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Q1

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Q2

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

House Seat

Q3

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

Caledonia 2 district Hardwick, Stannard, Walden

Q4

Yes

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

Anything you want to add on resisting austerity?

I was lead sponsor of the \$15 Min Wage, stood fast in support of Paid Family and Medical leave. As a member of the Working Vermonters Caucus I stand with Vermont workers.

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Q9

Agree

On institutional racism, do you

Q10

Anything you want to add on institutional racism?

I have been a long time advocate for equality and the treatment of all people. A study a number of years ago found serious systemic racism in one of Vermont's jails. Nothing was ever done, in fact complaints that I had passed on to the administration caused retaliation by inmates and staff. I believe this continues in our jails and it should be closely monitored.

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Q11

Agree

On community schools, do you

Q12

Yes

Do you wish to sponsor legislation establishing community schools?

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

Q15

No

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on universal school meals?

Q16

Anything you want to add on universal school meals?

The situation of hungry children has come to the attention to our committee in commotion with homelessness. There are 300 children who are members of homeless families. I recognize the importance of feeding our children and these families will be given priority in placement into housing.

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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?

After serving 4 yers on the Human Services I have learned that treating ACE at a very young age can build resilience and have a positive effect on the Childs ability to cope better as they age. All students and staff need to be safe to keep a positive learning experience.

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Q20

Agree

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?

My fear is that revenue shortfalls will result in school budgets cutting some of those staff, even though they can recognize the need for Paraeducators.

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Q23 **Agree**

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 have long supported an more equitable income based school tax. funding inequities have come to the forefront of the conversation through the weighting study> Are we slipping back into pre Brigam school funding?

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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 think the current system for Pre K is not getting it done.

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Q29 **Agree**

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 do believe we will be searching for a way to provide Health Care for all Vermonters. We can do better.

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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 am a member of the Working Vermonters Caucus, and I have supported the right to strike for all workers.

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Q34

Agree

On teachers rights and professional growth, do you

Q35

Yes

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

Q36

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

Our committee has taken up this issue, but the legislation got caught up in the COVID crisis. We will take this up next session.

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Q37

Agree

On retirement security for teachers, do you

Q38

Anything you want to add on retirement security for teachers?

\$182 million this year this is noted to be a crisis that needs to be dealt with I support continuing to appropriating all the funds to this.

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Q39

Agree

On good cause employment, do you

Q40

Yes

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on good cause employment?

Q41

Respondent skipped this question

Anything you want to add on good cause employment?
