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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):

Chittenden 8-2

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

No

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on resisting austerity?

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

Anything you want to add on resisting austerity?

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Q9

Agree

On institutional racism, do you

Q10

Anything you want to add on institutional racism?

This work is vital for all Vermonters. We can no longer turn a blind eye to the injustice in each of our systems.

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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?

The schools are where our children spend the majority of their time. For some it's their own safe place. Many parents work long hours, lack reliable transportation or simply are too stressed to find the resources they need. Providing those resources in the schools makes sense for everyone's wellbeing, especially our children.

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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?

Although the need has been present for years, COVID has elevated the awareness of a lack of food security for many Vermonters. Lack of nutritious food leads to many stressors on our bodies and can lead to other long term health issues. By feeding all children nutritious breakfast and lunch in the schools we eliminate the stigma some experience now, educate our students on healthy habits and give them a needed head start for learning.

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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?

Although school personnel should be trained, often times a licensed mental health professional will have the most effective outcomes for youth. I would like to see more programs like PUCK brought into the schools. Relationships with community partners supporting both the students and the teachers/staff.

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Q20

Agree

On para-educators, do you

Q21

No

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on para-educators?

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Anything you want to add on para-educators?

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Q23

Don't Know

On school finance, do you

Q24

No

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on school finance?

Q25

Anything you want to add on school finance?

I support school finance reform and everyone paying their fair share; however, I am not convinced moving to an all income tax model is the answer. I need to do more research on this issue.

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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?

All children should have equal access. The program funded today does not to provide that access.

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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?

I believe affordable and accessible healthcare is a human right. However, I also believe Vermont cannot move to universal healthcare without the federal government. Instead we will need to work incrementally - as I believe we are doing. We are also in the middle of a healthcare reform effort and I would like see the VT-NEA participate in that reform in order to move the state closer to your goals stated above.

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Q32

Don't Know

On the right to strike, do you

Q33

Anything you want to add on the right to strike?

I believe teachers need all the tools available to reach a fair contract, but I do worry about the needs of our children. I would need more information prior to making a decision on this one.

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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

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

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?
