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Q1

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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-Washington 1

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

Don't Know

On resisting austerity, do you

Q7

No

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on resisting austerity?

Q8

Anything you want to add on resisting austerity?

I agree we need to be careful on how we re-open our economy and our schools but am hesitant on offering to sponsor any legislation on this issue as we carefully work our way through this crisis

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Q9

Agree

On institutional racism, do you

Q10

Anything you want to add on institutional racism?

I am against any form of racism but we are very fortunate in Vermont to have many good Police Officers. Police Officers like teachers need to be held accountable but we can not categorize all Law Enforcement as those who were involved in the George Floyd case.

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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?

As a School Board member I am very active in my community and Supervisory Union. I support our teachers and I believe many teachers will agree we can not adopt a one model fits all for our schools. Look at what issues Act 46 has caused.

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Q14

Don't Know

On universal school meals, do you

Q15

No

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on universal school meals?

Q16

Anything you want to add on universal school meals?

I want to provide free meals to families that can't afford it but I also know many families can afford it and are willing to pay for their children's meals.

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Q17

Agree

On student and staff safety, do you

Q18

Yes

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

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Anything you want to add on student and staff safety?

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Q20

Agree

On para-educators, do you

Q21

Yes

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on para-educators?

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Anything you want to add on para-educators?

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Q23

Don't Know

On school finance, do you

Q24

No

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on school finance?

Q25

Anything you want to add on school finance?

I am willing to seriously look at this issue and after learning more might be willing to sponsor legislation on this.

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Q26

Agree

On public funded and provided Pre-K, do you

Q27

No

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 have seen how getting children involved in our schools sooner has helped them succeed, so depending on the legislation I might be willing to sponsor this.

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Q29

Disagree

On health reform, do you

Q30

No

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on health care reform?

Q31

Anything you want to add on health care reform?

I am in favor of healthcare for all but Vermonters re overtaxed and unless there is funding for this that does not involve more taxes, I can't support any legislation like this,

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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 believe teachers have a right to strike but I believe there are no winners when this happens. I have been involved in many teacher negotiations and am proud we were able to come to contract agreements without strikes.

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Q34

Don't Know

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 it depends on how the teachers contract is written as I do not believe teachers in my Supervisory Union have these limitations placed on them. After learning more on this I might be willing to sponsor legislation as I do believe they should be allowed to pursue jobs outside their schools if they desire.

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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 would support some of the surplus going to the teacher's retirement system.

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Q39

Agree

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 certainly believe any employee that is terminated is treated fair and just and there is probable cause for termination. I would be willing to look into this legislation further.
