Lockamy received a Master of Education Degree in December 1988 from the University of South Carolina.

INFORMATION VERIFIED

Name On School's Records: BARBARA SINGLETARY YATES

Date Awarded: 12/18/1988

Degree Title: MASTER OF EDUCATION

Official Name of School: UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

School Division: COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Major Course(s) of Study: SECONDARY EDUCATION

Barbara Singletary Yates, Degree Verification, National Student Clearinghouse

Local Newspapers Used for Report

The following table describes local news publications used in this background research report.

LOCAL NEWSPAPERS - SD 13

Publication	Available on	Available on	Available on	Archive available
	Nexis?	Newsbank?	Newspapers.com?	on newspaper
				website?
Whiteville News	Yes	Yes	No	Yes – back to 2018
<u>Reporter</u>				(subscription
				required)
Tabor-Loris Tribune	Yes	Yes	No	Yes - Back to 2011
<u>Lumberton</u>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes - back to 2019
Robesonian				
Spectrum Local	No	No	No	Yes - Back to 2003
News				
WECT 6 News	No	No	No	Yes - Back to 2018
Whiteville News-	No	No	No	Yes – Back to 2012
Reporter				

A.2 – Social Media/Internet Video Profile

Summary of Social Media Accounts

The following table summarizes Yates-Lockamy's personal and campaign social media accounts.

SUMMARY OF BARBARA YATES-LOCKAMY'S SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Type	Account Name	Hyperlink
Personal Facebook	Barbara S. Yates-Lockamy	facebook.com/barbara.yateslockamy
Campaign Barbara Yates-Lockamy Facebook NC Senate		facebook.com/votebarbarayateslockamy
	@votebarbarayateslockamy	
Campaign Twitter	@LockamyYates	twitter.com/LockamyYates
LinkedIn	No account found	
Campaign	@yateslockamy4ncsenate	instagram.com/yateslockamy4ncsenate
Instagram		
Campaign	No account found	
YouTube		

Social media posts of interest are included in subsequent chapters of this report.

Summary of Online Videos about/Featuring Yates-Lockamy

The following table is a selection of videos involving Yates-Lockamy.

VIDEOS – BARBARA YATES-LOCKAMY

Video Title (with Embedded Hyperlink)	Source	Name of	Date	Notes
		Author/Blogger		
		(if applicable)		
NCFREE Candidate Interview - Barbara	YouTube	NCFREE (NC Free	4/16/2020	This is a 15-minute candidate interview with
Yates-Lockamy.		Enterprise		NCFREE Executive Director Anna Beavon
		Foundation)		Gravely. In it, Yates-Lockamy discusses tax
				rates, business incentives, education, and
				Medicaid expansion.
A Prayer A for our Schools: Columbus	Facebook	Barbara Yates-	2/13/2020	This is a 30-minute video of speakers at a
County & State		Lockamy NC Senate		church. Much of the audio is inaudible.
Barbara Yates-Lockamy NC Senate's Video	Facebook	Barbara Yates-	2/13/2020	This is a brief video of a man speaking at a
		Lockamy NC Senate		service in a church (this is the same church
				service as the "A Prayer for our Schools" video)
My Commitment To Our Children	Facebook	Barbara Yates-	10/22/2018	This video is of Yates-Lockamy making opening
		Lockamy NC Senate		remarks at a roundtable discussion. There is no
				description given of the others in attendance.
				The video concludes with a graphic for Yates-
				Lockamy's 2018 House campaign.
Mental Health	Facebook	Barbara Yates-	10/22/2018	This is a video of Yates-Lockamy participating
		Lockamy NC Senate		in a roundtable discussion. Yates-Lockamy does
				not speak but listens to one of the participants
				discuss mental health care services. The video
				concludes with a graphic for Yates-Lockamy's
				2018 House campaign.

Video Title (with Embedded Hyperlink)	Source	Name of Author/Blogger (if applicable)	Date	Notes
Support For Families	Facebook	Barbara Yates- Lockamy NC Senate	10/22/2018	This is a video of Yates-Lockamy participating in a roundtable discussion. In this video, Yates-Lockamy says that more needs to be done to help homeless children and their families. The video concludes with a graphic for Yates-Lockamy's 2018 House campaign.
School Counselors and Mental Health	Facebook	Barbara Yates- Lockamy NC Senate	10/22/2018	This is a video of Yates-Lockamy participating in a roundtable discussion. In this video, Yates-Lockamy and one of the attendees discuss school counselors. The video concludes with a graphic for Yates-Lockamy's 2018 House campaign.
Over Testing	Facebook	Barbara Yates- Lockamy NC Senate	10/22/2018	This is a video of Yates-Lockamy participating in a roundtable discussion. In this video, Yates-Lockamy and one of the attendees discuss the focus on testing and stress that the tests place on teachers and students. The video concludes with a graphic for Yates-Lockamy's 2018 House campaign.
Our Schools Are Underfunded	Facebook	Barbara Yates- Lockamy NC Senate	10/22/2018	This is a video of Yates-Lockamy talking about the need for teacher pay increases. The video concludes with a graphic for Yates-Lockamy's 2018 House campaign.
Rape Kits	Facebook	Barbara Yates- Lockamy NC Senate	10/22/2018	This is a video of Yates-Lockamy speaking about untested rape kits over a graphic that shows there are 15,000 untested kits across North Carolina. She states that she will "support the funding of the untested rape kits so the attorney general can do his job." The video concludes with a graphic for Yates-Lockamy's 2018 House campaign.
"Today Starts Early Votingas you go to the polls, I want you to clearly see one of the Top Areas I plan to fight. #Red4Ed Please help me share this. #Road2Victory"	Facebook	Barbara Yates- Lockamy NC Senate	10/16/2018	This is a video of Yates-Lockamy talking about the need for teacher pay increases. She says the pay increases will help keep teachers in North Carolina. The video concludes with a graphic for Yates-Lockamy's 2018 House campaign.
I Will Support Medicaid Expansion	Facebook	Barbara Yates- Lockamy NC Senate	10/8/2018	This is a video of Yates-Lockamy stating that not enough North Carolinians have health care, and if she were elected, she would support Medicaid expansion. The video concludes with a graphic for Yates-Lockamy's 2018 House campaign.
I Will Fight to Get Healthcare Costs Under Control	Facebook	Barbara Yates- Lockamy NC Senate	10/6/2018	This is a video of Yates-Lockamy talking about the need to make health insurance more accessible. She states that her son has a health condition and is trying to obtain coverage. She states that she will support Medicaid expansion if elected. The video concludes with a graphic for Yates-Lockamy's 2018 House campaign.
I'll Fight to Fully Fund Schools	Facebook	Barbara Yates- Lockamy NC Senate	10/6/2018	This is a video of Yates-Lockamy discussing the need for increased spending on schools. She states that Brendan Jones, her opponent," voted for corporate tax breaks over funding our school systems." The video concludes with a graphic for Yates-Lockamy's 2018 House campaign.

Video Title (with Embedded Hyperlink)	Source	Name of Author/Blogger	Date	Notes
	F 1 1	(if applicable)	10/6/2010	
Education and Job Training	Facebook	Barbara Yates-	10/6/2018	This is a video of Yates-Lockamy discussing
		Lockamy NC Senate		continuing education. She states that rural
				North Carolina is "kind of different" and
				"college is not for everyone." She would
				"support any effort to bring in new training,
				apprenticeship programs, and good paying
				jobs." The video concludes with a graphic for
				Yates-Lockamy's 2018 House campaign.
Good Jobs, Good Training	Facebook	Barbara Yates-	10/6/2018	This is the same video as "Education and Job
		Lockamy NC Senate		Training," described in the row above.

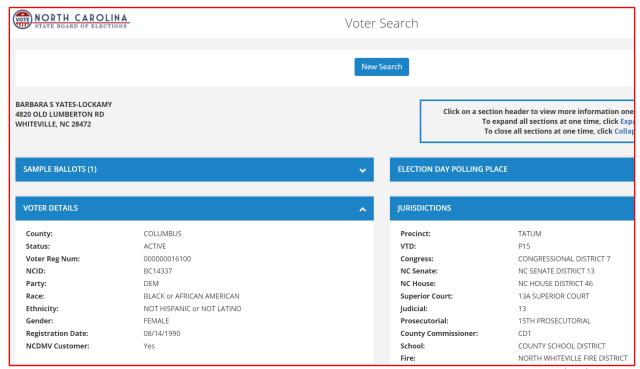
A.3 – Voter Registration & Voting History

State Board of Elections Records Show that Yates-Lockamy Is Currently Registered as a Democrat, Has Been Registered to Vote and Has Voted in Columbus County since May 1992, and Has Voted as a Democrat Exclusively since the May 1998 Primary

Records from the North Carolina State Board of Elections show:

- Yates-Lockamy is currently registered to vote at 4820 Old Lumberton Road, Whiteville, NC 28472 (Columbus County), which is located within the boundaries of State Senate District 13.
- Yates-Lockamy has been registered to vote and has voted in Columbus County since May 1992.
- Yates-Lockamy is currently registered as a Democrat.
- Yates-Lockamy has voted as a Democrat exclusively since the May 1998 primary election.

The following images show the voter registration records from the North Carolina State Board of Elections pertaining to Yates-Lockamy.



Barbara Yates-Lockamy, Voter Search, North Carolina State Board of Elections (image 1 of 2; accessed on 4/24/2020)

VOTER HISTORY (33)

If this section is blank, we do not have a record that you voted in a past election in North Carolina.

Click Election, Voted Method, Voted County, or Voted Party to sort the information in the column.

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11/07/2006 GENERAL	ABS-1STOP	COLUMBUS	
05/02/2006 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON	COLUMBUS	DEMOCRATIC
11/02/2004 GENERAL	IN-PERSON	COLUMBUS	
07/20/2004 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON	COLUMBUS	DEMOCRATIC
11/05/2002 GENERAL	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	
09/10/2002 PRIMARY	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	DEMOCRATIC
11/07/2000 GENERAL	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	
05/02/2000 PRIMARY	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	DEMOCRATIC
11/03/1998 GENERAL	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	
06/02/1998 SECOND PRIMARY	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	
05/05/1998 PRIMARY	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	DEMOCRATIC
12/16/1997 SPECIAL	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	
11/05/1996 GENERAL	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	
05/07/1996 PRIMARY	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	
11/08/1994 GENERAL	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	
05/31/1994 SECOND PRIMARY	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	
05/03/1994 PRIMARY	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	
11/02/1993 MUNICIPAL	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	
11/03/1992 GENERAL	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	
05/05/1992 PRIMARY	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	

Barbara Yates-Lockamy, Voter Search, North Carolina State Board of Elections (image 2 of 2; accessed on 4/24/2020)

State Board of Elections Records Show that Yates-Lockamy Has Voted in All 29 Presidential Preference Elections, Primary Elections, and General Elections since 1992; Yates-Lockamy Has Failed to Vote in Five Out of Seven "Second Primary" Elections since 1994

North Carolina State Board of Elections records show that Yates-Lockamy has voted in all 29 presidential preference elections, primary elections, and general elections since 1992. These records also show that Yates-Lockamy has failed to vote in five out of seven primary elections and three out of four "second primary" elections since 1994.

• Yates-Lockamy failed to vote in the August 2004, June 2008, June 2010, July 2012, and June 2016 "second primary elections – all of which had at least one race for which registered Democrats in Columbus County could cast a vote. Note that the "second primary" elections in May 2006, July 2014, and June 2018 did not appear to have any races for which registered Democrats in Columbus County could cast a vote. Also note that the North Carolina State Board of Elections website did not show any "second primary" elections in 1996, 2000, and 2002. ("Election Results," ncsbe.gov)

The following images show the voter history records from the North Carolina State Board of Elections pertaining to Yates-Lockamy.

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03/03/2020 PRIMARY	ABS-1STOP	COLUMBUS	DEMOCRATIC
11/08/2018 GENERAL	ABS-1STOP	COLUMBUS	
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11/08/2016 GENERAL	ABS-1STOP	COLUMBUS	
03/15/2016 PRIMARY	ABS-1STOP	COLUMBUS	DEMOCRATIC
11/04/2014 GENERAL	ABS-1STOP	COLUMBUS	
05/06/2014 PRIMARY	ABS-1STOP	COLUMBUS	DEMOCRATIC
11/08/2012 GENERAL	ABS-1STOP	COLUMBUS	
05/08/2012 PRIMARY	ABS-1STOP	COLUMBUS	DEMOCRATIC
11/02/2010 GENERAL	ABS-1STOP	COLUMBUS	
05/04/2010 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON	COLUMBUS	DEMOCRATIC
11/04/2008 GENERAL	ABS-1STOP	COLUMBUS	

Barbara Yates-Lockamy, Voter Search, North Carolina State Board of Elections (image 1 of 2; accessed on 4/24/2020)

Election	Voted Method	Voted County	Voted Party
05/06/2008 PRIMARY	ABS-1STOP	COLUMBUS	DEMOCRATIC
11/07/2006 GENERAL	ABS-1STOP	COLUMBUS	
05/02/2006 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON	COLUMBUS	DEMOCRATIC
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07/20/2004 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON	COLUMBUS	DEMOCRATIC
11/05/2002 GENERAL	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	
09/10/2002 PRIMARY	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	DEMOCRATIC
11/07/2000 GENERAL	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	
05/02/2000 PRIMARY	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	DEMOCRATIC
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05/03/1994 PRIMARY	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	
11/02/1993 MUNICIPAL	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	
11/03/1992 GENERAL	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	
05/05/1992 PRIMARY	LEGACY	COLUMBUS	

Barbara Yates-Lockamy, Voter Search, North Carolina State Board of Elections (image 2 of 2; accessed on 4/24/2020)

<u>Columbus County Board of Elections – Request for Records Pending</u>

A request submitted at the Columbus County Board of Elections for voter registration and voting history records pertaining to Yates-Lockamy is pending as of April 24, 2020. Records received in response to that request will be added to this chapter of the report upon receipt.

A.4 – SEIs & Business Filings

<u>Statements of Economic Interest (SEIs) – Yates-Lockamy Has Filed SEIs in</u> 2018 and 2020

The North Carolina State Ethics Commission's website was searched for Statements of Economic Interest (SEI) for the filer names "Barbara Yates," "Barbara Lockamy," and "Barbara Yates-Lockamy." These searches yielded two SEIs filed by Yates-Lockamy – one as a candidate for State House in 2018 and one as a candidate for State Senate in 2020 (filed in March 2020). ("Search Filed SEIs," ethics.ncsbe.gov)

STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FILED BY BARBARA YATES-LOCKAMY

		Name of Position, Board,	Full Name of Filer Shown
Type of Statement	Date Signed	or Commission	on Statement
2020 Candidate	3/16/2020	Candidate for NC Senate	Barbara Singletary Yates-
			Lockamy
2018 Primary Election (May)	3/14/2018	Candidate for House of	Barbara S. Yates-Lockamy
		Representatives	•

Source: North Carolina State Ethics Commission

On Her SEI Filed in March 2020, Yates-Lockamy Disclosed Her Former Position as a School Board Member in Columbus County

Yates-Lockamy disclosed the following on the SEI she filed in March 2020.

Cover Page

The image below shows the top portion of the cover page for Yates-Lockamy's 2020 Candidate SEI (signed in March 2020). On this page, Yates-Lockamy disclosed the following.

BARBARA YATES-LOCKAMY 2020 CANDIDATE SEI – COVER PAGE

Current Employer	Job Title	Nature of Type of Business
Retired	None provided	None provided

Source: Barbara Singletary Yates-Lockamy, 2020 Candidate SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics, Signed March 16, 2020

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Do you currently hold this position? ☐ Yes ☐ No			No North Carolina Serate		
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Judicial (Officer (Specify office	.)	Legislator (Specify He	ouse or Senate.)	
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Barbara Singletary Yates-Lockamy, 2020 Candidate SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics, Signed March 16, 2020

Property Interests/Item 1: Ownership Interests in North Carolina Real Estate (Including Residence) with Market Value of \$10,000 or More, as of December 31, 2018

Yates-Lockamy disclosed the following information under Property Interests/Item 1 of her 2020 Candidate SEI (signed in March 2020).

Barbara Yates-Lockamy 2020 Candidate SEI – Property Interests/Item 1 $\,$

Owner of Real Estate	% Ownership Interest	Location by City	Location by County
Barbara Yates-Lockamy	100%	Whiteville	Columbus

Source: Barbara Singletary Yates-Lockamy, 2020 Candidate SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics, Signed March 16, 2020

Financial Interests/Item 5: Liabilities of \$10,000 or More, as of December 31, 2018

Yates-Lockamy disclosed the following information under Financial Interests/Item 5 of her 2020 Candidate SEI (signed in March 2020).

