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Q1

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Q2

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

House 2 seat district 1 open seat

Q3

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

Chittenden 8-1

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 have been an advocate for progressive tax reform, and expanding social supports before the COVID crisis and I agree that this has laid bare how broken our economic system was to begin with. I work as a social worker in our schools and have known this for some time however as I often work with those struggling to make it even before COVID. I see the real human cost of austerity budgets and our broken economic policy everyday and this was why I ran in 2018 to push back so everyone in our society got their needs met and could thrive.

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Q9

Agree

On institutional racism, do you

Q10

Anything you want to add on institutional racism?

As a white woman with a black partner this issue hits close to home for me. I have been advocating for anti racist policy change for many years now. I want to live in a world where I am not afraid to bring children whose skin color will be darker than mine. This is a key issue for me and I have sat on our schools equity and inclusion committee, as well as the NASW-VT social justice committee to work to bring social justice to the forefront of our education systems while also using my people power to protest racial injustice from Vermont to DC.

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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?

I work in schools as a school social worker and see this need every day. I worked to ensure that families had food, school and basic household supplies and have been deeply concerned about the well being of the children whose safe place is at school. We must ensure that schools are able to meet the needs of all children and this includes ensuring they have the healthcare, and resources that they need while they are in the school building.

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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?

Taking the stigma away from food insecurity is an immediate must when we have growing economic instability and food insecurity is likely to rise.

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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?

We must not only train our teachers and staff to deal with violent outbursts we must ground that education in a complex trauma lense so that teachers, staff and students experience the least trauma possible in these situations. No child wakes up in the morning thinking about how they can have an outburst. these children need support, therapeutic intervention, and the tools and skills to be resilient and successfull. We are setting ur teachers, school staff and students up to fail without providing a well rounded, comprehensive education to teachers and staff about interacting, diffusing and supporting complex trauma.

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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?

Paraeducators should also be guaranteed livable wages, PTO, and health care.

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Q23

Agree

On school finance, do you

Q24

Yes

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on school finance?

Q25

Anything you want to add on school finance?

This shift to fair and equitable taxation and school funding is a key platform issue of mine.

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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?

I cut my teeth in activism on the health care is a human right campaign and have fought for a universal single payer system ever since. This is also a key platform issue for me. As someone who was uninsurable when graduating college before the ACA due to preexisting health conditions, a person who continues to struggle with choosing what healthcare I can afford and a social worker that has to work on the complicated, and difficult to understand billing side of insurance enough is enough. We must explore every avenue to universal healthcare and make it a reality quickly.

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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 am a full supporter of unions and workers rights.

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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?

We need to resist the pushes to privatize these funds and fight to ensure these are publicly funded retirement accounts.

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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?
