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Q1

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Q2

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

House of Representatives

Q3

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

Chittenden-10

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?

I want to live in a Vermont where our families and communities can thrive and where the Vermont dream is accessible to everyone - not just a select few.

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Q9

Agree

On institutional racism, do you

Q10

Anything you want to add on institutional racism?

Undoing centuries of oppression and racism, embedded in the very bedrock of our society, is going to take coordinated, sustained, policy-driven action. I am already deep in the work of taking continued antiracist actions and stances - at work, at home, as a School Board Trustee and community leader. I am all in and will never give up.

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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?

Schools are the heart of every community - and should be given the resources to provide services that care for the whole child - including their families.

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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 would like any legislation to include using local produce to support our farmers and culturally-appropriate meals for newcomers, including vegan, vegetarian, kosher and halal food options. School meals should help children set healthy eating habits for life.

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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

Respondent skipped this question

Anything you want to add on student and staff safety?

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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?

My only concern here is whether or not low-wealth districts that struggle to pass budgets will be able to afford the necessary and vital work of 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?

This reform is critical to supporting our schools and community members and is one of my primary campaign platforms. Our public education system must equitably serve all Vermont's children, including our most vulnerable students. We should not pit homeowners struggling to pay their taxes against meeting the needs of struggling learners. Children who are: from low-income households; experiencing homelessness; refugees and immigrants; students with a disability; or are otherwise marginalized students require additional resources. Too often, these vulnerable students are from low-wealth communities, who struggle to pass school budgets. We must improve Vermont's education funding mechanisms to ensure all students receive a high quality, equitable education, regardless of where they live or hardships in their lives.

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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?

Affordable, high-quality early childhood education is critical for the healthy development of our youngest citizens and getting hard-working parents back in the workforce. Early childhood educators should be compensated for the incredibly valuable support they provide families and our economy.

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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?

Access to health care is a human right. No one should ever question whether they can afford to be healthy.

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Q32

Agree

On the right to strike, do you

Q33

Respondent skipped this question

Anything you want to add on the right to strike?

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Q34

Agree

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?

Job training and affordable higher education are essential aspects of a strong economic future in Vermont. Ambition and job advancement should be within reach of all Vermonters - not just the privileged. No one should start their working life saddled with crushing student-loan debt. All working adults, including teachers and paraeducators, should have consistent access to job training and the time to access these programs.

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Q37

Agree

On retirement security for teachers, do you

Q38

Respondent skipped this question

Anything you want to add on retirement security for teachers?

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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

Respondent skipped this question

Anything you want to add on good cause employment?