BARBARA YATES-LOCKAMY 2020 CANDIDATE SEI - FINANCIAL INTERESTS/ITEM 5

Name of Debtor	Type of Creditor
One Main	Personal Loan

Source: Barbara Singletary Yates-Lockamy, 2020 Candidate SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics, Signed March 16, 2020

Financial Interests/Item 6: Sources of Income of \$5,000 or More during 2018

Yates-Lockamy disclosed the following information under Financial Interests/Item 6 of her 2020 Candidate SEI (signed in March 2020).

BARBARA YATES-LOCKAMY 2020 CANDIDATE SEI – FINANCIAL INTERESTS/ITEM 6

Recipient of Income	Name of Source	Type of Business/ Industry	Type of Income
Barbara Yates-Lockamy	NC State Treasury	Education	Retirement Income

Source: Barbara Singletary Yates-Lockamy, 2020 Candidate SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics, Signed March 16, 2020

Professional and Civic Relationships/Item 7: Officer, Employee, Contractor, or Lobbyist during 2018 for Non-Profit Organizations Operating in North Carolina (7(a)); Business Done with the State of North Carolina or State Funds Received by Each Such Non-Profit Organization (7(b))

Yates-Lockamy disclosed the following information under Financial Interests/Item 7(a)(b) of her 2020 Candidate SEI (signed in March 2020).

BARBARA YATES-LOCKAMY 2020 CANDIDATE SEI – FINANCIAL INTERESTS/ITEM 7(A)(B)

Name of	Position	Name of Nonprofit	Nature or Purpose	Describe State
Person		Corporation or Organization	of Organization	Business
Barbara Yates-	Treasurer	Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist	Religious	None provided
Lockamy				
Barbara Yates-	School Board	Columbus County Schools/	Education	State budgeted
Lockamy	Chairperson	Board of Education		organization

Source: Barbara Singletary Yates-Lockamy, 2020 Candidate SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics, Signed March 16, 2020

<u>Summary of Business Filings – Yates-Lockamy Does Not Serve as an Officer or Agent for Any Company</u>

The North Carolina Secretary of State business registration database and *Nexis* corporation filings were searched for companies with officers and agents named "Barbara Yates," "Barbara Lockamy," and "Barbara Yates-Lockamy." These searches found no results.

As noted in the prior section of this chapter, Yates-Lockamy disclosed on her 2020 Candidate SEI (filed in March 2020) serving as the treasurer for the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church. Searches of the North Carolina Secretary of State business registration database and *Nexis* corporation filings for the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, of Whiteville, NC found only the original articles of incorporation filed in 2000. Yates-Lockamy's name did not appear in those articles of incorporation.

A.5 – Property Ownership & Public Records

<u>Current Property Ownership – Yates-Lockamy Owns One Residential Property in Columbus County that She Purchased in 1981; One Late Property Tax Payment</u>

Searches of the Columbus County Tax Administrator, the Columbus County Register of Deeds, and *Nexis* real property found that Yates-Lockamy currently owns one residential property in Columbus County. Details about this property are shown in the following table.

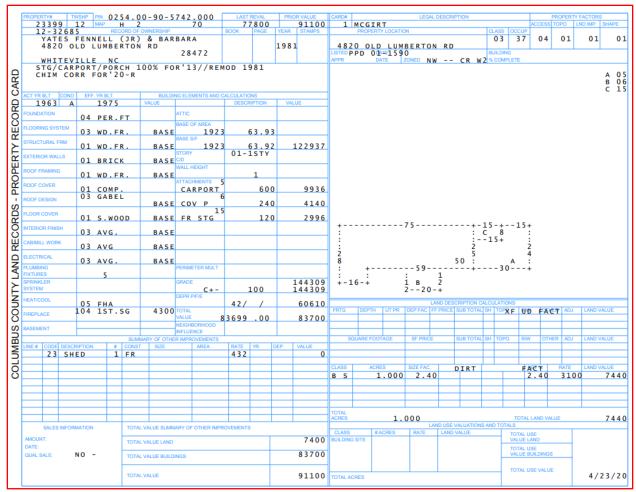
SUMMARY OF REAL ESTATE OWNED BY BARBARA YATES-LOCKAMY IN COLUMBUS COUNTY

Address	County (State)	Parcel No.	Named Owner	Date Purchased	Current Year Total Value	Notes
4820 Old Lumberton Rd Whiteville, NC 28472	Columbus (NC)	23399	Fennell Yates (Jr) & Barbara Yates	1981	\$91,100	

Source: Columbus County Tax Administrator, Columbus County Register of Deeds, Nexis Real Property

As noted in a separate chapter of this report, Yates-Lockamy is registered to vote at 4820 Old Lumberton Road. This address is located in State Senate District 13.

The following images show the Columbus County Tax Administrator "Property Record Card" for 4820 Old Lumberton Road. This record describes 4820 Old Lumberton Road as a 1,923 square foot residence with a current year total value of \$91,100.



4820 Old Lumberton Rd, Property Record Card, Columbus County Tax Administrator (accessed on 4/24/2020)

Searches of the Columbus County Tax Administrator found that Yates-Lockamy has made one late property tax payment back to 2010 on 4820 Old Lumberton Road (the extent of the property tax payment history that is currently available on the Columbus County Tax Administrator website). This late payment resulted in \$41.44 of interest.

The following image shows the Columbus County Tax Administrator "Statement of Taxes Due" for 4820 Old Lumberton Road. The image shows that Yates-Lockamy made a delinquent property tax payment for the 2010 tax year and paid an additional \$41.44 of interest as a result.

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3/25/11	1.000 ACRS	634.07	120.02	430.00	.00	41.44	.00	1,225.53	.00
2011-70696	23399	634.07	120.02	446.00	.00	.00	.00	1,200.09	
8/30/11	1.000 ACRS	634.07	120.02	446.00	.00	.00	.00	1,200.09	.00
2012-45476	23399	634.07	132,26	436.00	.00	.00	.00	1,202.33	
9/05/12	1.000 ACRS	634.07	132.26	436.00	.00	.00	.00	1,202.33	.00
2013-55646	23399	713.23	150.62	436.00	.00	.00	.00	1,299.85	
9/09/13	1.000 ACRS	713.23	150.62	436.00	.00	.00	.00	1,299.85	.00
2014- 5710	23399	713.23	119.61	436.00	.00	.00	.00	1,268.84	
9/08/14	1.000 ACRS	713.23	119.61	436.00	.00	.00	.00	1,268.84	.0
2015-67008	23399	713.23	88.60	436.00	.00	.00	.00	1,237.83	
8/15/15	1.000 ACRS	713.23	88.60	436.00	.00	.00	.00	1,237.83	.0
2016-33886	23399	713.23	88.60	416.00	.00	.00	.00	1,217.83	
8/21/16	1.000 ACRS	713.23	88.60	416.00	.00	.00	.00	1,217.83	.00
2017-97649	23399	713.23	88.60	406.00	.00	.00	.00	1,207.83	
8/20/17	1.000 ACRS	713.23	88.60	406.00	.00	.00	.00	1,207.83	.00
2018-42239	23399	713.23	88.60	400.00	.00	.00	.00	1,201.83	
9/15/18	1.000 ACRS	713.23	88.60	400.00	.00	.00	.00	1,201.83	.0
2019-35724	23399	713.23	88.60	400.00	.00	.00	.00	1,201.83	
8/24/19	1.000 ACRS	713.23	88.60	400.00	.00	.00	.00	1,201.83	.00
Taxes:			1,085.53		.00	41.44		12,263.79	
Payments:	220.80	6,894.82	1,085.53	4,242.00	.00	41.44	.00	12,263.79	.0

4820 Old Lumberton Rd, Statement of Taxes Due, Columbus County Tax Administrator (accessed on 4/24/2020)

Recorded Document Searches - No Tax Liens, Civil Judgments, Mortgage Defaults, or Foreclosures Filed against Yates-Lockamy; Request for One Document Pending

The following searches were conducted for recorded/filed documents. These searches yielded the results shown in the following tables for tax liens, civil judgments, mortgage defaults, and foreclosures pertaining to Yates-Lockamy. Note that a copy of a document pertaining to Yates-Lockamy has been requested from the Columbus County Clerk of Court and that request is pending as of April 24, 2020. It is not clear if that document is a tax lien or civil judgment.

SUMMARY OF RECORDED DOCUMENT SEARCHES FOR BARBARA YATES-LOCKAMY (1 OF 2)

Search Term	Columbus County Register of Deeds	Columbus County Clerk of Court	NC Sec. of State – Federal Tax Liens
Barbara Yates-Lockamy	No results	1 Possible Result – Copy of document #01- CVM-224 requested from county. Request pending as of 4/24/20.	No results
Barbara Yates	No results	No results	No results
Barbara Lockamy	No results	No results	No results

SUMMARY OF RECORDED DOCUMENT SEARCHES FOR BARBARA YATES-LOCKAMY (2 OF 2)

Search Term	Nexis Judgments & Liens	Nexis Foreclosures
Barbara Yates-Lockamy	No results	No results
Barbara Yates	No results	No results
Barbara Lockamy	No results	No results

<u>Civil/Bankruptcy Court Searches – Yates-Lockamy Was the Defendant in One Civil Case Pertaining to Defaulting on a Commercial Lease</u>

The following searches were conducted for civil/bankruptcy court cases in which Yates-Lockamy appears as a party. These searches yielded the results shown in the following tables.

SUMMARY OF CIVIL/BANKRUPTCY COURT SEARCHES FOR CASES WITH BARBARA YATES-LOCKAMY AS A PARTY (1 OF 2)

Search Term	Columbus County Clerk of Court	North Carolina Business Court	North Carolina Appellate Court
Barbara Yates- Lockamy	No results	No results	No results
Barbara Yates	1 Result – Hill's South Whiteville Village Shopping Center vs. Barbara S. Yates and Lorenza Jackson, Case #14-CVS-000770, Filed June 2014	No results	No results
	Yates-Lockamy signed a commercial lease with another party (Lorenza Jackson) and subsequently they failed to perform on that lease. Plaintiff filed the case alleging that Yates-Lockamy and Jackson owed landlord \$11,900 for past due rent plus \$1,785 in attorney fees. (Complaint, Filed 6/16/2014)		
	In August 2014, Yates-Lockamy filed a cross-claim against Jackson. Yates-Lockamy stated that she had agreed to co-sign the lease and pay the security deposit, but that Jackson agreed to pay the rent going forward. After that, Jackson failed to make any rent payments. (Defendant Barbara S. Yates Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint and Crossclaims against Defendant Lorenza Jackson, Filed 8/21/2014)		
	In June 2015, the court entered a default judgment of \$11,900 plus \$1,785 in attorney fees against Jackson in favor of plaintiff Hill's South Whiteville Village Shopping Center. (Default Judgment, Filed 6/10/2015)		
	In December 2015, Yates-Lockamy and the plaintiff agreed to a mediated settlement and the case was then dismissed. (Report of Mediator, Filed 12/22/2015; Notice of Voluntary Dismissal, Filed 2/1/2016)		
Barbara Lockamy	No results	No results	No results

SUMMARY OF CIVIL/BANKRUPTCY COURT SEARCHES FOR CASES WITH BARBARA YATES-LOCKAMY AS A PARTY (2 OF 2)

Search Term	PACER Federal Courts	Nexis Legal Cases	Nexis Legal Dockets	Nexis Bankruptcy
Daubana Vatas		No gogulto	No results	Filings
Barbara Yates-	No results	No results	No results	No results
Lockamy				
Barbara Yates	No results	No results	No results	No results
Barbara Lockamy	No results	No results	No results	No results

<u>Criminal/Traffic Court Searches – Yates-Lockamy Has Been the Defendant in One Traffic Infraction Case</u>

The following searches were conducted for criminal/traffic court cases in which Yates-Lockamy appears as the defendant. These searches yielded the results shown in the following tables.

SUMMARY OF CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC COURT SEARCHES FOR CASES WITH BARBARA YATES-LOCKAMY AS DEFENDANT (1 OF 2)

Search Term	Columbus County Clerk of Court	North Carolina Appellate Court	PACER Federal Courts
Barbara Yates-Lockamy	No results	No results	No results
Barbara Yates	1 Result - #03-CR-003282, Offense Date 5/29/2013 (Traffic Infraction – Speeding)	No results	No results
Barbara Lockamy	No results	No results	No results

SUMMARY OF CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC COURT SEARCHES FOR CASES WITH BARBARA YATES-LOCKAMY AS DEFENDANT (1 OF 2)

Search Term	Nexis Criminal Records	Nexis Legal Cases	Nexis Legal	
			Dockets	
Barbara Yates-Lockamy	No results	No results	No results	
Barbara Yates	1 Result – Duplicate of case found in Columbus County Clerk of Court	No results	No results	
Barbara Lockamy	No results	No results	No results	

<u>Driving Record – Yates-Lockamy Has an Active License with No Suspensions, Violations, Accidents, or Restrictions</u>

Yates-Lockamy's driving record was received from the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles. The record shows that Yates-Lockamy holds a valid license with no suspensions, violations, accidents, or restrictions.

We identified **Barbara Singletary Yates Lockamy** North Carolina driver's license number as 2948542. This license is current and valid. There are no endorsements, restrictions, suspensions, accidents or violations noted on her driving history.

North Carolina Driver's License Number 2948542 was issued to **Barbara Singletary Yates Lockamy** on November 22, 1988. This currently valid Class C, non-commercial license was renewed on December 18, 2019 and will not expire until November 21, 2024.

Biographical information contained on this record included the facts that Barbara Singletary Yates Lockamy is a 68 year old female who was born on November 21, 1951. She stands approximately five feet and eight inches in height. The address associated to the driving record is noted as 4820 Old Lumberton Road, Whiteville, NC 28472.

Barbara Singletary Yates Lockamy, Driving Record, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles

<u>Hunting & Fishing Licenses and Other Searches – No Results</u>

Nexis Hunting & Fishing Licenses - No Results

A search of *Nexis* hunting & fishing licenses for records pertaining to Yates-Lockamy found no results.

North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation Sex Offender Registry – No Results

The North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation Sex Offender Registry was searched for a "Barbara Yates," "Barbara Lockamy," and "Barbara Yates-Lockamy." These searches yielded no results.

State Contract Databases Maintained by the NC Department of Administration – No Results

Searches were conducted of the following North Carolina Department of Administration vendor databases. These searches found no results for state contracts pertaining to Yates-Lockamy.

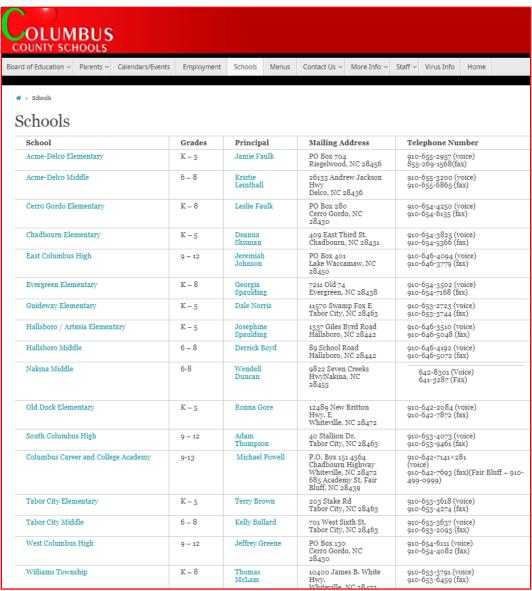
- Statewide Term Contracts (<u>ncadmin.nc.gov/government-agencies/procurement/statewide-term-contracts</u>)
- Historically Underutilized Businesses (<u>ips.state.nc.us/vendor/searchvendor.aspx?t=h</u>)
- Agency Specific Contracts (<u>ncadmin.nc.gov/about-doa/divisions/purchase-contract/agency-specific-contracts</u>)
- North Carolina Debarred Vendors (ncadmin.nc.gov | documents | nc-debarred-vendors)

SECTION B: PERFORMANCE ON THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF ED

B.1 – Tenure on the Columbus County Board of Education/"Low-Performing Schools"

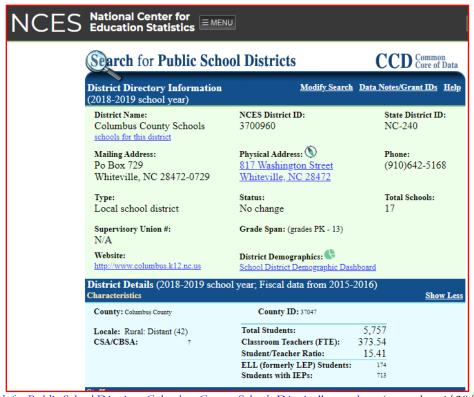
<u>Columbus County Schools Is a Public School District with 17 Schools and 5,757 Students – the Seven-Member Columbus County Board of Education Manages Columbus County Schools</u>

Columbus County Schools is a public school district. The Columbus County Schools website shows that there are currently 17 active schools in the district.



