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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-4

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

Anything you want to add on resisting austerity?

For more than 20 years I have been working on these issues as the top 1% keeps seeing increases to their wealth while the middle class is struggling to survive and the poor have to choose what necessity they can afford to pay for this month. We must not have healthcare tied into our jobs but to have it universal so no matter what job you have you'll have healthcare. We also need a living wage! While the legislators override Governor Phil Scott's veto on increasing the minimum wage to reach \$12.50/hour in 2022 it falls way short for workers to pay for even the bare minimum to make ends meet without obtaining some social program to help. Even \$15.00/hour still doesn't cut it.

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Q9

Agree

On institutional racism, do you

Q10

Anything you want to add on institutional racism?

I believe our police force must have training (or be retrained) on how to handle such matters when things escalate and what these officers did to a man who was not endangering them must suffer the full intent of the law, but I do not agree with de-funding the police department.

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Q11

Agree

On community schools, do you

Q12

Yes

Do you wish to sponsor legislation establishing community schools?

Q13

Anything you want to add on community schools?

With parent (s) working full-time and sometimes more than one job, it's up to all Vermonters to step up and help ALL of our children get the best education we can.

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Q14

Don't Know

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?

When I was in 7th & 8th grade way back when my parents didn't have a lot of money so for my "Hot Lunch" 3 other boys and myself set up tables in the school gym which also substituted as our cafeteria and set up tables and chairs for lunch. Then after lunch while all of our friends where outside playing we were putting the table and chairs away so gym class can take place. With that said, I whole heartily support free breakfast and lunch but not to children whose family income is \$100,000 or more. They can well afford it.

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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

Anything you want to add on student and staff safety?

Teachers are not just teachers anymore. They are also childcare advocates, physiatrist, bodyguards and much more. They are way underpaid to the job they really love and where trained to do and that's teach. GOD BLESS THEM!

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Q20

Agree

On para-educators, do you

Q21

Yes

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on para-educators?

Q22

Anything you want to add on para-educators?

With many challenges such as wide a spread of student personalities and learning levels, teachers need that extra help of the para-educator so that the students that are on target are able to learn without distractions.

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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?

Been saying this for years!!

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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?

Having a 4 year old granddaughter I can see the benefit of Pre-K. Her ability to comprehend puzzles, numbers, letters, words and sentences astonishes me. And her ability to remember little things that happened 6-8 months ago takes me by surprised. I may be biased because she's my granddaughter but I can see this in my little nieces and nephews too.

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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?

Been behind this for years.

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Q32

Agree

On the right to strike, do you

Q33

Anything you want to add on the right to strike?

Being a union member since 1978 and going on 19 years as the political director of the VT AFL-CIO how could I not support this!

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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?

No one should have to miss out of an opportunity to advance themselves.

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Q37

Agree

On retirement security for teachers, do you

Q38

Anything you want to add on retirement security for teachers?

The teacher's retirement fund has been being robbed for years. Thanks to the hard work of State Treasurer Beth Pearce and the NEA staff I believe we are heading in the right direction. But, more needs to be done and any state surplus should be dedicated to the retirement system.

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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

Anything you want to add on good cause employment?

I've been on the frontline of the issue.
