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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):

Windham 2-1

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?

We have significant work to do to bring the legislature into understanding the virtuous cycle of state spending and revenue creation—that if we want to build a Vermont that works for all of us, we must invest in that theory of change fully. This will take a significant shift in our thinking about how we do business.

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Q9

Agree

On institutional racism, do you

Q10

Anything you want to add on institutional racism?

The urgency of this moment is a powerful opportunity for sweeping reforms. We must go beyond the edges of our policing system and invest deeply in our schools and communities capacity to care for each other. Divesting from the police necessitates reinvesting in school staff, social workers, and the social infrastructures of our communities.

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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?

I want to make sure that a move to community schools includes adequate resources to support the expanded services. Schools, as extensions of state systems, must be prepared to build the trust needed with families if community schools are to be successful.

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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?

When we have social services that are “opt-out” rather than “opt-in” we remove the stigma. This helps the lives of those who desperately need these services but also expands the understanding of those who don’t.

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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?

In addition to appropriate training and resources for staff and students on dealing with challenging behaviors, we need to invest in specialists who can support staff to adapt environments to prevent these behaviors.

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Q20

Don't Know

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?

I worry that when we leave decision entirely to the districts that some schools become less resourced than others.

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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?

The weighting study gets to the heart of how we have failed our students and school systems, we must take action to meet our constitutional obligation as well as our moral responsibility to our communities.

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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?

The current system of only 10 hours is a minefield of unequal access as families that need full time care, or children that need extra supports, often need to split their time and struggle with transportation, paperwork, and consistency of relationships.

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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?

The current system is clearly unsustainable. I believe that as costs have increased over the last year, many more Vermonters (including business owners) understand the need for significant reform, and would be more willing to pay increased taxes to cover those costs.

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Q32

Agree

On the right to strike, do you

Q33

Anything you want to add on the right to strike?

Striking is essential to maintain even a modicum of balance of power under capitalism. We can't take the labor of teachers and school staff for granted.

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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?

I wasn't aware of this policy until this year and find it completely bewildering and unjust.

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Q37

Don't Know

On retirement security for teachers, do you

Q38

Anything you want to add on retirement security for teachers?

A blanket agreement on "any budget surplus" seems like an unrealistic thing to agree with, however I'm happy to support increased investment in the retirement fund.

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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 sponsored a stand-alone bill on good cause employment this year, and was pleasantly surprised at the support I got from industry and employment lawyers who thought a change in the law would create more stability and predictability in the system.