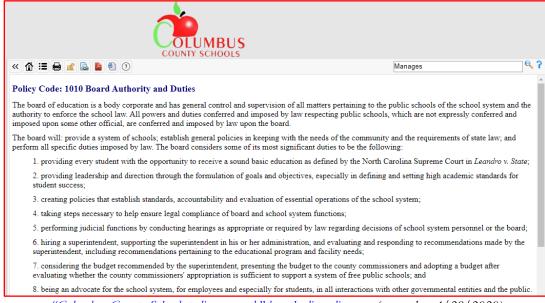
"Schools," columbus.k12.nc.us (accessed on 4/28/2020)

The Nation Center for Education Statistics confirms that Columbus County Schools had a total of 17 schools and had 5,757 students for the 2018-2019 school year.



"Search for Public School Districts: Columbus County Schools District," nces.ed.gov (accessed on 4/28/2020)

According the Columbus County Schools policy manual, the Columbus County Board of Education has general control and supervision of all matters pertaining to the Columbus County Schools and the authority to enforce the school law.



"Columbus County Schools policy manual," boardpolicyonline.com (accessed on 4/28/2020)

<u>Yates-Lockamy Was First Elected to the Columbus County Board of</u> <u>Education in 2010 and Served through 2018 – Yates-Lockamy Served as Board</u> <u>Chair during Her Final Year on the Board (2018)</u>

Yates-Lockamy Was First Elected to the Columbus County Board of Education in 2010

The North Carolina State Board of Elections shows that Yates-Lockamy was first elected to the Columbus County Board of Education in November 2010.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 2 (VOTE FOR 1) Precincts Reported: 24 of 24					
NAME ON BALLOT	PARTY	BALLOT COUNT	PERCENT		
Barbara S. Yates		4,587	43.77%		
Bobby C. Hinson		3,078	29.37%		
Wayne Williamson		2,779	26.52%		
Write-in (miscellaneous)		35	0.33%		

11/02/2010 Official General Election Results — Columbus, North Carolina State Board of Elections

In March 2018, the political blog *Watauga Watch* profiled Yate-Lockamy's campaign for North Carolina House District 46 and noted that Yates-Lockamy had served on the Columbus Board of Education in 2010.

BLOG HEADLINE: Yates-Lockamy in House District 46

Democrat Barbara Yates-Lockamy, running against a Republican incumbent named Jones in District 46...

Barbara Yates-Lockamy is since 2010 a member of the Columbus County Board of Education (currently serving as chair, and she's an honorary member of the All-State School Board) and is prominent throughout the region. She serves on the Board of Directors of the NC Caucus of Black School Board Members, and in 2013 she was elected to the Board of Directors of the North Carolina School Board Association. On the Columbus Board of Education she co-exists with an otherwise all-male, all-white board.

"Yates-Lockamy in House District 46," Watauga Watch Blog, March 12, 2018 (emphasis added)

In December 2016, the Columbus County Board of Education Elected Yates-Lockamy to the Position of Vice-Chairman

On December 6, 2016, the Columbus County School Facebook account posted that the Columbus County Board of Education had elected Yates-Lockamy to the position of Vice-Chairman.



Columbus County Schools, Facebook.com, December 6, 2016 (accessed on 4/28/2020)

Yates-Lockamy Served as Chair of the Columbus County Board of Education in 2018

News coverage as recently as May 2018, described Yates-Lockamy as serving as chair of the Columbus County Board of Education.

HEADLINE: Early turnout for primary said 'a little low'

Early voting turnout for next week's primary elections in Columbus County was characterized Monday morning as "a little low" compared to previous years, although specific numbers for prior years were not readily available...

There are no local primaries for state house of representatives. However, in the newly-redrawn District 46, incumbent freshman Republican Rep. Brenden H. Jones of Tabor City is being challenged in November by Democrat <u>Barbara S. Yates-Lockamy of Whiteville.</u> <u>Yates-Lockamy is currently chair of the Columbus County board of education.</u> The new district lines have the winner of that general election representing roughly the western half of Columbus County and portions of Robeson.

"Early turnout for primary said 'a little low'," Whiteville News Reporter, May 1, 2018 (emphasis added)

In November 2018, Yates-Lockamy Retired from the Columbus County Board of Education to Run for the North Carolina House

In November 2018, Yates-Lockamy chose to run for the North Carolina House rather than run for reelection on the Columbus County Board of Education.

HEADLINE: County schools will have first all-white board in 46 years

Starting next month, Columbus County Schools — in which nearly one in three students is black — will be governed by an all-white board of education for the first time in nearly half a century.

Chairwoman Barbara Yates-Lockamy of the Mt. Olive community, the only black member of the five-person board, launched an unsuccessful run for the N.C. House rather than seek a third term on the school board. Her district 2 school board seat will be filled next month by Ronnie Strickland of Evergreen, who is white. He garnered half the votes in a three-way race during the Nov. 6 general election against Chadbourn residents Rashad Roberts, a black candidate who received 30 percent of the votes, and Shane Enzor, a white candidate who got 20 percent. Each school board member represents a district but is elected by voters throughout the county.

"The people made the decision to have Mr. Strickland as their representative, and I have to go along with that decision," Yates-Lockamy said. "There is nothing I can do about that, but I think Mr. Strickland is going to be fair about it and he's not going to look at it as a color thing. I don't look at it as a color thing.

"County schools will have first all-white board in 46 years," Whiteville News Reporter, December 1, 2018 (emphasis added)

Yates-Lockamy Attended All 16 Meetings of the Columbus County Board of Education during Her Final Year in Office (2018)

Minutes for meetings of the Columbus County Board of Education in 2018 were requested and obtained from Columbus County Schools. These meetings occurred during the last year that Yates-Lockamy was a member of the Board. These minutes show that Yates-Lockamy was present for all 16 meetings that occurred during 2018.

The minutes for the meetings in 2018 primarily covered the approval of spending allocations, school district policies, school district appointments, and various presentations. Several particular items of interest from these meetings, however, are detailed in other chapters of this report.

The following image shows the cover page of the December 3, 2018 meeting minutes.

MINUTES OF MEETING COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION December 3, 2018

The Columbus County Board of Education met on this date in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Columbus County Board of Education. The following persons were present:

Barbara Yates-Lockamy, Chair Worley Edwards, Vice-Chairman Randy Coleman Junior Dew Monte Herring Ronnie Strickland

Jonathan Williams, Interim Superintendent Lisa Nowlin, Finance Officer Bill Phipps, Board Attorney Bonita Pridgen, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Yates-Lockamy.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Dew, the minutes of the November 5, 2018, meeting were approved.

Columbus County Board of Education Meeting Minutes, December 3, 2018

In January 2019, the Columbus County Board of Education Hired Yates-Lockamy to Work as a "Virtual Learning Facilitator" at Columbus Career and College Academy with a Salary of \$2,071.87 per Month

In January 2019, the Columbus School Board hired Yates-Lockamy to work as a "virtual learning facilitator" at Columbus Career and College Academy with a salary of \$2,071.87 a month. Note that Yates-Lockamy was hired just a few months after she and the Board had voted to close three schools, raised student fees, struggled with a budget deficit. Those issues are described in a separate chapter of this report.

According to the *Whiteville News Reporter*, Yates-Lockamy's "primary duty is to schedule and oversee online courses for students in the College and Career Promise program through Southeastern Community College." Yates-Lockamy was hired for a five-month period from January 16, 2019 to May 22, 2019. The article also noted that Yates-Lockamy could be hired for the following school year if funds were available.

HEADLINE: Former school board chair hired in part-time role

Among the dozens of personnel actions approved in one voice vote by the Columbus County Board of Education this month was the decision to put retired teacher and former school board member Barbara Yates-Lockamy back to work effective Jan. 16 and ending May 22.

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Yates-Lockamy retired as a county school teacher before spending eight years on the board, her last two in the chair position, then running unsuccessfully for state House last fall.

Yates-Lockamy now holds the position of virtual learning facilitator at Columbus Career and College Academy, which was occupied by Rod Lykins until he resigned in September or October, said Jonathan Williams, interim superintendent, and Cassie Cartrette, beginning teacher/professional development director in an interview Friday.

Each of the county high schools has a virtual learning facilitator, whose primary duty is to schedule and oversee online courses for students in the College and Career Promise program through Southeastern Community College.

Some students use CCP to catch up on lost credits for graduation, Williams said. When Lykins had the position, it was full-time; Yates-Lockamy will work no more than 25 hours per week and receive no health benefits from the work but will accrue leave.

"It's not a new position," Williams said. "It's not like we created it for her. Actually it's a cutback (from full-time to part-time.)"

Using a retired teacher part time is "commonly done," Williams said. "We've got them in just about every school"...

<u>Virtual learning facilitator is a non-certified position, similar to that of a teacher assistant, with an hourly rate of pay. Cartrette said Yates-Lockamy would earn \$2,071.87 a month...</u>

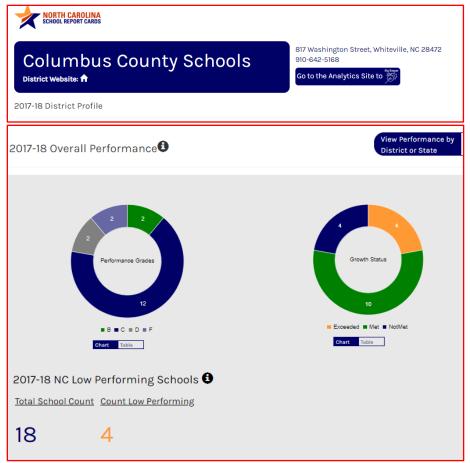
<u>Yates-Lockamy's position could be renewed for 2019-2020 if funding allows</u>, Williams said, also affirming that, "Anyone that knows Ms. Barbara knows she will do an excellent job." "Former school board chair hired in part-time role," Whiteville News Reporter, January 30, 2019 (emphasis added)

Public Records Request Needed to Determine If Yates-Lockamy Double-Dipped by Taking Her Teacher Pension and the Salary as a "Virtual Learning Facilitator" during 2019

A Public Records Law request letter would need to be sent out the Columbus County Board of Education to determine if Yates-Lockamy doubled-dipped by taking her teacher pension while also working and taking the \$2,071.87 per month salary as a "virtual learning facilitator" at Columbus Career and College Academy (as described in the prior section of this chapter).

In the 2017-2018 School Year when Yates-Lockamy Served as Board Chair, Columbus County Schools Had a Total of Four "Low Performing Schools" that Received a Performance Grade of "D" or "F"

In the 2017-2018 school year when Yates-Lockamy served as Board Chair, Columbus County Schools had four "low performing schools."



"Columbus County Schools:2017-18 District Profile," ncreportcards.ondemand.sas.com (accessed on 4/28/2020)

According to a North Carolina statute, "low performing schools" are specifically defined as schools receiving performance grades of "D" or "F" and have a "not met" growth status.

NC Designated Low Performing Schools

As required by North Carolina statute, a Low-performing school has received a School Performance Grade of 'D' or 'F' and a growth status of 'Met' or 'Not Met'. For more information regarding low-performing schools, see:

• http://www.ncpublicschools.org/schooltransformation

"Columbus County Schools:2017-18 District Profile," ncreportcards.ondemand.sas.com (accessed on 4/28/2020)

B.2 – Defended Vote to Close Schools in 2018

In August 2018, the Columbus County Board of Education Voted to Close Three Middle Schools – Yates-Lockamy Was the Chairperson of the Board at that Time and Publicly Defended the Vote by Stating, "This Was a Tough Decision, but One that Had to Be Made"

In August 2018, the Columbus County Board of Education voted to close three middle schools after facing a budget crisis. According to *Spectrum Local News*, the three middle schools were Chadbourn, Acme-Delco, and Hallsboro. Chadbourn was set to close on August 13, 2018 and the two other middle schools would close in 2019.

Minutes from the Board of Education meeting held on August 6, 2018 show that the Board voted 3-1 in favor the school closure but that Yates-Lockamy did not cast a vote. No reason is given for Yates-Lockamy not voting.

By motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Herring, the closure of Chadbourn Middle School for the 2018-2019 SY was approved. With the motion on the table, Mr. Herring requested to amend the motion to state that preparations would begin immediately for the consolidation of Hallsboro Middle School and Acme Delco Middle School for the 2019-2020 SY. Mr. Edwards accepted the friendly amendment to the motion. Due the lack of a proper second, the amendment was not considered as a portion of the original motion to close Chadbourn Middle School. In a vote of 3 (Dew, Edwards, Herring) to 1 (Coleman), the original motion for the closure of Chadbourn Middle School was approved.

Columbus County Board of Education Meeting Minutes, August 6, 2018

At the time of this vote to close schools, Yates-Lockamy was the chairperson of the Columbus County Board of Education. She publicly defended the vote to close the three schools by stating, "this was a tough decision, but one that had to be made" and that "we had to come to a decision, make a hard call, and we regret that."

HEADLINE: Columbus School Board votes to shutter 3 middle schools

Three middle schools in Columbus County are closing.

- Chadbourn Middle School will close this school year.
- Nearly 100 students who attended Chadbourn will be going to Evergreen K-8.
- Acme-Delco and Hallsboro middle schools will be closed next year.

The Columbus County Board of Educators voted to close Chadbourn Middle School on Monday, just three weeks before the first day of school, and the 98 students who once attended will be going to Evergreen K-8.

Next school year, Acme-Delco and Hallsboro middle schools will be closed.

The board's chairperson, Barbara Yates-Lockamy, said this was a tough decision, but one that had to be made.

"Closing Chadbourn Middle is something, you know, is something that we didn't want to do," said Yates-Lockamy. "But, because of a lot of factors we had to come to a decision, make a hard call, and we regret that."

Some of the factors include being in the red on their budget. The school board has requested money from the Board of Commissioners to bring their budget back in balance, but they still needed to take further actions.

Parents, school faculty and community members crowded into the school board meeting Monday to see what the decision would, and many tried to discourage this outcome...

Yates-Lockamy said this move will enable the school board to provide more resources to the children that they could not otherwise provide.

"When you got 40 something students in a class, academics to some won't get there," said Yates-Lockamy. "Now, some are going to excel anyway, but some and most of them don't get it."

Lockamy said these consolidated schools will make classroom sizes more manageable and enhance the students' academic world.

The students will be at Evergreen at least until 2020, which is when a new school being built at Cerro Gordo will be done.

The county of commissioners will decide what to do with the building that once was Chadbourn Middle School.

"Columbus School Board votes to shutter 3 middle schools," Spectrum Local News, August 7, 2018 (emphasis added)

One of the Schools that Yates-Lockamy Defended Closing Was Chadbourn Middle School – a Historically Black School that Was the "Center of the City" of Chadbourn, NC

One of the schools that Yates-Lockamy defended closing was Chadbourn Middle School. WECT 6 News, described the school as "historically black" and the "center of the city" of Chadbourne, NC.

The article noted that the school was closed due to high maintenance costs and low attendance.

<u>HEADLINE</u>: Move from Chadbourn Middle to Evergreen Elementary begins in Columbus Co.

Less than 24 hours after a vote was taken to close a Columbus County school, crews started moving supplies to students' new home away from home.

<u>Due to a budget shortfall, the Columbus County Board of Education voted Monday night to close Chadbourn Middle School</u> and move students to Evergreen Elementary. As classroom supplies were packed for the move, one Chadbourn employee said it was tough not to be emotional.

"It really is hard and I try to keep from crying," Delois McKenzie, secretary at Chadbourn Middle, said. "It's like I've lost my best friend. That's how it feels to me and this school is my best friend. I just feel sad."

Desks have been moved from Chadbourn to Evergreen with Evergreen Principal Georgia Spaulding, teachers, parents, bus drivers and other volunteers creating an assembly line to get the desks upstairs.

The school system's maintenance director said it will take until at least the end of the week to finish the move, which will require students and teachers making the switch from Chadbourn to Evergreen. Monday's decision was about more than just transferring students and faculty though.

Barbara Yates-Lockamy, the board of education chairwoman, said closing the historically black school was a tough decision and Chadbourn residents said the school was the center of the city.

<u>Ultimately, maintenance costs proved to be too high for a school that had 98 students and for a school system facing serious debt issues.</u>

"Move from Chadbourn Middle to Evergreen Elementary begins in Columbus Co.," WECT 6 News August 14, 2018 (emphasis added)

Parents of Students at Chadbourn Middle School Criticized the Decision to Close the School Stating "the Impact on the Community Will Be Great, there Are Kids Who Walk to School there, there Are Kids that Bike to School" – Chadbourne Town Officials Shared a Resolution Opposing the School Closure

According to WWAY News, parents of students at Chadbourn Middle School crowded the Columbus County Board of Education meeting to voice their opposition to closing the school. The article noted that school had been in operation since 1946 and had been "a staple in the predominantly African-American community of Chadbourn."

