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**Q1**

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**Q2**

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

House of Representatives

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**Q3**

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

Chitt 4-2

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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**

**Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on resisting austerity?

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**Q8**

Anything you want to add on resisting austerity?

Change can and will happen at the state level, but we must resist our authoritarian, racist national leadership, if we want a fully just society.

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**Q9**

**Agree**

On institutional racism, do you

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**Q10**

Anything you want to add on institutional racism?

Institutional racism is in the founding DNA of our country's origin. We must be willing to both learn and unlearn our own history, be willing to face the privileges that this form of institutional racism has bestowed upon us, and make fundamental changes in access to resources for marginalized peoples, including Black Americans, indigenous people, and people of color.

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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**

Anything you want to add on community schools?

Children coming to public schools are facing generational family trauma as well as the traumas of their current living situation. We must find ways to further engage families who seek to have their children "have the best" by bypassing participation in the public school system, and thereby also depriving our public schools of their involvement and support.

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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?

Amen. At last, let's do this.

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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?

Adverse childhood experiences are impacting far too many children, impacting their very genetic ability to learn and function, through generational traumas, passed along generation to generation. Early childhood opportunities which interrupt these impacts on brain development, and health outcomes, go far beyond what many realize is the impact of these early and generational traumas.

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**Q20** **Don't Know**

On para-educators, do you

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**Q21** **Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on para-educators?

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**Q22**

Anything you want to add on para-educators?

Not all local schools or schools boards may recognize the value of para-educators, so I believe that there is a role for state policy in these areas as well. I do not see this as a fundamental conflict with serving students with the services they need.

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**Q23**

**Agree**

On school finance, do you

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**Q24**

**Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on school finance?

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**Q25**

Anything you want to add on school finance?

I agree with some reservations, because the income tax can become an unreliable source of revenue in difficult times. VT has uniquely created an income sensitive property tax, which could be further built on to have the wealthiest pay their fair share.

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**Q26**

**Agree**

On public funded and provided Pre-K, do you

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**Q27**

**Yes**

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?

We must first find our way toward fully providing the kind of universal pre-K that is of the highest quality as our first priority, and have a longer term goal of universal pre-K be publicly "provided".

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**Q29**

**Agree**

On health reform, do you

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**Q30**

**Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on health care reform?

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**Q31**

Anything you want to add on health care reform?

Probably the single only statement that I agree with President Trump on is, "Health care is complicated." As Chair of the House Health Care Committee now for five years, I have worked to protect Vermonters from the vicious attacks on the Affordable Care Act, by embedding ACA protections within Vermont law, in the event Trump is successful in completely ending the ACA. We must keep a vision of full, universal healthcare, while continuing to make the incremental, achievable changes that are possible within a fundamentally broken "fee for service" healthcare system.

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**Q32**

**Agree**

On the right to strike, do you

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**Q33**

Anything you want to add on the right to strike?

Not really.

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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**

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

Frankly, this is an issue with which I am unfamiliar and would like to understand more. As presented, this seems fundamentally unfair.

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**Q37**

**Agree**

On retirement security for teachers, do you

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**Q38**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Anything you want to add on retirement security for teachers?

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**Q39**

**Agree**

On good cause employment, do you

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**Q40**

**Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on good cause employment?

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**Q41**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Anything you want to add on good cause employment?

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