



2022 Maryland Candidate Survey

State Legislative District 44

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				
44	Senator	D	Charles E. Sydnor, III	Did not submit a response				
44A	Delegate	D	Eric Ebersole	Did not submit a response				
44A	Delegate	R	Joseph D. "Joe" Hooe	O	S	O	S	O
44B	Delegate	D	Aletheia McCaskill	Did not submit a response				
44B	Delegate	D	Sheila Ruth	Did not submit a response				

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.

2022 Candidate Questions

State district and gubernatorial responses follow

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 44A State Delegate Candidates

Joseph D. "Joe" Hooe (R)

Q1: Aid to nonpublic schools: I appreciate the hard work and commitment of our private schools and teachers, however I believe that private school is a personal choice that should not syphon funding away from our public school system.

Q2: Public dollars: I appreciate the hard work and commitment of our private schools and teachers, however I believe that private school is a personal choice that should not syphon funding away from our public school system.

Q3: Educational scholarships: I appreciate the hard work and commitment of our private schools and teachers, however I believe that private school is a personal choice that should not syphon funding away from our public school system.

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.