Chadbourn town officials shared a resolution opposing the school closure. One parent criticized the closure noting that children would no longer bike or be able to walk to the school with the closure stating specifically, "the impact on the community will be great, there are kids who walk to school there, there are kids that bike to school."

HEADLINE: School Board Approves Closure of Chadbourn Middle School

For more than seventy years, Chadbourn Middle School has brought 'Education in a friendly environment' in the small community. Tonight school board members approved to officially close its doors.

The school board voted 3 to 1 to close the middle school.

"All I ask is that lets just give it a chance," said board member Randy Coleman to the gallery of neighbors who crowded to Monday meeting in opposition to the closure.

The school held roughly 100 students when the school system says it can hold more than 700. Students for this upcoming school year will be moved to Evergreen K -8 school.

School officials telling me they were saddened to make the decision, but say it had to be done.

"It was not an easy decision," said board chair Barbara Yates-Lockamy. "It was hard, it was really difficult for me because of my district, it's in my district and I feel like all the schools are good."

The school board says they had to come to this decision following the special meeting with Columbus County commissioners. Parents and neighbors asked the board to look at merging Chadbourn town schools, but chairwoman Yates-Lockamy said they had to go this route.

"We weighed all options as we could. The best fit as we felt was to send the to Evergreen."

School teachers report for work next Monday in Columbus County.

"It's hard but I've got to think about the kids and the teachers and with that, we've got to move with haste, we've got to move with action and with purpose," said Georgia Spaulding who's the current principal at Evergreen but spent the last 16 years as the principal of Chadbourn Middle.

Spaulding says the school dates back to around 1946 and is a staple in the predominantly African-American community of Chadbourn. Town officials like Colene Kelly even spoke out sharing a resolution from the town council in opposition to the school board's eventual closing of the middle school.

"The impact on the community will be great, there are kids who walk to school there, there are kids that bike to school," said Rashad Roberts who has a daughter that was a student at Chadbourn Middle. "Parents that may not have transportation to get to the schools but they live in the community and they can go get their kid if something happens at the schoolhouse, they won't have that option if the kid goes to Evergreen."

"School Board Approves Closure of Chadbourn Middle School," WWAY News, August 6, 2018 (emphasis added)

In August 2018, the NC House GOP Twitter Account Criticized Yates-Lockamy Stating, "Democrat Candidate @LockamyYates Claims to Be a Champion of Education but Last Night at the Columbus County School Board Meeting Voted to Close a School One Week before Teachers Report"

On August 7, 2018, the NC House Republican Twitter account criticized Yates-Lockamy stating, "Democrat candidate @LockamyYates claims to be a champion of education but last night at the Columbus County School Board meeting voted to close a school one week before teachers report."

The NC House Republican tweet referenced that Chadbourn Middle School was closed one week before the school was expected to open for the new school year and linked to the article published by WWAY News about the vote to close Chadbourn. An excerpt from that article is provided in the prior section of this chapter and states, "The school board voted 3 to 1 to close the middle school... School teachers report for work next Monday in Columbus County." ("School Board Approves Closure of Chadbourn Middle School," WWAY News, August 6, 2018)



@NCHouseGOP, Twitter.com, August 7, 2018 (accessed on 4/27/2020)

B.3 – Student Fee Hikes & Budget Deficits in 2018

During Yates-Lockamy's Tenure as Chairperson, the Columbus County Board of Education Voted to Increase Student Fees in Five Areas, Including Parking, Arts, Music, Physical Education, and Technology – Some of these Fees Had Been Unchanged since the 1980s

On August 6, 2018, the Columbus County Board of Education voted to increase student fees in five areas – some of which were fees that had not been changed since the 1980s. Yates-Lockamy served as Board chairperson during the vote to raise these student fees. The minutes from the Board of Education show that the motion to raise these fees was adopted without dissent. The revised fee schedule was noted in the minutes as "Attachment No. 3812."

By motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Dew, school fees for the 2018-2019 SY were approved. See attachment No. 3812.

Columbus County Board of Education Meeting Minutes, August 6, 2018

	No. 3812
	Board Approved 8-6-2018
COLUMBUS COUNTY SCHOO SCHOOL FEES 2018-2019 SY	LS
1. ALL SCHOOLS - GRADES K-12 (All Students)	
General Music - Grade 5 (recorder and instructional book)	\$7.00
Instructional Materials	\$3.50
Physical Education	\$1.50
2. HIGH SCHOOLS	
Guidance	\$1.00
Science and Lab Fees	\$5.00
Small Business/Entrepreneur	\$10.00
Keyboarding/Typewriting	\$20.00
Computer Courses	\$20.00
Arts, Band, Chorus, Dance, Theatre Arts	\$20.00 (per class)
Career and Technical Education	\$20.00 (per class)
(Agriculture, Family & Consumer Sciences, Trade and Industrial Technology, and Health Occupations)	-
Driver's Education	\$20.00
Parking Fee	\$20.00
Mathematics	\$5.00
Advance Physical Education	\$10.00
Technology Use	\$5.00
3. MIDDLE GRADES	
Art, Band, Chorus	\$10.00 (per class)
Careers, Computer Skills, Science	\$ 5.00 (per class)

Columbus County Board of Education Meeting Minutes, Attachment No. 3812, August 6, 2018

According to the *Whiteville News Reporter*, student fees increased in the following areas (which appear to match up with the fee schedule by the image of Attachment No. 3812 shown above):

- The parking fee doubled from \$10 to \$20
- The music fee doubled from \$5 to \$10
- Institution of new \$5 fee for physical education
- The technology fee doubled from \$5 to \$10
- A new \$10 fee for art, band or chorus class

The Whiteville News Reporter noted that Yates-Lockamy had proposed doubling the student parking fee from \$10 to \$20.

HEADLINE: County schools raise fees unchanged since 1980s

The Columbus County Board of Education voted this month to raise student fees in five areas to keep pace with, or catch up with, some of the increased overhead in those areas.

Some of the fees, said arts coordinator Kelly Jones, had not been raised in decades.

After discussing the impact the fees would have on families and the logistics of collection, board members accepted the proposal.

Parking fee doubled

Among the suggested increases was the cost of a <u>campus parking permit</u>, which the board <u>considered raising from \$10 to \$25</u>.

Randy Coleman, the youngest member of the board, recalled that parking stickers had cost \$10 when he was in high school in the 1990s, and he said he thought it was fair to ask for \$25 now, especially, with the county schools struggling financially. "Things aren't free," he said.

Worley Edwards, speaking from the point of view of a former principal, disagreed with the fee hike at first. He said that, for some of his students, a few dollars made a big difference. Board chairman Barbara Yates-Lockamy suggested doubling the fee to \$20, and the board members were all willing to vote in favor of that compromise.

Music fee increase for 5th graders

In an initiative to increase music literacy, "Every single fifth grader will learn to play the recorder," in their general music classes this year, said Jones. Playing the simple wind instrument provides a basic introduction to music reading and other individual and group skills.

"We're trying to get more kids into instrumental music earlier," Jones said. He hopes that some of the students will go on to play other instruments in bands at the middle school and high school levels.

This project is one of several ways in which the county schools are trying to make their elective classes more appealing.

"We have noticed a decrease in arts enrollment due to students being able to take courses outside the high school," said Jones. "I support that, but we want to make sure our programs offer viable alternatives, because we feel that (our on-campus electives) are important.

To help cover the cost of the recorders and curriculum, the county board of education raised the general music fee from \$5 to \$10 beginning this school year.

The fee had been \$5 since before anyone in the schools administration could remember.

After looking at records from the 1980s, Jones said, "We can't find a time when it wasn't \$5."

PE and technology

New advanced courses to be offered in the physical education area called for a new fee of \$5. Technology fees went up from \$5 to \$10. A \$10 fee will apply to any art, band or chorus class.

Jones commented that these fees, too, had stayed at 1980s levels, even as instrument repair and other routine costs had gone up.

Fees for general instructional materials, guidance services, lab use, computer courses, career education, driver education and small business education stayed the same as last year.

Coleman asked what percentage of the fees the schools actually collected. Assistant superintendent Jonathan Williams answered that, "Parent pay sooner or later, most of the time." Williams acknowledged that students who are involved in many specialized classes may run up enough fees that it becomes "tough on their families. We know that. That's why we try to keep things as low as we can."

Jones said that non-payment may affect a student's ability to participate in some extracurricular activities, but the system never prohibits a student from educational opportunities due to being behind on fees. "If there is an issue, we work with the parents every way we can," he said.

"County schools raise fees unchanged since 1980s," Whiteville News Reporter, August 20, 2018 (emphasis added)

In August 2018, the NC House GOP Twitter Account Criticized Yates-Lockamy's Fiscal Stewardship of Columbus County Schools by Quoting an Article that Stated "Columbus County Schools Doesn't Have Enough Money to Keep up with Its Spending" and Was Facing a \$500,000 Budget Deficit

On August 7, 2018, the NC House Republican Twitter account criticized Yates-Lockamy's fiscal stewardship of Columbus County Schools.

The NC House Republican tweet quoted from a WECT article that stated, "Columbus County Schools doesn't have enough money to keep up with its spending" and that that the Columbus County Schools budget was the worst in 12 years.



@NCHouseGOP, Twitter.com, August 7, 2018 (accessed on 4/27/2020)

According to the WECT article that the NC House Republican Twitter account quoted, the Columbus County Schools "doesn't have enough money to keep up with its spending" and were facing an estimated \$500,000 budget shortfall in 2018. Columbus County Schools finance director Terry Dudney stated in the article that this was the worst budget he had seen in the 12 years he worked for the county.

The WECT article noted that the budget shortfall was primarily due to "a decrease in local, state and federal money over the past decade" but also noted that instructional staff had been granted a 5% pay raise in 2015-16.

HEADLINE: Columbus County Schools struggle with budget shortfall

It's a major budget shortage that school leaders said is affecting students and faculty.

Columbus County Schools doesn't have enough money to keep up with its spending.

According to the school's finance officer, Terry Dudney, if major changes are made, the school system could be almost half a million dollars over budget.

<u>Dudney said there are many reasons for the shortcomings, mainly a decrease in local, state and federal money over the past decade.</u>

<u>Instructional staff's supplements salaries increased by five percent starting in the 2015-16 school year to be comparable to Whiteville City Schools. This is based on an annual salary in November of each year, Dudney said.</u>

The school system has also had trouble keeping up payments for its exceptional children program. The state allots about 800 students for the program, and Columbus County has about 870. Even though the county has more than the cap, Dudney said the county doesn't get any more money, so it has to provide money for all of the services with its own money.

"We are very concerned about where that is going to go when it comes to the end of the year for exceptional children and what we can provide for next year. That has got to be a priority. We've got to provide the services to children with disabilities," Dudney said.

In his 12 years in this position, Dudney said this is the worst he has seen the budget look. The school system has tried to shuffle positions around to save money, not fill vacancies in some instances and reduce instructional supply budgets for classrooms.

Dudney said having vacant spots in positions pretty much except instructional jobs is affecting students and staff.

"We're really spreading people thin and then, of course, you hear that I'm not being able to put all of my time where it needs to be because I'm being spread so many different ways," he said.

Some counselors are working at as many as three different schools.

"It's all based on that. When they're spread that thin, what time frame a person can actually spend with a child? And granted, any deficiency you can put in a child is going to end up hurting the child. So I feel that, you know, the more we spread people thin the less money we have, the less positions we're able to fill is just going to end up causing a lot of pain later in the school system when it comes to staff and to students as well," he said.

According to the budget presentation Dudney gave to the board of education Monday, the school system started this school year with \$59,727,382. It has spent 78.48 percent of that as of the end of March.

Dudney will present to the board again in May to forecast how much it has left for the last two months of the school year.

"Columbus County Schools struggle with budget shortfall," WECT 6 News, August 14, 2018 (emphasis added)

SECTION C: POLITICAL HISTORY

C.1 – Summary of 2020 SD 13 Campaign

<u>Yates-Lockamy Is a Qualified Candidate for NC Senate District 13 in the November 3, 2020 Election – Running as a Democrat</u>

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, Yates-Lockamy filed as a candidate for North Carolina State Senate District 13 on December 20, 2019. Yates-Lockamy was the only Democrat to file for SD 13. Her home address of 4820 Old Lumberton Rd, Whiteville, NC is listed as her candidate address.

	S	STATE BOARD OF	ELECTIONS		
CANDIDATE LIST GROUPED BY CONTEST					
CRITERIA: Election: 03/03/2020, Show Contest w/o Candidate: N, County: ALL COUNTIES, Data Source: STATE ONLY VIEW					
CANDIDATE NAME	NAME ON BALLOT	PARTY	FILING DATE	ADDRESS	
NC STATE SENATE DISTRICT 13 (DEM)					
YATES-LOCKAMY, BARBARA S	Barbara Yates-Lockamy	DEM	12/20/2019	4820 OLD LUMBERTON RD	WHITEVILLE, NC 28472

"2020 Candidate List," North Carolina State Board of Elections (accessed on 4/24/2020)

In December 2019, the Whiteville News Reporter Noted that Yates-Lockamy Was Running for North Carolina Senate District 13 – Described Yates-Lockamy as "a Former Member and Past Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Elections"

On December 20, 2019, the *Whiteville News Reporter* published an article about Yates-Lockamy running for North Carolina Senate District 13. The article described Yates-Lockamy as "a former member and past chairman of the Columbus County Board of Elections."

<u>HEADLINE</u>: Updated: Yates-Lockamy challenges Britt for Senate while Jones and Smith get House opposition

The three state legislative seats representing Columbus County will be contested in November, as one Democrat filed for each of the three seats in the last hour before filing ended Friday at noon. The three Republican incumbents all had filed earlier and none has a primary opponent.

Barbara Yates-Lockamy of Whiteville filed as a Democrat for the 13th District N.C. Senate seat against incumbent Republican Danny Britt of Lumberton. Yates-Lockamy, a former member and past chairman of the Columbus County Board of Elections, ran unsuccessfully two years ago for the House of Representatives against Rep. Brenden Jones. Senate District 13 is composed of all of Columbus County and all of Robeson County.

Jones, a Republican from Tabor City who represents District 46 in the N.C. House of Representatives, will face Democrat Tim Heath of Red Springs, who filed as a Democrat Friday. District 46 is comprised of roughly the western half of Columbus County and portions of Robeson County.

"Updated: Yates-Lockamy challenges Britt for Senate while Jones and Smith get House opposition," Whiteville News Reporter, December 20, 2019 (emphasis added)

<u>Yates-Lockamy Has a 2020 Campaign Website, Barbarayateslockamy.com – Includes Her Positions on "Education," "Health Care," and "the Economy"</u>

Yates-Lockamy has a website for her 2020 SD 13 campaign. (<u>barbarayateslockamy.com</u>) The website includes a biography, a section on her stance on issues, and social media links. The website does not include a list of endorsements.



"Homepage," Barbarayateslockamy.com (accessed on 4/24/2020)

The issues page of Yates-Lockamy's website provides her platform positions on "Education," "Health Care," and "the Economy." The text of these campaign platforms is provided below.

Education

Secure Bonds/Grants to build School Facilities with State of the Art Technology and Leading Health Certifications

Support Advanced and Comprehensive Career Development & the Governor's Job Ready Program

Fund National Average- Level Teacher Pay and Reclaim their Career Status Recognition & Benefits

"Barbara's Commitment," barbarayateslockamy.com (accessed on 4/24/2020)

Health Care

Fund Opioid Education, Treatment, and Recovery

Medicaid Expansion - Affordable Healthcare for All

Support Rural NC Hospitals

"Barbara's Commitment," barbarayateslockamy.com (accessed on 4/24/2020)

ECONOMY

Support Raising Minimum Wage and Livable Benefit Standards

Encourage Rural Economic Development Efforts with Strategic Focus

Renew/Restore the Earned Income Tax Credit

"Barbara's Commitment," barbarayateslockamy.com (accessed on 4/24/2020)

<u>Campaign Finance Summary – In Her Most Recent 2020 Campaign Finance Filing Covering January 1, 2020 through February 15, 2020, Yates-Lockamy Reported Raising \$3,323 and Having \$2,600 Cash on Hand</u>

Yates-Lockamy's most recent campaign finance filing with the North Carolina State Board of Elections covers January 1, 2020 through February 15, 2020. In this filing, Yates-Lockamy reported raising \$3,323.41 and spending \$723.32, ending with \$2,600.09 cash on hand.

