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**Q1**

Candidate Information

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**Q2**

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

State Representative

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**Q3**

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

Windsor-Orange 1

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**Q4**

**Yes**

Incumbent (select one):

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**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

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**Q7**

**Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on resisting austerity?

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**Q8**

Anything you want to add on resisting austerity?

The Vermont State College crisis is a good example of austerity versus commitment. Austerity calls for shutting down No. VT U. and VTC. I believe we need to figure out how to make Vermont State colleges free to Vermonters, with commitments from future graduates to stay and work in Vermont for a time after graduation.

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**Q9**

**Agree**

On institutional racism, do you

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**Q10**

Anything you want to add on institutional racism?

In my hometown, a mother of children with disabilities, who tirelessly advocates for her kids' education in the school system, posts, on social media, meme after meme of blacks being monkeys or animals who should be locked up. What would make her see that both people with disabilities and people of color deserve civil rights?

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**Q11**

**Agree**

On community schools, do you

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**Q12**

**Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation establishing community schools?

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**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

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**Q15**

**Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on universal school meals?

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**Q16**

Anything you want to add on universal school meals?

We need the federal government's help on this--they need to be able to admit they are wrong. Look at milk. To counter obesity, the feds did away with whole milk for school children. The low fat and no fat milks available have turned off an entire generation of kids from drinking whole milk, which we now know has nutritional benefits. If we're going to offer universal school meals, let's make sure the food is tasty and nutritious.

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**Q17**

**Agree**

On student and staff safety, do you

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**Q18**

**Yes**

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

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**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

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**Q21**

**Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on para-educators?

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**Q22**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Anything you want to add on para-educators?

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**Q23**

**Agree**

On school finance, do you

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**Q24**

**Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on school finance?

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**Q25**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Anything you want to add on school finance?

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**Q26**

**Agree**

On public funded and provided Pre-K, do you

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**Q27**

**Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on public funded and provided Pre-K?

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**Q28**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Anything you want to add on public funded and provided Pre-K?

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**Q29**

**Agree**

On health reform, do you

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**Q30**

**Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on health care reform?

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**Q31**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Anything you want to add on health care reform?

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**Q32**

**Agree**

On the right to strike, do you

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**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

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**Q35** **Yes**

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

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**Q36** **Respondent skipped this question**

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

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**Q37** **Agree**

On retirement security for teachers, do you

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**Q38**  
Anything you want to add on retirement security for teachers?

The State must continue to fully fund its commitment to the State Teachers' Retirement System.

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**Q39** **Agree**

On good cause employment, do you

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**Q40** **Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on good cause employment?

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**Q41** **Respondent skipped this question**

Anything you want to add on good cause employment?

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