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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):

Addison-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?

I was the lead sponsor on Paid Family and Medical Leave this biennium and intend to put forth as bill ASAP in 2021

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Q9

Agree

On institutional racism, do you

Q10

Anything you want to add on institutional racism?

We need to ensure that every bill we pass considers racial justice and works to dismantle institutional and structural racism. There is much work to be done!

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Q11

Agree

On community schools, do you

Q12

No

Do you wish to sponsor legislation establishing community schools?

Q13

Anything you want to add on community schools?

I think this is critically important. Happy to be a co-sponsor of any related bills but not able to be the lead.

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Q14

Agree

On universal school meals, do you

Q15

No

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on universal school meals?

Q16

Anything you want to add on universal school meals?

Would love to see that local foods and food sources are used wherever possible.

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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?

Training is important, as is having people on staff who have deep knowledge and experience and can be a resource.

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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?

Not an area I know a lot about.

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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?

This is a much more complicated issue than is being presented here. I completely support having everyone pay their fair share and we need to look at how we pay for education. Simply going to an income tax does not capture what we really need which should include a tax on wealth. Vermont doesn't have a lot of high earners per capita and it wouldn't be enough to solve the ed funding problem. And lots of people with high net worths have lower income. The challenge is figuring out how this could be done or if there are other solutions that we haven't thought of. We have seen what this pandemic has done to incomes. If we just used incomes, school budgets would have to decrease in bad economic times (like now) because incomes are way down.

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Q26

Don't Know

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?

I think this is another critically important area and I would want to ensure that children who really need extra support get them. I am not an expert in this area at all, but I believe that is not happening now because vouchers are not being utilized as much as they could be by those less-advantaged households.

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Q29

Don't Know

On health reform, do you

Q30

No

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on health care reform?

Q31

Anything you want to add on health care reform?

I was one of many co-sponsors for universal primary care. Health care costs need to come down, and health insurance would be better de-coupled from employment. The entire healthcare system needs overhauling. Whether it can realistically be done at the state level is another question. I would also like to better understand how the ACO is doing in terms of saving money. I realize it's too early for really good data yet, but preliminary information indicates that we are in fact saving money.

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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

Don't Know

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?

I have not heard of this so am unable to comment.

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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?

I feel strongly that we must continue to meet our annual retirement and pension obligations. And I think that some portion of any budget surplus should go toward further paying down the underfunding. However, given the fact that we have had to almost completely drain our 'rainy day funds' to cover even a portion of the losses associated with the pandemic, we also need to use some surplus funds to refill those coffers. The fact that these funds were in good shape going into the pandemic really saved Vermonters from more pain than they are already experiencing.

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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?