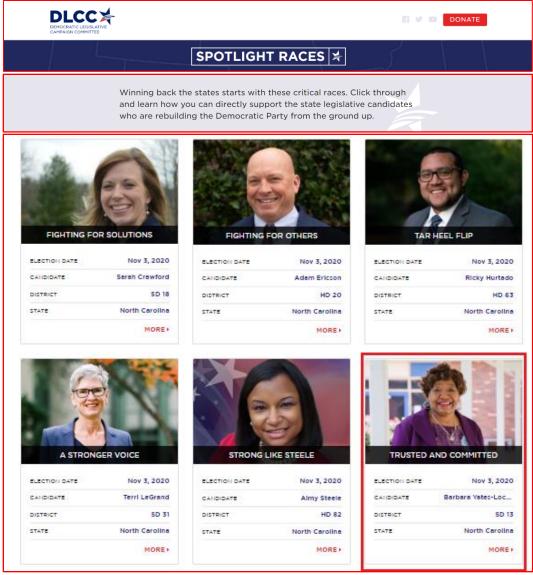
SUMMARY		
	Total This Period	Total This Election
Cash on Hand at Beginning	\$0.00	\$0.00
RECEIPTS	\$0.00	\$0.0
Aggregated Contributions from Individuals	\$230.00	\$230.0
Contributions from Individuals	\$901.00	\$901.0
Political Party Committees	\$0.00	\$0.0
Other Political Committees (such as PACs)	\$0.00	\$0.0
Loan Proceeds	\$0.00	\$0.0
Refunds/Reimbursements To the Committee	\$0.00	\$0.0
Interest on Bank Accounts	\$0.00	\$0.0
Contributions from Not-For-Profit Organizations	\$0.00	\$0.0
Outside Sources of Income	\$2,192.41	\$2,192.4
Legal Expense Fund - Other Sources	\$0.00	\$0.0
Exempt Purchase Price Sales	\$0.00	\$0.0
Total Receipts	\$3,323.41	\$3,323.4
EXPENDITURES	\$0.00	\$0.0
Operating Expenditures	\$498.10	\$496.1
Contributions to Candidates/Political Committees	\$200.00	\$200.0
Coordinated Party Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.0
Aggregated Non-Media Expenditures	\$27.22	\$27.2
Loan Repayments	\$0.00	\$0.0
Refunds/Reimbursements From the Committee	\$0.00	\$0.0
In-Kind Contributions	\$0.00	\$0.0
Total Expenditures	\$723.32	\$723.3
Cash on Hand at End of Reporting Period	\$2,600.09	\$2,600.0

Barbara S Yates-Lockamy for NC Senate (STA-03S49B-C-001), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed February 25, 2020

C.2 – Yates-Lockamy's 2020 Campaign Is Part of DC Dems' Efforts to Flip the NC Senate

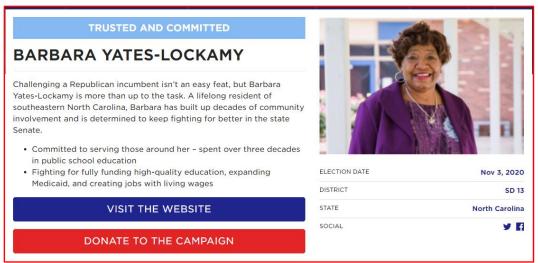
Yates-Lockamy Is Featured as One of Only Six DLCC "Spotlight" Races in North Carolina – Races Deemed as "Critical" to Flipping Control of Republican-Led Legislative Chambers

The Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee (DLCC) features "spotlight races" which are state legislative campaigns deemed as "critical" in flipping control of Republican-led legislative chambers. Yates-Lockamy is featured as one of only six DLCC "spotlight" races in North Carolina.



"Spotlight Races," races.dlcc.org (accessed on 4/24/2020; red box added)

The following is Yates-Lockamy's full campaign biography taken from the "DLCC spotlight" races website.



"Barbara Yates-Lockamy," races.dlcc.org (accessed on 4/24/2020)

The Organization Real Facts NC Published a Report Looking at Competitive Races for the North Carolina State Senate – the Report Listed SD 13 as a Competitive Seat

In March 2020, the organization Real Facts NC published a report on the North Carolina legislature detailing "the 27 House and 14 Senate districts most likely to be competitive this cycle."

2020 is shaping up to be one of the most pivotal legislative elections in North Carolina history. Democrats have a clear path to win majorities in both chambers of the legislature after historic pickups last cycle broke Republican supermajorities. With a decennial census and subsequent redistricting coming up, control of the legislature will impact not only the next two years, but also the next decade of North Carolina policy. Competitive races for Governor and a US Senate seat are gaining significant media attention and the state looks to once again be a key presidential battleground. In totality, these races represent major change from last cycle's blue moon election with no top of the ticket races.

This report highlights the 27 House and 14 Senate districts most likely to be competitive this cycle. This assessment incorporates candidate fundraising information where available, detailed analysis of new legislative districts (including past Democratic performance and demographic information), and other qualitative data about each candidate. Expect the list to shift as the election approaches and new information becomes available.

"NC Senate Races to Watch," Real Facts NC, March 9, 2020 (emphasis added)

The report listed Senate District 13 as one of these competitive seats for the 2020 election cycle.

SENATE DISTRICT 13

Popular Incumbent Republican Danny Britt will seek election to this seat in Columbus and Robeson counties for a third time despite rumors he might run for Congress. Democrat Barbara Yates-Lockamy, an educator and longtime school board member, will challenge Britt.



"NC Senate Races to Watch," Real Facts NC, March 9, 2020

In April 2020, the North Carolina Democrats Wrote an Opinion Piece Noting that Yates-Lockamy "Is Going to Take the NC Legislature Back to School for NC SD-13"

On April 3, 2020, the North Carolina democrats wrote an opinion piece noting that Yates-Lockamy "is going to take the NC legislature back to school for NC SD-13." The article also noted that Yates-Lockamy's campaign was part of Democratic efforts to elect more women and minorities to the North Carolina state legislature.

<u>OPINION ARTICLE HEADLINE:</u> Barbara Yates-Lockamy is Going to Take the NC Legislature Back to School for NC SD-13,

Barbara Yates-Lockamy is a lifelong resident of Southeastern North Carolina that has over 30 years of experience in the NC public education system. She is committed not to politics, but to the people of her district and her state, and she is bringing her education experience to the state legislature as the Democratic candidate for NC Senate District 13.

Barabara was educated in the Columbus County School System and went on to obtain an Associate Degree from Southeastern Community College before receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Business Education from North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, NC. After, she went on to pursue a higher degree at the University of South Carolina at Columbia, where she received a Master's degree in Education.

During her career in education, she has served as a teacher, career counselor, VoCATS Coordinator, Special Population Coordinator, Human Resource Service Coordinator, Staff Development Coordinator, and Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource Services. Positions which she has held with much esteem, as she has been promoted to hold trusted supervisory roles within the school district's Risk Management, Child Nutrition and Maintenance divisions.

Barbara is running on a campaign of trust and commitment, values which she maintains in her teachings and that she passes to all of her students, and she plans to actualize these values by reforming the education, healthcare and economic policies of North Carolina. Three areas that she knows are important to all of the children and other residents of her district.

To learn more about Barbara and her campaign, go to her website at: https://www.barbarayateslockamy.com/

North Carolina Democrats believe that our representatives from the top to the bottom of the ticket should reflect the diversity of our state — and that means electing a lot more women. Pitch in \$10 or more during Women's History Month to help us support Democratic candidates who will fight equal opportunities in 2020: ncdp.org/elect-more-women.

North Carolina Democrats Opinion Article, "Barbara Yates-Lockamy is Going to Take the NC Legislature Back to School for NC SD-13," Medium, April 3, 2020 (emphasis added)

C.3 – Endorsed by Democracy for America – a Pro-Bernie Sanders PAC

<u>Democracy for America Endorsed Yates-Lockamy during Her 2018 Campaign</u> for North Carolina House District 46

In October 2018, Democracy for America announced the endorsement of Barbara Yates-Lockamy for North Carolina House District in a press release. The progressive political action committee also endorsed Bernie Sanders in 2016 and 2020 and supported the Green New Deal.

The following is an image of a press release endorsing candidates for state-level offices in 2018. Yates-Lockamy is listed as endorsed by the PAC.



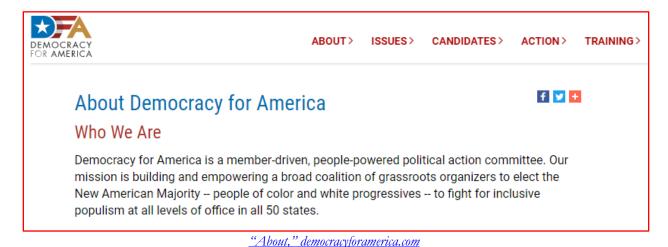
"DFA supports 61 in final round of 2018 state legislative, state office "Purple to Blue" endorsements," Democracy for America Press Release, October 4, 2018

The image below is of Yates-Lockamy on the "Past Endorsements: 2018" page on the Democracy for America website.



"Past Endorsements: 2018," democracyforamerica.com

Democracy for America describes itself as a political action committee "building and empowering a broad coalition of grassroots organizers to elect the New American Majority – people of color and white progressives...."



Democracy for America Endorsed Bernie Sanders for President in 2020

In March 2020, Democracy for America endorsed presidential candidate Bernie Sanders. The PAC also endorsed Sanders' 2016 presidential campaign

HEADLINE: 2020: Democracy for America endorses Bernie Sanders for President

Today, Democracy for America (DFA) endorsed Senator Bernie Sanders for President in the 2020 fight for the Democratic nomination.

Sanders earned the endorsement after receiving 79.3% in the DFA membership vote, easily passing the 67% supermajority threshold, in a resounding victory over the rest of the field. With over 38,000 individual votes cast over the 11-day voting period, DFA members nationwide overwhelmingly chose Senator Sanders to win the nomination and defeat Donald Trump in November.

This is just the second time DFA has endorsed in a presidential primary. Ahead of the 2016 election, the grassroots progressive organization backed Sanders following a membership vote in December 2015, while in 2008 no candidate was able to clear DFA's supermajority threshold.

"2020: Democracy for America endorses Bernie Sanders for President," Democracy for America Press Release, March 2, 2020 (emphasis added)

<u>Democracy for America Endorsed the Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's (D-NY) Green New Deal Legislation in 2018</u>

Democracy for America supported the Green New Deal, calling the legislation by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (R-NY), "a win-win for our environment and economy, and it's our greatest opportunity to avert the worst impacts of climate change." The PAC's website includes a petition to support Ocasio-Cortez's effort.



"Sign the petition: Support the Green New Deal," democracyforamerica.com (accessed 4/27/20)

C.4 – Summary of Campaign Contributions Made to Others – \$1,100 to Democrats

<u>Summary of Searches – Yates-Lockamy Has Contributed a Total of \$1,312.50 to</u> Other Candidates and Committees at the NC State and Federal Levels

Yates-Lockamy has contributed a total of \$1,312.50 from 2001 to present at the federal and North Carolina state levels. Columbus County does not maintain an online database with campaign finance filings.

The following table summarizes the searches conducted for contributions by "Barbara Yates" and "Barbara Yates-Lockamy." The searches were narrowed to ensure the address of the contributor and employer/occupation matched that of Yates-Lockamy. Results for contributors with the same name who are not the subject of the report (i.e. individuals with addresses outside of Whiteville, North Carolina) were excluded.

SUMMARY OF BARBARA YATES-LOCKAMY'S CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO OTHERS (2001 TO PRESENT)

Search Term	Federal	North Carolina
"Barbara Yates" OR "Barbara Yates-	Contributions totaling	Contributions totaling \$950 were found
Lockamy" (excluded contributors that	\$362.50 were found	_
could not be confirmed to be the		
subject of this report)		

Source: Federal Election Commission; North Carolina Board of Elections

Federal Contributions – Yates-Lockamy Has Contributed a Total of \$250 to Other Federal-Level Democratic Candidates and Committees, and Contributed \$112.50 to the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education; No Contributions Made to Republicans

The Federal Election Commission campaign finance database was searched for contributions from individuals named "Barbara Yates" and "Barbara Yates-Lockamy." The searches were then narrowed to ensure the address of the contributor and employer/occupation matched that of Yates-Lockamy. ("Receipts," fec.gov) These searches yielded the results shown in the table below.

As shown in the table below, Yates-Lockamy contributed a total of \$250 to other federal-level Democratic candidates and committees from 2001 to present. Yates-Lockamy also contributed \$112.50 to the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education. Yates-Lockamy made no federal-level contributions to Republicans.

SUMMARY OF BARBARA YATES-LOCKAMY'S FEDERAL-LEVEL CONTRIBUTIONS BY RECIPIENT (2001 TO PRESENT)

Recipient of Contributions from Barbara Yates-Lockamy	Party Affiliation	Total Amount
		Contributed
North Carolina Democratic Party – Federal (via ActBlue)	Democratic	\$250.00
Democratic Subtotal		\$250.00
NEA Fund for Children and Public Education		\$112.50
Non-Partisan Subtotal		\$112.50
Grand Total		\$362.50

Source: "FEC Receipts Search," fec.gov

State Contributions – Yates-Lockamy Has Contributed a Total of \$850 to Other State-Level Democratic Candidates and Committees, and Contributed \$100 to the North Carolina League of Conservation Voters Conservation PAC; No Contributions Made to Republicans

The North Carolina State Board of Elections online campaign finance database was searched for contributions from individuals named "Barbara Yates" and "Barbara Yates-Lockamy." ("Transaction Search by Entity," of nesbe.gov) These searches yielded the results shown in the table below.

As shown in the table below, Yates-Lockamy has contributed a total of \$850 to other state-level Democratic candidates and committees from 2001 to present. Yates-Lockamy also contributed \$100 to the North Carolina NC League of Conservation Voters Conservation PAC. Yates-Lockamy has made no state-level contributions to Republicans.

SUMMARY OF YATES-LOCKAMY'S STATE-LEVEL CONTRIBUTIONS BY RECIPIENT (2001 TO PRESENT)

Recipient of Contribution from Yates-Lockamy	Party Affiliation	Sum of Amount
Bev Perdue Committee	Democratic	\$100
Columbus County Democratic Executive Committee (Columbus DEC)	Democratic	\$500
Ken Waddell for State House	Democratic	\$250
Democratic Subtotal		\$850
NC League of Conservation Voters Conservation PAC		\$100
Non-Partisan Subtotal		\$100
Grand Total		\$950

Source: "Transaction Search by Entity," cf.ncsbe.gov

Yates-Lockamy contributed to the following Democratic candidates and committees:

• **Bev Perdue Committee** – Perdue was the Democratic Governor of North Carolina. She served from 2009 to 2013.

• Columbus County Democratic Executive Committee (Columbus DEC) – Columbus DEC is the political action committee for the Columbus County Democratic Executive Committee.



Columbus DEC (STA-C3872N-C-001), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed January 12, 2009

• **Ken Waddell for State House** – Waddell was a Democratic State Representative from the 46th district.

HEADLINE: Waddell Won't Seek Re-Election to NC House

A North Carolina state Democratic lawmaker says he won't seek re-election next year because it's difficult keeping up fully with responsibilities at the General Assembly and with work and other obligations back home.

Rep. Ken Waddell of Chadbourn is in his second term representing Columbus County and parts of Bladen and Robeson counties. His departure represents a possible pickup opportunity for Republicans in November 2016. "Waddell Won't Seek Re-Election to NC House," WWAYTV3, November 9, 2015

C.5 – Other Political History

<u>Campaign Expenditures Paid to Yates-Lockamy –Yates-Lockamy Received</u> <u>\$75 from the Columbus County Democratic Executive Committee</u>

Federal

The Federal Election Commission online campaign finance database was searched for disbursements from campaigns and committees to Yates-Lockamy. ("FEC Disbursement Search," fec.gov)

There were no results for "Barbara Yates" or "Barbara Yates-Lockamy."

State

The North Carolina State Board of Elections online campaign finance database was searched for disbursements from campaigns and committees to Yates-Lockamy. ("North Carolina State Board of Elections Transaction Search By Entity," of neshe gov)

There was one result for payments made to Yates-Lockamy. Yates-Lockamy was paid \$75 by the Columbus County Democratic Executive Committee for "poll worker" on November 5, 1996.

Local

Local elections are conducted by the county. Columbus County does not maintain an online database with campaign finance filings.

