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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Office you are seeking (e.g. House, Senate, Governor):

Senate

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**Q3**

Legislative District (e.g. Chittenden, Senate, Addison-1):

Windsor District

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**Q4**

Yes

Incumbent (select one):

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**Q5**

Yes

Would you be interested in visiting a school in your district and meeting with local educators?

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**Q6**

Agree

On resisting austerity, do you

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**Q7**

**No**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on resisting austerity?

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**Q8**

Anything you want to add on resisting austerity?

Several of these issues have moved forward in the Legislature, although there is still more to be done. Others have been started but have not have had success. Creative approaches are needed so they can gain more acceptance and succeed.

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**Q9**

**Agree**

On institutional racism, do you

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**Q10**

Anything you want to add on institutional racism?

In the Judiciary Committee on which I serve we have worked on bills to create meaningful reforms to address systemic racism and disproportional use of force. These are ongoing issues which our committee plans to continue addressing as well as transparency and accountability. There needs to be an ongoing review of policies, education and training.

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**Q11**

**Agree**

On community schools, do you

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**Q12**

**Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation establishing community schools?

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**Q13**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Anything you want to add on community schools?

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**Q14**

**Agree**

On universal school meals, do you

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**Q15**

**Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on universal school meals?

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**Q16**

Anything you want to add on universal school meals?

Some schools are doing this already. For some it saves money as you don't have the costs of doing all the accounting .

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**Q17**

**Agree**

On student and staff safety, do you

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**Q18**

**Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on student and staff safety?

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**Q19**

Anything you want to add on student and staff safety?

Many schools are implementing Restorative Justice programs and have already been training all their staff for more than a year now. These programs should be supported.

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**Q20**

**Agree**

On para-educators, do you

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**Q21**

**No**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on para-educators?

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**Q22**

Anything you want to add on para-educators?

I agree that para-educators are essential. Without them many students would be unable to participate in the regular classroom and this would be very unfortunate.

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**Q23**

**Disagree**

On school finance, do you

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**Q24**

**No**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on school finance?

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**Q25**

Anything you want to add on school finance?

The property tax is stable tax whereas the income tax is not a stable tax. The property tax is predictable.

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**Q26**

**Agree**

On public funded and provided Pre-K, do you

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**Q27**

**No**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on public funded and provided Pre-K?

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**Q28**

Anything you want to add on public funded and provided Pre-K?

I agree with expanding Pre-K. I do not agree with shutting out Private Pre-K or home providers who are qualified.

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**Q29**

**Agree**

On health reform, do you

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**Q30**

**No**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on health care reform?

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**Q31**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Anything you want to add on health care reform?

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**Q32**

**Agree**

On the right to strike, do you

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**Q33**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Anything you want to add on the right to strike?

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**Q34**

**Agree**

On teachers rights and professional growth, do you

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**Q35**

**No**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on teachers right and professional growth?

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**Q36**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Anything you want to add on teachers right and professional growth?

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**Q37**

**Agree**

On retirement security for teachers, do you

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**Q38**

Anything you want to add on retirement security for teachers?

I agree with fully funding Teacher's Retirement and trying to pay off the past amounts to save a fortune which we must spend on interest. I serve on Senate Appropriations and our committee has put as much money in as we deem possible and this is a priority. I can't say that every year the whole surplus must go into it as there could be a crises in the state that might create another priority.

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**Q39**

**Don't Know**

On good cause employment, do you

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**Q40**

**No**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on good cause employment?

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**Q41**

Anything you want to add on good cause employment?

Need to know more about exactly how this would work. Sounds good but would want to see the exact language in a proposal.

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