



## 2022 Maryland Candidate Survey State Legislative District 46

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](http://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				
46	Senator	D	Bill Ferguson	Did not submit a response				
46	Senator	R	Emmanuel Digman	S	O	S	S	S
46	Delegate	D	Luke Clippinger	Did not submit a response				
46	Delegate	D	Mark Edelson	O	S	S	S	O
46	Delegate	D	Robbyn Lewis	Did not submit a response				
46	Delegate	R	Mekkah X. Mohammed	S	O	S	S	S
46	Delegate	R	J. Brian Voss	S	O	S	S	S
46	Delegate	R	Pete Waters	Did not submit a response				

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### 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 46 State Senate Candidate

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#### Emmanuel Digman (R)

Q1: Non-public school aid: Freedom of choice with our tax dollars.

Q2: Public dollars only for public schools: We the people have the freedom and authority to determine where our tax dollars go.

Q3: Education scholarships: State government has no constitutional right to utilize the state educational dollars without consent of parents.

Q4: BOOST Scholarships: State government has no constitutional right to utilize the state educational dollars without consent of parents.

Q5: Capital dollars: If Maryland continues to collect taxes to support infrastructure and maintenance to public schools, then same type of support needs to be given to nonpublic schools in state budget.

### District 46 State Delegate Candidates

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#### Mark Edelson (D)

Q3: Educational scholarships: In general, parents should maintain some level of flexibility as taxpayers in the allocation of their public education tax dollars.

Q5: Capital dollars: I am supportive of potential security upgrades funded by the public to ensure student safety.

#### J. Brian Voss (R)

Q1: Non-public school aid: Spending should be totally outcome based and if private institutions or homeschooling produce intelligent, productive citizens... We need to fund it.

Q2: Public dollars only for public schools: If public schools are not going to teach our children anything beyond tranny happy hour, they should be defunded

Q3: Education scholarships: Totally agree! Couldn't agree more.

Q4: BOOST Scholarships: I am all for this, but it must be outcome based and not based on the color of a person's skin

Q5: Capital dollars: I think this is a great idea, but the funds that are given to the private schools should be taken from the public schools. If a student is going to the private school, their parents should get a tax break for the money that the state would have put into their education, minus like 30% so the public schools can stay open

### Gubernatorial Candidates

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#### 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.