North Carolina State-Level Lobbyist Registration – No Results for Yates-Lockamy

Searches of the North Carolina Secretary of State Lobbying Compliance database returned no lobbyist registration records for Yates-Lockamy. ("Lobbying Compliance Search," sos.nc.gov)

Searches were conducted of the North Carolina General Assembly Lobbying Directories published in 2018, 2019, and 2020. These searches found no results for Yates-Lockamy. ("Lobbying Directory." sos.nc.gov)

Federal-Level Lobbyist Registration - No Results for Yates-Lockamy

The following federal-level lobbying registration databases were searched for Yates-Lockamy. These searches returned no results:

- Clerk of the U.S. House ("Lobbying Disclosure," disclosurespreview.house.gov)
- Secretary of the U.S. Senate ("Query the Lobbying Disclosure Act Database," soprweb.senate.gov)
- ProPublica ("Lobbying Registrations," projects.propublica.com)
- OpenSecrets ("Individual Lobbyists Lookup," opensecrets.org)
- OpenSecrets Foreign Agents Registration Act Registrants ("FARA," opensecrets.org)

North Carolina State Ethics Commission - No Results

The North Carolina State Ethics Commission does not have a searchable database for ethics violations. The website states that complaints are confidential. If a complaint made against a "public servant" is credible there is a public hearing held and the complaint will be made public. ("Ethics Complaints," ethics.ncsbe.gov) A Google Advanced Search of the Ethics Commission website for "Barbara Yates-Lockamy" returned no results.

SECTION D: ON THE ISSUES

D.1 – Support for Medicaid Expansion

On Her 2020 Senate Campaign Website, Yates-Lockamy Says "Medicaid Expansion – Affordable Healthcare for All" Is a Top Priority

On her 2020 Senate campaign website, Yates-Lockamy provided her legislative priorities through a "Committed Plan." Within that plan, Yates-Lockamy lists "Medicaid expansion – Affordable Healthcare for All" under "Health Care."

The following are images from Yates-Lockamy's website:



"Barbara's Commitment," barbarayateslockamy.com (accessed on 4/28/2020)

In October 2018, Yates-Lockamy Told the *Columbus News Reporter* that "We Must Expand Medicaid and Give People the Healthcare They Deserve"

In October 2018, the *Columbus News Reporter* asked Yates-Lockamy about her views on Medicaid expansion. She responded that "we must expand Medicaid and give people the healthcare they deserve."

HEADLINE: Two candidates from county running in House District 46

Two candidates, both from Columbus County, are seeking the newly redrawn N.C. House District 46 seat representing western Columbus County and portions of Robeson County in the General Assembly. They are incumbent Republican Brenden Jones of Tabor City, a preowned car dealer and funeral director who is completing his first term in the legislature, and Democrat Barbara Yates-Lockamy of Mt. Olive, a retired educator who has served several terms on the Columbus County board of education, of which she's currently the chairperson. The candidates provided the following answers to questions submitted to them by The News Reporter. We present their answers in alphabetical order, rotating the order with each question.

Thirty-four states and the District of Columbia have adopted Medicaid expansion and three more are considering it. North Carolina has not. Do you support Medicaid expansion in North Carolina; why or why not?

YATES-LOCKAMY: This issue is very important to me, because so many in my family have been adversely affected. It is unquestionably apparent that the county needs Medicaid expansion when some reports show Columbus County as one of the unhealthiest counties in the state. As a result of no expansion, 11.52 Billion in federal funds were lost and 67,160 jobs were not created, Medicaid expansion is necessary for families in rural areas because access to quality healthcare is limited....

We must expand Medicaid and give people the quality healthcare they deserve. There are clearly two North Carolinas, one of the haves and one of the have-nots. How would you solve the rural-urban divide?

"Two candidates from county running in House District 46," Columbus News Reporter, October 12, 2018 (emphasis added)

In October 2018 Facebook Videos, Yates-Lockamy Said "In North Carolina, We Need Healthcare Expansion" and "If Elected, I Would Vote to Expand Medicaid"

In an October 2018 Facebook video, Yates-Lockamy said, "In North Carolina, we need healthcare expansion" and "if elected, I would vote to expand Medicaid."

[YATES-LOCKAMY – 0:00] In North Carolina we need healthcare expansion. I just can't say enough about it because I have a son that's fighting with that now. He was paralyzed and right now he cannot get all the coverage that he needs. Many families are in the same situation because we have not expanded Medicaid. If elected, I will vote to expand Medicaid.

"I Will Fight to Get Healthcare Costs Under Control," @votebarbarayateslockamy, Facebook.com, October 6, 2018 (emphasis added, transcription by MB Public Affairs, accessed on 4/28/2020)

In a second October 2018 Facebook video, Yates-Lockamy said, "if elected, I would vote to expand Medicaid."

[YATES-LOCKAMY – 0:00] The state of health insurance in North Carolina is that we have people that cannot afford coverage. If elected, I will vote to expand Medicaid.

"I Will Support Medicaid Expansion," @votebarbarayateslockamy, Facebook.com, October 8, 2018 (transcription by MB Public Affairs, accessed on 4/28/2020)

In June 2019, Republican Senate Leader Phil Berger Criticized Medicaid Expansion as a "Mistake that Not Only Will Fail to Solve the Problems Its Proponents Claim It Solves, but Will Create New Problems"

On June 21, 2019, Republican State Senate leader Phil Berger published an opinion article criticizing efforts to expand Medicaid in North Carolina. Berger stated that Medicaid expansion was a "mistake that not only will fail to solve the problems its proponents claim it solves, but will create new problems."

Berger noted that Medicaid expansion would cost "approximately \$173 million per year" with the state paying for those additional costs through "taxing the state's hospitals and insurance companies." Additionally, Berger warned that rising costs could crowd out vulnerable populations such as "the 12,000 disabled North Carolinians with severe developmental needs currently on the waitlist for the state's optional Intellectual/Development Disability (IDD) Medicaid program."

OPINION ARTICLE HEADLINE: The other side of Medicaid expansion

"Expand Medicaid!" "Don't expand Medicaid!" Welcome to one of the most significant debates in the current session of North Carolina's General Assembly.

Gov. Roy Cooper and legislative Democrats have made expanding Medicaid their number one goal for the 2019 legislative session. Republican legislators remain wary about both the policy and fiscal merits of Medicaid expansion in North Carolina. The governor's director of legislative affairs has even been quoted in the media saying, "The session ends when we get Medicaid expansion." There's also an ongoing guessing game as to whether Cooper will veto any budget passed by the legislature if it doesn't include Medicaid expansion.

The argument for Medicaid expansion goes something like this — there are people in the state that do not currently have health insurance coverage; Medicaid expansion provides insurance for every adult in the state whose income is less than 133 percent of the federal poverty level; 90 percent of the cost of the program is paid by the federal government, and expanding Medicaid will solve all sorts of current problems such as rural hospital closings and the opioid crisis.

Hearing those arguments you may wonder why North Carolina isn't already on board the Medicaid expansion bandwagon. Well, like many things that sound too good to be true, there is another side to the story. A full accounting of the facts leads to the inescapable conclusion that expanding Medicaid would be a mistake that not only will fail to solve the problems its proponents claim it solves, but will create new problems and rekindle problems that have just recently been put to rest – such as Medicaid cost overruns and yearly budget deficits.

Let's take a closer look at how the arguments for Medicaid expansion hold up. First, the claim that Medicaid will provide insurance coverage for approximately 500,000 people that don't currently have coverage. The truth is, approximately 300,000 of those 500,000 — 60 percent — are either eligible for government-subsidized health coverage through the federal exchange or are already receiving health insurance through their employer. The actual "coverage gap" only exists for less than half of the expansion population. And who is in that gap? Children? No; children in low-income families are already eligible for Medicaid. Low-income pregnant women? No; they are also currently eligible. How about severely disabled individuals? No; already eligible. The truth is that the vast majority of those who would become eligible for coverage under Medicaid expansion are able-bodied adults between the ages of 18 and 50.

Ok; but it's "free" money; why not take it? You've been told that the money is "free" because the federal government currently pays 90 percent of the cost of Medicaid expansion, and the state will only be on the hook for 10 percent — approximately \$173 million per year. And that cost will be paid by taxing the state's hospitals and insurance companies. But what will the state do when the federal government changes the rules and pays less than 90 percent? In fact, the same thing just happened with the children's health program. The federal government changed its match rate, blowing a \$140 million hole in our budget and forcing the state to come up with the additional funds to continue the program.

In other states, expansion enrollment has far exceeded projections, increasing the financial pressure on other important budget items. Likely the first victims of expansion crowding out funding will be the 12,000 disabled North Carolinians with severe developmental needs currently on the waitlist for the state's optional Intellectual/Development Disability (IDD) Medicaid program. Medicaid expansion would force these folks to continue waiting at the back of the line as able-bodied adults receive care.

State Senator Phil Berger Opinion Article, "The other side of Medicaid expansion," Raleigh News & Observer,

June 21, 2019 (emphasis added)

In July 2019, Americans for Tax Reform Vice President Patrick Gleason Wrote that Governor Cooper's Proposal to Expand Medicaid in North Carolina "Would Cost \$6 Billion over the Next Two Years" and Would "Necessitate Tax Hikes"

In July 2019, Patrick Gleason, Vice President of State Affairs at Americans for Tax Reform, wrote an opinion article in *Forbes* about the effect of Medicaid expansion in North Carolina.

According to Gleason, Medicaid expansion in North Carolina "would cost \$6 billion over the next two years, which represents a 28% percent increase in Medicaid spending and a roughly 8% increase in total state spending."

Gleason wrote, "[t]he budget Governor Cooper is demanding would lead to a large uptick in Medicaid spending that will crowd out other state spending priorities and necessitate tax hikes."

<u>OPINION ARTICLE HEADLINE</u>: Standoff In North Carolina Over Obamacare's Medicaid Expansion And Associated Tax Hikes

Lawmakers in North Carolina, named by CNBC last week as the nation's best economy, and Governor Roy Cooper (D) will return to Raleigh next week to see if they can work out a budget deal more than two weeks after the new fiscal year began. Governor Cooper's initial budget proposal spends about \$500 million more over the next two years than does the \$24 billion general fund budget approved by both chambers of the General Assembly in June. The General Assembly's budget won praise from conservatives and a veto from Governor Cooper...

Governor Cooper made a counter-offer this past week that insists on implementing Obamacare's Medicaid expansion, a deal-breaker for most legislative Republicans, rejects the General Assembly-passed franchise tax cut, and spends even more money than his initial proposal. Based on the way things are going, it is very plausible that no deal is reached.

Implementing Obamacare's Medicaid expansion in North Carolina, which is Governor Cooper's top priority, would cost \$6 billion over the next two years, which represents a 28% percent increase in Medicaid spending and a roughly 8% increase in total state spending.

Among the 37 states that have expanded Medicaid in accordance with Obamacare, cautionary tales about its affordability abound...

The new budget approved by the North Carolina General Assembly would have the state continue to serve as a model for pro-growth fiscal policy and spending restraint, a model that many New York and Washington-based pundits will continue to ignore while obsessing over a much smaller state. The budget Governor Cooper is demanding would lead to a large uptick in Medicaid spending that will crowd out other state spending priorities and necessitate tax hikes. We'll soon find out which side wins this argument...

Patrick Gleason

<u>I am Vice President of State Affairs at Americans for Tax Reform</u>, a Washington-based advocacy and policy research organization founded in 1985 at the request of President Ronald Reagan.

Patrick Gleason Opinion Article, "Standoff In North Carolina Over Obamacare's Medicaid Expansion And Associated Tax Hikes," Forbes Magazine, July 13, 2019 (emphasis added)

In January 2020, the Conservative John Locke Foundation Found that "Medicaid Expansion Would Cost North Carolina an Estimated \$6 Billion" and Would Force State Government to "Increase Taxes, or Divert Resources from Education, Transportation, and Other Essential Parts of the Budget"

In January 2020, the conservative John Locke Foundation published a policy analysis of North Carolina Medicaid Expansion.

The John Locke Foundation found that "Medicaid expansion would cost North Carolina an estimated \$6 billion between 2020 and 2030."

The John Locke Foundation also noted that "to pay for the expansion, the North Carolina General Assembly would need to reduce provider payments, increase taxes, or divert resources from education, transportation, and other essential parts of the budget."

HEADLINE: Medicaid Expansion

Medicaid is a program funded jointly by the state and federal government. Its core functions include paying medical providers for services rendered to low-income parents, children, pregnant women, the elderly, the blind, and the disabled.

The federal government currently funds two-thirds of North Carolina's \$14 billion Medicaid program. The Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, allows states to expand Medicaid eligibility to individuals earning up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level. This figure equates to an individual earning \$17,236 per year or a family of four earning \$35,535. As of December 2019, North Carolina was one of 14 states that have not expanded Medicaid.

If North Carolina had chosen to expand Medicaid in 2014, the federal government would have fully funded its cost through 2017. States were then responsible for financing a portion of the total expense, reaching a maximum of 10 percent by 2020...

Federal funding of Medicaid expansion and other health care entitlements will necessitate either higher levels of deficit spending, which adds to the multitrillion-dollar federal debt, or substantial increases in taxes, which impedes economic growth.

Medicaid expansion would cost North Carolina an estimated \$6 billion between 2020 and 2030. To pay for the expansion, the North Carolina General Assembly would need to reduce provider payments, increase taxes, or divert resources from education, transportation, and other essential parts of the budget.

"Medicaid Expansion," John Locke Foundation, January 2020 (emphasis added)

D.2 – Ties to Environmental Groups that Support the Green New Deal

The North Carolina League of Conservation Voters PAC Contributed a Total of \$250 to Yates-Lockamy's 2018 State House Campaign

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, the North Carolina League of Conservation Voters PAC contributed a total of \$200 to Yates-Lockamy's 2018 state house campaign.

The following is an image of the contribution taken from Yates-Lockamy's 2018 third quarter amended campaign finance report. On August 16, 2018, NC League of Conservation Voters contributed \$250 to Yates-Lockamy.



Barbara S Yates-Lockamy for NC Senate (STA-03S49B-C-001), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed October 29, 2018

<u>In 2018, Yates-Lockamy Contributed \$100 to the League of Conservation</u> Voters PAC

On August 15, 2018, Yates-Lockamy contributed \$100 to the League of Conservation Voters PAC. The following is an image of the contribution taken from the League of Conservation Voters PAC's 2018 third quarter amended campaign finance report.



NC League of Conservation Voters Conservation PAC (STA-C3739N-C-001), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed July 23, 2019

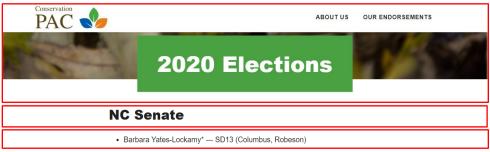
The North Carolina League of Conservation Voters Endorsed Yates-Lockamy in Her 2018 State House Campaign and in Her 2020 State Senate Campaign

The North Carolina League of Conservation Voters endorsed Yates-Lockamy in her 2018 campaign for North Carolina House District 46.



"2018 Endorsements," conservationpac.org (accessed on 4/24/2020)

The North Carolina League of Conservation Voters endorsed Yates-Lockamy in her 2020 campaign for North Carolina Senate District 13.



"2020 Endorsements," conservationpac.org (accessed on 4/24/2020)

In July 2018, Yates-Lockamy Tweeted that She Was "Honored to Be Endorsed by @nclcv [NC League of Conservation Voters] and Will Fight for a Cleaner, Greener NC"

On July 17, 2018, Yates-Lockamy tweeted about her endorsement from the North Carolina League of Conservation Voters and stated, "I am honored to be endorsed by @nclcv and will fight for a cleaner, greener NC."



@LockamyYates, Twitter.com, July 17, 2018 (accessed on 4/24/2020)

The League of Conservation Voters Is an Adamant Supporter of the Green New Deal and Applauded Sen. Ed Markey and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez for Introducing the Green New Deal in Congress

In February 2019, the League of Conservation Voters published a press release praising the members of Congress who introduced the Green New Deal. The press release stated, "LCV applauds Senator Markey and Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez for their climate leadership, and we support the Green New Deal resolution. We are thrilled to see so many members of Congress following through on the climate action."

PRESS RELEASE HEADLINE: LCV SUPPORTS GREEN NEW DEAL RESOLUTION

In anticipation of the introduction of the joint resolutions on the Green New Deal, League of Conservation Voters President Gene Karpinski issued the following statement in support:

"LCV applauds Senator Markey and Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez for their climate leadership, and we support the Green New Deal resolution. We are thrilled to see so many members of Congress following through on the climate action that voters clearly said they wanted from their leaders on Election Day, including 100% clean, renewable energy, major investments in climate-smart infrastructure and efficiency, good-paying jobs, and a just transition for workers and communities hardest hit by pollution. The climate crisis is a problem of epic proportions that requires a level of ambition just as big. This is an all hands-on-deck moment, and now is the time to challenge ourselves as never before."

"LCV Supports Green New Deal Resolution" League of Conservation Voters Press Release, February 7, 2019
(emphasis added)

The Green New Deal Plan Proposed by Rep. Ocasio-Cortez in February 2019 Includes a Medicare for All Single Payer Healthcare Program, among Other Components

It was widely reported that the Green New Deal plan proposed by Rep. Ocasio-Cortez in February 2019 includes a "Medicare for All" single payer healthcare program, among other components. For example, *Fox Business* published an article analyzing the specific language of the Rep. Ocasio-Cortez Green New Deal resolution. The article noted that Green New Deal included "High-quality health care" for all Americans (i.e. Medicare for All).

