



2022 Maryland Candidate Survey State Legislative District 1

The Maryland Council for American Private Education (CAPE) advocates for the interests of the 125,000-plus nonpublic students in Maryland and their families. We invited all gubernatorial and General Assembly candidates to respond to a brief candidate survey (“support” or “oppose”), and provide a brief comment on each answer, on critical issues for non-public schools in Maryland. All of the survey responses and election links are online at www.mdnonpubs.org.

Election Day is Nov. 8 (early voting Oct. 27-Nov. 3)

NOTE: Some districts have new boundaries due to redistricting

Response key:

S: agree; **O:** disagree; - : no response | D: Democrat | R: Republican

Full questions and written comments follow the chart below.

District	Office	Party	Candidate	Non-public School Aid	Public \$ are Only for Pub Schools	Education Scholarships	BOOST	Capital Dollars
	Governor	R	Dan Cox	S	O	S	S	S
		D	Wes Moore	Did not submit a response				
1	Senator	D	Michael Dreisbach	Did not submit a response				
1	Senator	R	Mike McKay	S	O	S	S	S
1A	Delegate	D	Robert Spear	O	S	O	O	O
1A	Delegate	R	Jim Hinebaugh, Jr.	Did not submit a response				
1B	Delegate	R	Jason C. Buckel					
1C	Delegate	D	Carrie R. Hinton					
1C	Delegate	R	Terry L. Baker					

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2022 Candidate Questions

(Submitted responses below)

1. Aid to Nonpublic Schools

Generally speaking, do you support or oppose state dollars going to nonprofit nonpublic schools to support educating the children who attend?

2. “Public Dollars”

Do you support or oppose the statement “Public dollars are only for public schools”?

3. Education Opportunity Scholarships

Do you support or oppose the statement “Parents should have the right to utilize the state dollars allocated for their child’s education at whatever school they choose for them, whether public, private or charter”?

4. BOOST Scholarship Program

Do you support or oppose funding for Maryland’s existing BOOST Scholarship Program, which provides scholarships to low-income students to be used to attend nonpublic schools, at its current levels for new students?

5. Capital Dollars for Private Schools

Do you support or oppose state support for infrastructure or security upgrades and maintenance being allocated to nonpublic schools in the state budget?

Open-ended Candidate Answers

District 1 State Senator Candidate

Mike McKay (R)

Q4 - BOOST: We have fought to keep this funding for each year in the appropriations committee.

District 1A State Delegate Candidate

Robert Spear (D)

Q1 – Nonpublic aid: Dating back to Brown versus the Board of Education, the basic notion of using public moneys to pay for private education was and is a strategy to avoid our shared responsibility for educating all our children. Inevitably, when public moneys are diverted into private education, public support for public education wanes. I say this as a parent who sent all my children to Catholic schools for K through 12. I have also voted for and supported every referendum for funding of public schools. It is the right thing to do. We need to make our public schools the best that they can be. Those who wish to send their children to alternative schools are free to do so at their own expense.

Gubernatorial Candidate

Dan Cox (R)

Q1: Nonpublic school aid: I support the dollars following the children by parental choice.

Q4: BOOST: And I would expand this program.