



2022 Maryland Candidate Survey State Legislative District 9

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				
9	Senator	D	Katie Fry Hester	Did not submit a response				
9	Senator	R	Reid J. Novotny	S	O	S	S	S
9A	Delegate	D	Chao Wu	Did not submit a response				
9A	Delegate	D	Natalie Ziegler					
9A	Delegate	R	Trent Kittleman	Did not submit a response				
9A	Delegate	R	Jianning Jenny Zeng	S	O	S	S	O
9B	Delegate	D	Courtney Watson	Did not submit a response				
9B	Delegate	R	Lisa Kim	S	O	S	S	S

MD CAPE does not endorse or oppose any candidate and no inference of endorsement or opposition should be concluded as a result of the information here.

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 9 State Delegate Candidates

Jianning Jenny Zeng (R)

Q1: Aid to nonpublic schools: Support school choices to bring more competition and more opportunities to all children

Q2: Public dollars: Public dollars from the people and for the people

Q3: Educational scholarships: Empower parents voice, support freedom of choice

Q4: BOOST: Support the scholarship program to attend nonpublic schools to all students

Q5: Capital dollars: Depend on how the private school, charter school, and other non-public school involve in public education

Gubernatorial Candidates

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.