<u>HEADLINE</u>: Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's Green New Deal blueprint is released: What to know

Since entering the political foray, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has made climate change a cornerstone of her agenda, embracing the notion of a Green New Deal.

And on Thursday, Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., and Sen. Ed Markey, D-Mass., unveiled their Green New Deal resolution, broad legislation—modeled after New Deal-era programs—that promotes a significantly expanded federal role in reducing U.S. greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2050.

But that's not the only demand included in the resolution, the framework of which was posted online by NPR on Thursday.

Ocasio-Cortez and Markey laid out expansive proposals to not only aggressively reduce greenhouse gas emissions over the next three decades, but to guarantee millions of "good, high-wage jobs" while ensuring economic security for all Americans.

The resolution also calls for huge investments in climate-friendly infrastructure, in addition to protections for indigenous people, communities of color, the poor and others considered to be a part of a "vulnerable community."

Other notable goals proposed in the resolution include:...

"High-quality health care" for all Americans.

"Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's Green New Deal blueprint is released: What to know," Fox Business, February 7, 2019 (emphasis added)

In February 2019, the *Washington Free Beacon* Reported that the Green New Deal Could Cost Up to \$94.4 Trillion over 10 Years – Costing Each Household in the U.S. more than \$600,000

In February 2019, the *Washington Free Beacon* reported that a study by the American Action Forum had found that the Green New Deal could cost up to \$94.4 trillion over 10 tears to implement. This would cost each household in the U.S. more than \$600,000 over ten years.

A major part of this cost \$94.4 trillion estimate is the cost of implementing the Green New Deal's Medicare for All Component: "Universal Health Care, or a Medicare-for-all type plan, would cost \$36 trillion over 10 years..."

HEADLINE: Study: Green New Deal Would Cost Up to \$94 Trillion

The "Green New Deal" would cost up to \$94.4 trillion, or over \$600,000 per household in the United States, according to a new study.

The American Action Forum study offers a conservative estimate of the costs of providing every resident in the country a federal job with benefits, "adequate" housing, "healthy food," and health care.

Though Democratic socialist Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's (D., N.Y.) plan is vague on specifics, it calls for the "economic transformation" of the United States, a complete overhaul of transportation systems, and retrofitting every single building. A supplemental document explaining the plan, since deleted from her website after it was widely mocked on social media, called for economic security for everyone, even those "unwilling to work," the elimination of air travel, and "farting cows."

However, the American Action Forum was able to calculate estimates for several items the plan does propose, including guaranteed green housing, universal health care, and food security. Estimates of specific goals identified in the Green New Deal would cost each household in America between \$36,100 and \$65,300 every year.

"The American Action Forum's analysis shows that the Green New Deal would bankrupt the nation," said Sen. John Barrasso (R., Wyo.), chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

"On the upper end, every American household would have to pay \$65,000 per year to foot the bill," he said. "The total price tag would be \$93 trillion over 10 years. That is roughly four times the value of all Fortune 500 companies combined. That's no deal."...

The American Action Forum calculated guaranteed green housing would cost between \$1.6 trillion and \$4.2 trillion; a federal jobs guarantee between \$6.8 trillion and \$44.6 trillion; a net zero emissions transportation system between \$1.3 trillion and \$2.7 trillion; a low-carbon electricity grid for \$5.4 trillion; and "food security" for \$1.5 billion.

Enough high-speed rail "to make air travel unnecessary," would cost roughly \$1.1 to \$2.5 trillion. Universal Health Care, or a Medicare-for-all type plan, would cost \$36 trillion over 10 years, totaling \$260,000 per household in the United States.

Many of the figures are conservative estimates. For instance, researchers assumed obtaining a low-carbon electricity grid would require no new construction of transmission assets, when in actuality, such a grid would require new infrastructure.

"The Green New Deal is clearly very expensive," the American Action Forum said. "Its further expansion of the federal government's role in some of the most basic decisions of daily life, however, would likely have a more lasting and damaging impact than its enormous price tag."

In all, the plan would cost between \$52.6 trillion and \$94.4 trillion, over 10 years. The burden to the taxpayer would amount to between \$361,010 and \$653,010 for each household over 10 years.

Electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket under such a plan.

"Study: Green New Deal Would Cost Up to \$94 Trillion," Washington Free Beacon, February 25, 2020

Sen. Bernie Sanders Proposed Paying for the Green New Deal by Increasing Taxes by Trillions of Dollars – Rep. Ocasio-Cortez Proposed a 70% Wealth Tax to Pay for the Green New Deal

Sen. Bernie Sanders has proposed paying for the Green New Deal by increasing taxes by trillions of dollars.

HEADLINE: Bernie's Plan to Pay for Proposals Only Covers Fraction of Costs

Facing mounting pressure to explain how he will raise enough revenue to cover the largest peacetime budget in American history, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I., Vt.) in advance of Tuesday evening's debate released a plan outlining how he will pay for his proposals. The plan, which debuted Monday evening, projects additional revenue of more than \$37 trillion over the next 10 years, the product of a cross-section of aggressive new taxes on everyday Americans as well as the top percentile of earners. That figure pales in comparison to the tens of trillions Sanders expects to spend over the next 10 years, leaving a substantial budget shortfall even under the rosiest of assumptions...

In total, the plan covers seven major components of Sanders's agenda: Medicare for All, a Green New Deal, universal college and canceling student debt, universal pre-k, universal public housing, expanding Social Security, and eliminating medical debt. Its \$37 trillion of added tax revenue reflects a bevy of old proposals—especially Sanders's wealth tax—as well as new details on, for example, Sanders's projected revenue from Green New Deal jobs...

Even under Sanders's most optimistic assumptions, massive shortfalls remain. For example, the campaign indicated that it expects to bring in \$4.35 trillion per year from the wealth tax. But the right-leaning Tax Foundation estimates that it will only bring in \$3.2 trillion per year, due to higher rates of tax avoidance. That would leave Sanders with \$10 trillion less over a decade than he expects.

"Bernie's Plan to Pay for Proposals Only Covers Fraction of Costs," Washington Free Beacon, February 25, 2020

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez proposed a 70% wealth tax to pay for the Green New Deal.

<u>HEADLINE</u>: Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez floats 70% tax on wealthy to pay for 'Green New Deal'

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York says her plan to transition the United States away from fossil fuels would require people to "start paying their fair share in taxes."

That could mean taxing the wealthiest Americans at a rate of 60-70 percent, the freshman Congresswoman told CBS's "60 Minutes" in an interview scheduled to air on Sunday. Ocasio-Cortez has put forward a "Green New Deal" that includes generating all of the nation's power from renewable sources, building a national smart grid and entirely eliminating industrial greenhouse gas emissions. A proposal from the democratic socialist lawmaker calls for achieving those goals within 10 years.

In the "60 Minutes" interview, Ocasio-Cortez acknowledges that taxes would have to rise to underwrite the necessary investments. Asked for a specific proposal, Ocasio-Cortez suggested the plan might require returning to policies that preceded the overhauls of the 1980s, which significantly reduced the top income tax rate.

"Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez floats 70% tax on wealthy to pay for 'Green New Deal'," CNBC, January 4, 2019

D.3 – Ties to NC Association of Educators, which Opposed Key GOP State Legislation

The North Carolina Association of Educators Contributed \$1,000 to Yate-Lockamy's 2018 Campaign for North Carolina House District 46

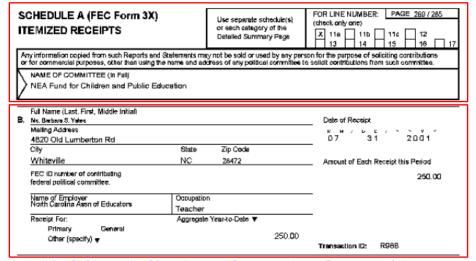
On October 26, 2018, The North Carolina Association of Educators contributed \$1,000 to Yates-Lockamy's 2018 campaign for North Carolina House District 46.



Barbara S Yates-Lockamy for NC Senate (STA-03S49B-C-001), NCSBE Disclosure Report. Filed January 10, 2019

In 2001, Yates-Lockamy Contributed \$250 to the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education

According to the Federal Elections Commission, Yates-Lockamy contributed \$250 to the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education on July 31, 2001. Below is an image of this contribution.



NEA Fund for Children and Public Education (C00003251), FEC Form 3, Filed August 20, 2001

The North Carolina Association of Educators Endorsed Yates-Lockamy during Her 2018 Campaign for the North Carolina House District 46

On August 11, 2018, Democratic State Senate candidate Dr. John A. Campbell tweeted about state legislative candidates that were endorsed by the North Carolina Association of Educators including Yates-Lockamy for her 2018 campaign for the North Carolina House District 46.



@drjacampbell, Twitter.com, August 11, 2018 (accessed on 4/27/2020)

<u>In February 2020, the North Carolina Association of Educators Hosted a</u> <u>Campaign Kickoff and Reception Event for Yates-Lockamy's 2020 State Senate</u> <u>Campaign</u>

On February 22, 2020, the North Carolina Association of Educators hosted a campaign kickoff and reception event for Yates-Lockamy's 2020 state senate campaign.



"A Heart for Our Children: Barbara Yates-Lockamy Campaign Kickoff and Reception," eventbrite.com (accessed on 4/27/2020)

In 2018, North Carolina Association of Educators President Mark Jewel Opposed the North Carolina Bathroom Bill which Preempted Local Protections for LGBTQ People – Jewel Called the Bill Discriminatory

In 2018, North Carolina Association of Educators President Mark Jewel opposed the North Carolina bathroom bill which preempted local protections for LGBTQ people. Jewel called the bill discriminatory.

HEADLINE: After HB2, NC leaders remain divided about LGBTQ protections in the state

More than two years after a law limiting local protections for gay rights in North Carolina was enacted, leaders remain sharply split over whether House Bill 2 was needed and what protections should be afforded to LGBTQ people.

A narrow majority of NC Influencers surveyed said municipalities in the state should be able to extend nondiscrimination protections to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people if they want, an option that's currently blocked under state law. But it's clear that the legacy of House Bill 2, which became known as the "bathroom bill," remains deeply divisive.

Some Republican respondents said HB2 was a common-sense measure to correct overreach by Charlotte's government. A majority of survey respondents, including all Democrats, said it was an unnecessary piece of legislation that furthered discrimination...

The state legislature passed HB2 in 2016 to counteract a Charlotte ordinance protecting LGBTQ people from discrimination and allowing transgender people to use public restrooms that matched their gender identity. Opponents said the Charlotte ordinance would make it legal for criminals to follow women and children into bathrooms.

HB2 preempted local protections for LGBTQ people and forbade local nondiscrimination ordinances. It also blocked cities from setting their own minimum wage laws. Backlash to the bill was swift: Businesses criticized North Carolina, the NBA moved the All-Star Game out of Charlotte, the NCAA ruled the state couldn't host future tournaments and PayPal canceled a 400-job expansion announced for Charlotte, among other moves...

Mark Jewell, president of the North Carolina Association of Educators, agreed.

"While we each have the right to our own religious beliefs those freedoms don't give anyone the right to discriminate against or harm other people," he said. "When businesses open their doors to the public, they must open them to everyone on the same terms.

Discriminatory business practices hurt the economy overall by limiting people's spending power."

"After HB2, NC leaders remain divided about LGBTQ protections in the state," Charlotte Observer, October 29, 2018 (emphasis added)

In May 2019, the North Carolina Association of Educators Opposed the Proposed North Carolina House Budget Because It "Continued Tax Cuts on Business and Wealthy Individuals"

In May 2019, North Carolina Association of Educators President Mark Jewel published a statement criticizing the proposed North Carolina House budget because the budget "continued tax cuts on business and wealthy individuals." Jewel called the budget bill "inadequate to meet the needs of North Carolina students and educators."

According to the *Center Square*, "Businesses would save about \$230 million yearly under the House's proposed cut to the state's franchise tax."

HEADLINE: House budget includes tax breaks for North Carolina workers, businesses

Workers and businesses would see slight tax decreases if Republicans in the North Carolina House get their way.

State budget talks are under way in North Carolina, and among the proposals in the House spending plan is an increase in the deduction that wage earners can claim on their income taxes. The standard deduction taxpayers can claim in 2021 would increase by 3.75 percent, saving them an estimated \$90 million a year.

Businesses would save about \$230 million yearly under the House's proposed cut to the state's franchise tax...

One of the areas of the proposed budget that is sure to be hotly contested centers around education funding. Teachers want to see base pay levels increase.

House Republicans propose increasing funding to the Advanced Teaching Roles program to \$3 million. Through the program, higher-performing teachers are eligible for a grant that could be up to 30 percent of their base salary. The budget also earmarks funds for increased school safety operations that include adding more school resource officers as well as equipping schools with more support staff, such as mental health professionals.

"The budget proposed by House leadership is completely inadequate to meet the needs of North Carolina students and educators," North Carolina Association of Educators President Mark Jewell said in a statement. "Not only does this budget fail to raise the minimum wage of our lowest-paid educators, but the proposed pay scales are nothing more than a shell game designed for political expediency at the expense of solving actual educational needs, necessitated by the continued tax cuts on business and wealthy individuals."

"House budget includes tax breaks for North Carolina workers, businesses," The Center Square, May 10, 2019 (emphasis added)

The North Carolina Association of Educators Is a State Affiliate of the National Education Association – in October 2015, NCAE Unanimously Supported the NEA's Endorsement of Hillary Clinton for President

The North Carolina Association of Educators is a state affiliate of the National Education Association. ("History of NCAE," ncae.org/who-we-are)

In October 2015, the state affiliates of the National Education Association (NEA) overwhelmingly endorsed Hillary Clinton for President and "all 69 of North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE) votes went to Hillary."

BLOG HEADLINE: NCAE "all in" for Hillary Clinton

State affiliates of the National Education Association (NEA) voted to officially endorse Hillary Clinton. Mike Antonucci provides the details of the NEA PAC Council vote here.

All 69 of North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE) votes went to Hillary. That will not sit well with certain factions within the NCAE.

"NCAE "all in" for Hillary Clinton," The Locker Room Blog, October 5, 2015

In March 2020, the National Education Association Endorsed Joe Biden for President

On March 14, 2020, Buzzfeed News reported that the National Education Association endorsed Joe Biden for President.

HEADLINE: Joe Biden Won The Endorsement Of The Nation's Largest Union

The National Education Association made the endorsement on Saturday. Other large teachers unions have avoided making endorsements on behalf of their members thus far.

<u>Joe Biden won the endorsement of the nation's largest union on Saturday</u>, adding to his surge of support from unions, members of Congress, and elected officials around the country...

She added that Biden's K-12 and higher education plans, along with his commitment to raising teachers' salaries and funding support staff positions. Biden's wife, Dr. Jill Biden, was a teacher both in public high schools and community college.

"Biden has championed public education throughout this campaign and beyond. He and Dr. Jill Biden, herself an educator and NEA member, have consistently reached out to NEA members across the country building the broad support among NEA members," Eskelsen García said. "He attended all three of NEA's presidential forums, including in Iowa, Pennsylvania, and Texas, as well as sat for a video interview to make his case to educators."

"Joe Biden Won The Endorsement Of The Nation's Largest Union," Buzzfeed News, March 14, 2020 (emphasis added)

D.4 – Support for Tax Hikes on Businesses and Individuals

In an October 2018 Facebook Video, Yates-Lockamy Criticized Her Opponent for Voting "for Corporate Tax Breaks over Funding Our School Systems" – She Added "Corporate Tax Breaks Should Not Weigh over What Our Children Deserve"

In an October 2018 Facebook video, Yates-Lockamy said that Brendan Jones, her opponent for House District 46, had "voted for corporate tax breaks over funding our school systems." Yates-Lockamy added that "corporate tax breaks should not weigh over what our children deserve."

[YATES-LOCKAMY – 0:00] Budgets, in my experience, are nothing but numbers but what we have to do it look at what value they add.

Brendan Jones voted for corporate tax breaks over funding our school systems. In order to fund the future for our children, corporate tax breaks should not weigh over what our children deserve.

<u>Barbara Yates-Lockamy NC Senate, Facebook.com, October 3, 2018</u> (transcription by MB Public Affairs, accessed on 4/28/2020)

In a May 2018 Facebook Post, Yates-Lockamy Showed Herself Participating in the #Red4Ed March for "Increased Funding and Resources for Our Schools"

In a May 2018 Facebook post, Yates-Lockamy showed pictures of herself participating in the North Carolina #Red4Ed march. Yates-Lockamy said she "spent the day marching and talking to teachers and legislators about the overdue need for increased funding and resources for our schools."



