



2022 Maryland Primary Candidate Survey State Legislative District 10

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.

Primary Election is July 19 (early voting July 7-14)

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	D	Peter Franchot	S	O	S	S	S	
		D	Douglas F. Gansler	S	-	S	S	S	
		D	Ralph Jaffe	S	O	S	S	S	
		R	Dan Cox	S	O	S	S	S	
		R	Robin Ficker	S	O	S	S	S	
		R	Kelly Schulz	Did not submit a response					
		R	Joe Werner						
		D	Jon Baron						
		D	Ashwani Jain						
		D	John King						
		D	Wes Moore						
		D	Tom Perez						
		D	Jerome M. Segal						
10	Senator	D	Stephanie Boston	Did not submit a response					
10	Senator	D	Ben Brooks	-	-	-	S	-	
10	Senator	D	Jay Jalisi	Did not submit a response					
10	Senator	D	Lawrence Williams	O	S	O	O	O	
10	Senator	R	William Newton	Did not submit a response					
10	Delegate	D	Ruben Amaya	Did not submit a response					
10	Delegate	D	Michael T. Brown, Sr.	S	O	S	S	S	
10	Delegate	D	Nathaniel Maurice Costley, Sr.	Did not submit a response					
10	Delegate	D	Regg J. Hatcher, Jr.						
10	Delegate	D	Garland M. Jarratt Sanderson						
10	Delegate	D	Korey T. Johnson						
10	Delegate	D	Adrienne A. Jones						
10	Delegate	D	Nathaniel Logan						
10	Delegate	D	N. Scott Phillips						
10	Delegate	D	Jennifer White						
10	Delegate	R	Patricia R. Fallon	Did not submit a response					
10	Delegate	R	Jordan Porompyae	S	O	S	S	S	

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2022 Candidate Questions

(Submitted responses on following pages)

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?

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Open-ended Candidate Answers

District 10 State Senator Candidates

Ben Brooks (D)

Q1: Aid to nonpublic schools: Quality education for every student will always be one of my highest concerns in the legislature. Securing funding that brings high-need students to private schools is only one avenue to accomplish that goal. Balancing state funding for various initiatives helps to increase educational opportunities of our children.

Q2: Public dollars: I think it is important to allow for the diversity of education and support all means necessary to allocate and allow our children to secure quality education.

Q3: Educational scholarships: Having sent my own children to Catholic school, I understand and respect the personal decision of a parent when it comes to options in educating their children. With that said, that choice comes with a level of responsibility in securing the funds necessary to support that decision.

Q4: BOOST: I have supported funding in the Maryland State budget allocated for the BOOST program. I think it is important to strike a balance between such funding and the funding of public schools to confirm we are allocating resources to have the largest impact on the most children possible.

Q5: Capital dollars: Having witnessed some of the most devastating attacks on our schools over the past several weeks, it is important that all of our children feel safe in an educational environment. A safe and prosperous setting lends to our students' growth and success.

District 10 State Delegate Candidates

Michael T. Brown, Sr. (D)

Q5: Capital dollars: In fact I am a co-owner of Aim To Secure LLC. We are registered to provide security at Houses of worship and non profit. I will be your ally in protecting schools.

Gubernatorial Candidates

Peter Franchot (D)

Q1: Nonpublic school aid: I will increase funding in our grant programs and award funding to organizations that provide grassroots support for the communities they serve. Preference will always be given to public schools and state programs. However, if a nonpublic school demonstrates that they are philanthropically engaged in their communities, do not discriminate against any students, and are in need of financial assistance, I am willing to award funding on a case-by-case basis.

Q2: Public dollars: I will be an education-oriented governor, and I am committed to improving all of Maryland's public schools so that there is not a disparity in the quality of education between private and public education. That said, I have committed to maintaining the BOOST program, so long as funding is used specifically for those students who would not be able to otherwise attend the school.

Q3: Education scholarships: My funding priority will be the state's public schools. I believe support for private schools should be limited and strategic.

Q4: BOOST: I am on record in support of doubling the BOOST program to support families in need.

Q5: Capital dollars: Investment in our public schools will be the priority. I am willing to explore on a case-by-case basis the state providing support to ensure that all Maryland students can learn in a safe environment.

Douglas F. Gansler (D)

Q1: Nonpublic school aid: I support both robust investment in public schools as well as support for non-public schools, particularly in the areas of security, mental health professionals, and tuition assistance so that parents are empowered to send children to the school of their choice. Furthermore, as a Jewish man, I recognize and respect that some parents want to send their children to religious schools.

Q2: Public dollars: I think the sentence "public dollars are only for public schools" is loaded and suggests a zero sum game that pits private and public schools against each other. Maryland is sitting on an unprecedented surplus. I support the Blueprint's once-in-a-generation opportunity to make historic investments in our public schools, and I will work hard to implement it. I also believe that we should expand educational opportunities at non-profit and religious schools so that parents are empowered to choose the school that is right for their child.

Q3: Education scholarships: I support the use of tax dollars to empower parents to choose the right school for their child. However, Maryland should ensure that the schools who benefit from this support are held accountable to inclusive and non-discriminatory environments.

Q4: BOOST: I support increasing funding for BOOST to empower low-income families, including families who want to send their children to a religious school, to be able to afford the school of their choice.

Q5: Capital dollars: My number one priority for all schools is to ensure the safety of the students, educators, support staff and everyone on school grounds. I support allocating state tax dollars for both security and infrastructure upgrades so that all schools are safe learning environments.

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.