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**Q1**

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**Q2**

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

Senate

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**Q3**

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

Chittenden Senate

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**Q4**

Yes

Incumbent (select one):

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**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

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**Q7**

**Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on resisting austerity?

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**Q8**

Anything you want to add on resisting austerity?

The Citizens United decision has allowed capital investments in Democratic elections to perpetuate the schism between haves and have nots. Overturning citizens united is critically important to our democracy. this decision continues to expand the division between haves and have nots. while it is determined at the federal level- we need to continue to advocate for change.

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**Q9**

**Agree**

On institutional racism, do you

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**Q10**

Anything you want to add on institutional racism?

I have introduced an inclusive ERA bill with nearly all Senators Signed on. This should be taken up And passed for a vote by Vermonters to emphasize the importance of equality as a Constitutional imperative.

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**Q11**

**Agree**

On community schools, do you

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**Q12**

**Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation establishing community schools?

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**Q13**

Anything you want to add on community schools?

It is good to know there are models for this. Building relationships between local parent child centers that already have health care and social services could begin the process. The Children's Hospital at UVMHC is very interested in continued connections with schools for mental health, physical health, etc. Building this system with established state entities may help limit the ongoing debate of how this is paid for! the debate should not center on the money but on the access to care our kids need- community school opportunities should be available inner state.

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**Q14** **Agree**

On universal school meals, do you

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**Q15** **Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on universal school meals?

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**Q16**

Anything you want to add on universal school meals?

Hunger and malnutrition lead to permanent learning or other difficulties. No child should go hungry. Examples of malnutrition are rampant historically including the loss of some countries' intellectual and athletic capacity.

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**Q17** **Agree**

On student and staff safety, do you

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**Q18** **Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on student and staff safety?

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**Q19**

Anything you want to add on student and staff safety?

Ensuring staff development opportunities to develop school personnel expertise in safety available is one step. Having a clear policy and program in place is important. The AOE should work collaboratively with school personnel, those who understand how to change trauma induced behavior, and others to develop a pathway that any school can adapt for its own use.

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**Q20** **Agree**

On para-educators, do you

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**Q21** **Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on para-educators?

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**Q22**

Anything you want to add on para-educators?

They are key to helping educators provide the best possible experience for a wide range of students.

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**Q23**

**Agree**

On school finance, do you

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**Q24**

**Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on school finance?

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**Q25**

Anything you want to add on school finance?

Basing education taxation more on income can allow for relief to those on fixed income and certainly on lower income Vermonters.

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**Q26**

**Agree**

On public funded and provided Pre-K, do you

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**Q27**

**Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on public funded and provided Pre-K?

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**Q28**

Anything you want to add on public funded and provided Pre-K?

As long as there are single parents, two working parents, and low income households with kids-- we need to develop and sustain early Pre-K

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**Q29**

**Agree**

On health reform, do you

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**Q30**

**Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on health care reform?

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**Q31**

Anything you want to add on health care reform?

Add covered lives to the all payer program (from ESI programs), enhance regulation of all rates collectively, follow up on a drug importation program, evaluate how to add a prescription drug regulatory process/ board, allow Medicare at the federal level to negotiate drug prices with PHARMA, limit margins for insurance cos., provide GMCB and DFR oversight of costs that evaluate increases based on CPI, pay for care as PMPM, pay clinically affiliated and independent providers equitably, increase community and social service access through a system of care, use accountability measures for quality control, explore global budgeting for hospitals to allow for sustainability, and other steps will bring us closer to universal access at reduced cost and higher quality.

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**Q32**

**Agree**

On the right to strike, do you

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**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

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**Q35**

**Yes**

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on teachers right and professional growth?

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**Q36**

Anything you want to add on teachers right and professional growth?

the current policy appears to be archaic.

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**Q37**

**Agree**

On retirement security for teachers, do you

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**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

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**Q40**

Yes

Do you wish to sponsor legislation on good cause employment?

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**Q41**

Respondent skipped this question

Anything you want to add on good cause employment?

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