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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 4-1

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?

For too long progress in Vermont has been hamstrung by Gov. Scott's "no new taxes" mantra. Paid family leave, costing less than one percent paid mainly by employees was vetoed. Raising the minimum wage, not to a livable level, but short of that was vetoed as well. We can do better.

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Q9

Agree

On institutional racism, do you

Q10

Anything you want to add on institutional racism?

I am all for de-militarizing the police, especially in Vermont. But while there are individual police who have no business being on a police force, and some police departments that harbor implicitly racist mindsets, we also have to be careful to not paint all police departments with a broad brush and give credit to those that try to do the right thing in the right way. And it is important to recognize that a police response is not always the best response in handling tense situations. Social workers working with police departments is an important tool for de-escalation.

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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?

What you said!

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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 agree in principal that all students should get meals in school. However, the stigma of only some, poorer, students getting free meals can be eliminated by issuing lunch swipe cards to all students. Those who qualify for free or reduced lunch can be issued credits, and those who don't can have payments credited to their cards. There are many well to do families that do not need subsidies for their kids' lunches. Subsidizing all lunches increases the burden on all property tax payers.

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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?

Only that we want to avoid the kinds of abusive responses that some SROs have exhibited, gaining attention in the news. No physical violence on kids.

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Q20

Agree

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?

They should be paid a livable wage.

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Q23

Disagree

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?

Moving completely to an income tax can, in times like we are currently experiencing, reduce education fund revenues. We have to have a mix of revenue sources for stability. An education surtax for high income earners (including deferred income - a current loophole) would help equalize the burden.

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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

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

Q30

Yes

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on health care reform?

Q31

Anything you want to add on health care reform?

If we were to pass a universal guaranteed health insurance program for all Vermonters, would the VNEA be willing to participate?

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Q32

Agree

On the right to strike, do you

Q33

Anything you want to add on the right to strike?

I have observed that when negotiating contracts the teachers' union often sets a ridiculously high target that they expect to get lowered through negotiation. If the target is outside the rails of what the public considers fair, then the teachers get a black eye out of the starting gate. Being more reasonable can gain more support and willingness to meet in the middle.

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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

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

Yes

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on good cause employment?

Q41

Anything you want to add on good cause employment?

Only that you have one too many "only"s in the bolded sentence.
