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Q2

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

House

Q3

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

Caledonia-3

Q4

No

Incumbent (select one):

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

Q7

Yes

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on resisting austerity?

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

Anything you want to add on resisting austerity?

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Q9

Agree

On institutional racism, do you

Q10

Anything you want to add on institutional racism?

I am a white male, so while I agree there is systemic, institutional racism that needs to be combatted, I am not the best spokesperson for the issue. I do, however, support economic programs such as a housing first social services policy, which I believe would be a small step toward starting to provide some form of meaningful reparations.

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Q11

Don't Know

On community schools, do you

Q12

No

Do you wish to sponsor legislation establishing community schools?

Q13

Anything you want to add on community schools?

I am not familiar enough with the model to commit one way or another.

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Q14

Agree

On universal school meals, do you

Q15

Yes

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on universal school meals?

Q16

Anything you want to add on universal school meals?

I believe school meals should be more locally sourced and should be extremely healthy. Ketchup should not be considered a vegetable.

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Q17

Agree

On student and staff safety, do you

Q18

No

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

Q19

Anything you want to add on student and staff safety?

This is beyond my knowledge base.

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Q20

Disagree

On para-educators, do you

Q21

No

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on para-educators?

Q22

Anything you want to add on para-educators?

The question is about local control. It is my understanding that many of the issues discussed, such as requirement of providing such services for challenged or disabled students, derives from State and Federal legislation. While I agree that the work of such educators should be very localized, it appears to me that decisions about the use of paraeducators, budgeting for them, and the rules governing their work, should be uniform, requiring State and/or Federal legislation to ensure students are served adequately.

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Q23

Disagree

On school finance, do you

Q24

Yes

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on school finance?

Q25

Anything you want to add on school finance?

I believe school financing should be on a more sliding scale, progressive basis, but I do not believe in completely abandoning the property tax model. I do not think it is fair that retired millionaires get property tax assistance from the State, while middle class people may get no assistance even if they are already heavily taxed. I also think that schools should better maximize the use of technology to reduce costs.

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Q26

Agree

On public funded and provided Pre-K, do you

Q27

Yes

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

Q28

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

I believe that spending more money on Pre-K, provided it is to encourage developmentally appropriate progress by young Vermonters, will save money in the long run by reducing corrections and human services budgets.

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Q29

Agree

On health reform, do you

Q30

Yes

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on health care reform?

Q31

Anything you want to add on health care reform?

I believe in community care teams, changing the fee for service model to a model based upon pooled risk, and ultimately universal health care.

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Q32

Agree

On the right to strike, do you

Q33

Anything you want to add on the right to strike?

I think the right to strike is important, but I also think that negotiations should be public and not behind closed doors.

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Q34

Disagree

On teachers rights and professional growth, do you

Q35

No

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

Q36

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

I think these restriction sound like they are part of a balancing of interests, considering the other rights teachers have and the sensitive positions they hold.

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Q37

Agree

On retirement security for teachers, do you

Q38

Anything you want to add on retirement security for teachers?

I think it is important for the State to meet its commitments.

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Q39

Disagree

On good cause employment, do you

Q40

No

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on good cause employment?

Q41

Anything you want to add on good cause employment?

I believe employment at will is more appropriate than imposing a good cause requirement on employers. In addition, I think that a good cause requirement would result in an explosion of employment-related litigation that would not actually help employees but would instead cause unintended negative consequences.
