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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):

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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?

Public institutions are the best bulwark against failing private firms and a floundering economy. Despite massive gains by the wealthy in our state and nation, the rest of us are being left behind, in large part due to a decades-long underfunding of public assets. This trend must be reversed and we must build up our public institutions to a position of strength in society.

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Q9

Agree

On institutional racism, do you

Q10

Anything you want to add on institutional racism?

So much of our society needs major reform to be more inclusive of BIPOC history, culture, and current socioeconomic trends. Leaving a significant portion of our population behind and ignoring the real systemic barriers to their success is absolutely unacceptable. We must create strong equalizing forces in our society, like strong schools for every community, in order to bridge these gaps and create an America that lives up to her founding promises.

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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?

Rural schools have the potential to be a "services hub" of sorts, where community members who require health care, food assistance, job training, or other vital services could come and access the full continuum of services in one place. This would also have the impact of saving the State of Vermont significant amounts of money in building costs, as we would be able to consolidate office space currently rented by the Department of Labor, for example, into certain educational facilities with extra space available.

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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?

Every child should be able to have a free meal, without the stigma attached to "free and reduced lunch" programs, or the shaming that comes with not being able to afford a school lunch. I would propose legislation on day one that makes a school lunch a guaranteed right to every student in our education system, and I would go one step further, and would seek to create publicly-funded cafeterias across the state that would provide free meals to all members of a community.

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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

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

Q21

Yes

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on para-educators?

Q22

Anything you want to add on para-educators?

Para-educators do an immense amount of work for the amount of pay they receive - we should support them in any way we can, including increasing their pay significantly.

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Q23

Agree

On school finance, do you

Q24

No

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on school finance?

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

Anything you want to add on school finance?

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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 am very much in favor of publicly funding Pre-K, but I believe that many of the folks best suited to provide early education services are currently doing so in private daycare settings. Franklin County in particular has set up a very successful model of working with private providers to ensure access for all children.

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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?

The idea that we would just give up on health care reform after trying one approach to it is just sad. We must recommit ourselves to realizing this fundamental goal, or we must find a new way to expand access to health care to every single Vermonter.

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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

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

Anything you want to add on retirement security for teachers?

This is one of our biggest failures as a state, and it must be addressed.

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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

Respondent skipped this question

Anything you want to add on good cause employment?