Barbara Yates-Lockamy NC Senate, Facebook.com, May 18, 2018 (accessed on 4/28/2020)

The #Red4Ed March Was in Support of Increased Education Spending, Including Teacher Pay Raises – Governor Cooper Spoke at the Event and Said He Wanted to Use \$110 Million in Tax Cuts for Business "to Raise Teacher Pay Instead"

The #Red4Ed march that Yates-Lockamy participated in was in support of more funding for education, including pay raises for teachers. At the event, Governor Cooper said that he wanted to use \$110 million in tax cuts for business "to raise teacher pay instead."

HEADLINE: NC Teachers March On Raleigh In Push For More Funding

It was a sea of red Wednesday as teachers and school workers flooded the streets of downtown Raleigh, calling for more support and funding of the public school system....

Mark Jewell, the president of the NCAE, ran off a list of teachers' demands in his speech. He said teachers are calling for across-the-board pay raises, increases in per-pupil spending to meet the national average and more funding for school buildings and facilities, among other things....

Gov. Roy Cooper spoke at the rally. Protesters chanted "Cooper! Cooper!" and met the governor with resounding applause as he explained what he saw as the heart of the protest: respect for teachers.

"We all know that this is far more than just about teacher pay," Cooper said. "It's about respect. It's personal, folks. It's personal."

<u>Cooper highlighted his proposed budget, which includes increased funding for schools and a universal boost in teacher pay, and denounced the legislatures' planned corporate tax cut for next year.</u>

"[Corporations are] scheduled to get another [tax cut] next year – about \$110 million worth,"

Cooper said. "I say let's use that \$110 million to raise teacher pay instead."

"NC Teachers March On Raleigh In Push For More Funding," WFAE, May 16, 2018 (emphasis added)

In His May 2018 Budget Proposal, Governor Cooper Proposed "Canceling Income Tax Cuts for Businesses and the Wealthiest North Carolinians" by \$110 Million "which He Would Use to Boost Teacher Pay"

In his May 2018 budget proposal, Governor Cooper proposed "canceling income tax cuts for businesses and the wealthiest North Carolinians" in order to "bring in more than \$110 million in revenue for the state, which he would use to boost teacher pay."

<u>HEADLINE</u>: Roy Cooper wants to give teachers and state workers a big raise. Will lawmakers agree?

If Gov. Roy Cooper has his way, the average teacher will get an 8 percent raise next year, other state employees will get their biggest raise in a decade, and schools will get millions of dollars to upgrade security, buy supplies and hire new resource officers, nurses, counselors, social workers and psychologists.

Those were some of the priorities Cooper, a Democrat, laid out Thursday when he announced his budget proposal.

And on Thursday, Cooper put his money where his mouth is, saying he plans to pay for a portion of his budget proposals by canceling income tax cuts for businesses and the wealthiest North Carolinians.

The legislature cut the state's income tax rate to 5.499 percent in 2013, and that rate is scheduled to drop again next year to 5.25 percent. Cooper says he wants to keep next year's tax cut in place for almost everyone -- but he would keep taxing income above \$200,000 at the current 5.499 rate. He would also freeze the corporate income tax rate that is due to drop, saying that since Congress passed a major corporate income tax cut earlier this year, North Carolina doesn't need to add to that.

He said those changes would bring in more than \$110 million in revenue for the state, which he would use to boost teacher pay.

"Roy Cooper wants to give teachers and state workers a big raise. Will lawmakers agree?," Raleigh News & Observer, May 10, 2018 (emphasis added)

In June 2018, the Republican-Led Legislature Overrode Governor Cooper's Veto of their Budget that Continued the Tax Cuts for Businesses and Individuals

In June 2018, the Republican-led legislature was able to override Cooper's veto of their budget and keep the tax cuts for businesses and individuals in place.

HEADLINE: Legislators override Roy Cooper's veto to pass their \$23.9 billion budget

Yet another veto from Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper has failed to create any changes as the legislature finished voting to override his veto of the new state budget Tuesday morning.

The North Carolina Senate voted last week to override Cooper's veto by a vote of 34-13, and the state House of Representatives followed suit Tuesday with a 73-44 vote to pass the \$23.9 billion spending plan into law....

When Cooper vetoed the budget last Wednesday, he said it didn't do enough for public education and the environment while at the same time continuing to give additional tax breaks to corporations and wealthy people that he wanted to stop.

But Republicans defended the budget they passed, noting that it contained a 6.5 percent average pay raise for teachers and raises for other state employees that mostly ranged from 2 to 8 percent, depending on the job.

"Legislators override Roy Cooper's veto to pass their \$23.9 billion budget," Raleigh News & Observer, June 12, 2018 (emphasis added)

In September 2018 while Yates-Lockamy Served as Board Chair, the Columbus County Board of Education Passed a Resolution Supporting a County-Wide Quarter-Cent Sales Tax Hike Referendum – in Novemer 2018, Columbus County Voters Rejected this Sales Tax Hike Referendum

In September 2018 while Yates-Lockamy served as board chair, the Columbus County Board of Education passed a resolution supporting a county-wide quarter-cent sales tax hike referendum appearing on the November 2018 ballot. The meeting minutes show that the resolution was approved with no dissent.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Herring, the resolution supporting the levying of a ¹/₄ Penny County Sales and Use Taxes be would be included in the November 6, 2018, election was approved. See attachment No. 3834.

Columbus County Board of Education Meeting Minutes, September 10, 2018

In Novemer 2018, Columbus County voters rejected this sales tax hike referendum. ("Voters deny additional one quarter percent local sales and use tax in Columbus County," WECT, Novmber 6, 2018)

COLUMBUS COUNTY LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX Precincts Reported: 26 of 26	View Contest Details		
NAME ON BALLOT	PARTY	BALLOT COUNT	PERCENT
Against		9,796	54.70%
For		8,112	45.30%

11/06/2018 Official General Election Results - Columbus, North Carolina State Board of Elections

D.5 - Support for Raising the Minimum Wage

On Her 2020 Senate Campaign Website, Yates-Lockamy Makes "Support Raising Minimum Wage" a Top Priority

On her 2020 Senate campaign website, Yates-Lockamy provides her legislative priorities through a "Committed Plan." Within her plan, Yates-Lockamy lists "Support Raising Minimum Wage and Livable Benefit Standards" under "Economy."

The following image is from Yates-Lockamy's website:



"Barbara's Commitment," barbarayateslockamy.com (accessed on 4/28/2020)

In 2019, Seven Bills Were Introduced in the North Carolina Legislature to Increase the Minimum Wage – the Civitas Institute Said Increasing the Minimum Wage Would Cause "a Lot of People" to "End up with No Wages at All Because They Are out of a Job"

In 2019, seven bills were introduced in the North Carolina legislature to increase the state's minimum wage, and none of them passed. Donald Bryson of the Civitas Institute said "a lot of people end up with no wages at all because they are out of a job" if the minimum wage was increased.

<u>HEADLINE:</u> As more states raise minimum wage, North Carolina stands pat at \$7.25 an hour

Two dozen states in the U.S. are raising their minimum wage in 2020 but in North Carolina, it will remain at \$7.25 an hour.

Seven bills were filed in the state to increase the minimum wage in 2019, but none of them went anywhere. The group Action NC is pushing for an increase to \$15 an hour. Executive Director Pat McCoy said a wage increase will help battle the affordable housing crisis in Charlotte....

<u>Donald Bryson of the Civitas Institute said keeping it at its current level will prevent job loss.</u>

<u>He argues against having a minimum wage at all and said employers should pay employees based on their worth.</u>

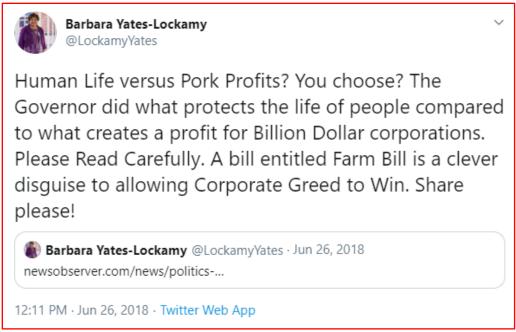
"Some people end up with higher wages, but a lot of people end up with no wages at all because they are out of a job," Bryson said. "If we have employees coming in to negotiate their own wages, we would probably see higher wages in places like Raleigh and Charlotte."

"As more states raise minimum wage, North Carolina stands pat at \$7.25 an hour," WSOC, January 2, 2020 (emphasis added)

D.6 – Opposed the North Carolina Farm Act of 2018

In a June 2018 Twitter Post, Yates-Lockamy Lauded Governor Cooper for Vetoing the North Carolina Farm Act of 2018 – She Called the Bill a "Clever Disguise to Allowing Corporate Greed to Win"

In a June 2018 Twitter post, Yates-Lockamy lauded Governor Cooper for vetoing the North Carolina Farm Act of 2018. She called the bill "a clever disguise to allowing corporate greed to win."

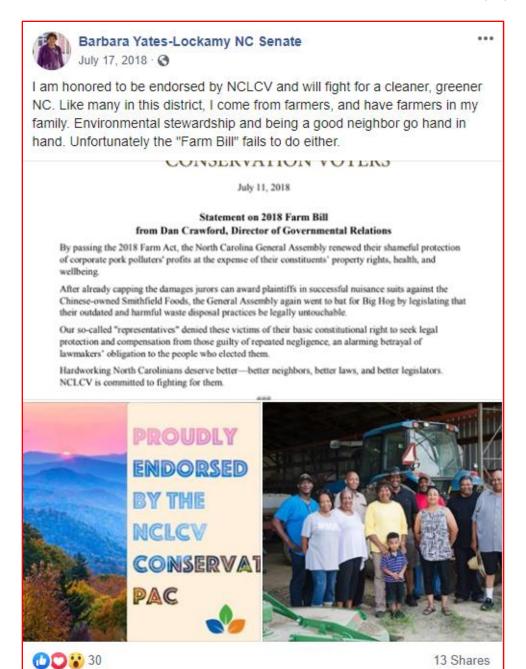


(@LockamyYates, Twitter.com, June 26, 2018 (accessed on 4/28/2020)

In a July 2018 Facebook Post, Yates-Lockamy Announced Her Endorsement by the North Carolina League of Conservation Voters and Again Denounced the North Carolina Farm Act of 2018

In a July 2018 Facebook post, Yates-Lockamy announced her endorsement by the North Carolina League of Conservation Voters and again denounced the North Carolina Farm Act of 2018.

Along with her announcement of the endorsement, Yates-Lockamy said "environmental stewardship and being a good neighbor go hand in hand. Unfortunately, the 'Farm Bill' fails to do either."



Barbara Yates-Lockamy NC Senate, Facebook.com, July 17, 2018 (accessed on 4/28/2020)

In June 2018, the Republican-Led Legislature Overrode Governor Cooper's Veto of the 2018 North Carolina Farm Act – the *Raleigh News & Observer* Reported that the North Carolina Pork Council "Applauded the Bill"

In June 2018, the Republican-led legislature overrode Governor Cooper's veto of the 2018 North Carolina Farm Act. The *Raleigh News & Observer* reported that the North Carolina Pork Council "applauded the bill."

HEADLINE: Hog farmers win new protections as lawmakers override Roy Cooper's veto

North Carolina will place new limits on how and when neighbors of hog farms can sue the agriculture businesses next door.

The state legislature gave final approval on Wednesday to a bill that restricts nuisance lawsuits against farms and other livestock and forestry operations. The state House voted 74 to 45 in the morning to override a veto that Gov. Roy Cooper issued on Monday. The Senate voted on Tuesday to reverse the governor's action.

"Overriding this veto and correcting Gov. Cooper's unwise decision sends the clear message to our family farmers and rural communities that they have a voice in the legislature and that this General Assembly intends to give them the respect they deserve," Sen. Brent Jackson, a Sampson County Republican and farmer, said in a statement. "This was never a partisan issue or about politics, but about doing what is right, and I am glad we had bipartisan support in both chambers as we stand up for our farmers."

The North Carolina Farm Act, or Senate Bill 711, sparked heated debate in the General Assembly. Rep. Billy Richardson, a Fayetteville Democrat and attorney, and Rep. John Blust, a Guilford County Republican and attorney, gave impassioned speeches, urging their fellow lawmakers not to put any more limits on the hog farm neighbors. They said the curbs went against bedrock principles on which this country was built....

The North Carolina Pork Council applauded the bill in a statement of support posted last week on its website, and Lenoir and Robeson counties passed supportive resolutions. In its statement, the pork council notes other actions North Carolina lawmakers have taken since 1979.

"Recognizing that nuisance lawsuits represented a serious threat to our farms, and our economy, the legislature clarified when a farm could be considered a nuisance," the statement says. "The legislature has further refined the law four times in an attempt to keep up with our changing, growing State."

"As North Carolina continues to grow, such protections for farmers become even more important," the statement adds. "...The 2018 Farm Act offers important legal protections for responsible farmers."

Hog farmers win new protections as lawmakers override Roy Cooper's veto, Raleigh News & Observer, June 27, 2018 (emphasis added)

APPENDIX A: Contributions to Others

Federal Contributions to Others

The Federal Election Commission online campaign finance database was searched for contributions from individuals named "Barbara Yates" and "Barbara Yates-Lockamy." ("FEC Receipts Search," fec.gov/data/receipts) The searches were further narrowed to ensure that either the address (North Carolina), or employer/occupation (retired or teacher) of the contributor matched that of the Barbara Yates-Lockamy who is the subject of this research report.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BARBARA YATES-LOCKAMY TO CANDIDATES FOR FEDERAL OFFICE (2000 TO PRESENT)

Committee	Contributor	Contributor	Contributor	Contributor	Date	Amount	Campaign Finance Report
Name		Address	Employer	Occupation			Image where Contribution
				1			Appears (with Hyperlink)
ACTBLUE –	YATES-	4820 Old	Not Employed	Not	5/25/18	\$112.50	<u>20180621911467852</u>
EARMARKED	LOCKAMY,	Lumberton		Employed			
FOR NORTH	BARBARA	Rd.,					
CAROLINA		Whiteville,					
DEMOCRATIC		NC 28472					
PARTY -							
FEDERAL							
(C00165688)							
NEA FUND	YATES,	4820 Old	NORTH	Teacher	7/31/01	\$250.00	<u>21990519982</u>
FOR	BARBARA	Lumberton	CAROLINA				
CHILDREN	S. MS.	Rd.,	ASSN OF				
AND PUBLIC		Whiteville,	EDUCATORS				
EDUCATION		NC 28472					
(C00003251)							
					Total	\$362.50	

Source: "FEC Receipts Search," fec.gov

State Contributions to Others

The North Carolina State Board of Elections online campaign finance database was searched for contributions from individuals named "Barbara Yates" and "Barbara Yates-Lockamy." ("FEC Receipts Search," fec.gov/data/receipts) The searches were further narrowed to ensure that either the full name (Barbara S Yates or Barbara S. Yates-Lockamy) or employer/occupation (retired or teacher) of the contributor matched that of the Barbara Yates-Lockamy who is the subject of this research report. Contributions Yates-Lockamy made to her personal campaign committee were excluded.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BARBARA YATES-LOCKAMY TO STATE-LEVEL COMMITTEES (1993 TO PRESENT)

Committee Name	Contributor	Contributor	Contributor Employer	Contributor	Date	Amount
		Address	2 0	Occupation		
COLUMBUS DEC	BARBARA S	No Address		RETIRED	10/25/18	\$500
	YATES					
NC LEAGUE OF	BARBARA	4820 Old	RETIRED	RETIRED	8/15/18	\$100
CONSERVATION	YATES	Lumberton Rd.,				
VOTERS		Whiteville NC				
CONSERVATION						
PAC						
KEN WADDELL	BARBARA	4820 Old	EDUCATOR	RETIRED	10/2/14	\$100
FOR STATE	YATES	Lumberton Rd.,				
HOUSE		Whiteville NC				
KEN WADDELL	BARBARA	4820 Old	EDUCATOR	RETIRED	11/12/13	\$50
FOR STATE	YATES	Lumberton Rd.,				
HOUSE		Whiteville NC				
KEN WADDELL	BARBARA	4820 Old	EDUCATOR	RETIRED	4/11/12	\$50
FOR STATE	YATES	Lumberton Rd.,		EDUCATOR		
HOUSE		Whiteville NC				
BEV PERDUE	Barbara	4820 Old	Retired	Retired Educator	10/29/11	\$100
COMM	Singletary Yates	Lumberton Rd.,				
		Whiteville NC				
KEN WADDELL	BARBARA	4820 Old	EDUCATOR	RETIRED	7/26/10	\$50
FOR STATE	YATES	Lumberton Rd.,		EDUCATOR		
HOUSE		Whiteville NC				
					TOTAL	\$950

Source: "Transaction Search by Entity," cf.ncsbe.gov