



2022 Maryland Candidate Survey State Legislative District 2

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				
2	Senator	D	Shawn Demetrious Perry	O	S	O	S	S
2	Senator	R	Paul D. Corderman	S	O	S	S	S
2A	Delegate	R	William Valentine	S	O	S	S	S
2A	Delegate	R	William Joseph Wivell	S	O	S	S	S
2B	Delegate	D	Brooke Grossman	O	S	O	O	O
2B	Delegate	R	Brenda J. Thiam	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 2 State Senator Candidates

Shawn Demetrious Perry (D)

Q1: Aid to nonpublic schools: I would support only if funding is found from a source that does not take away from public schools.

Q2: Public dollars: Public dollars should go to public schools.

Q4: BOOST: As long as this funding does not take away from the funding of public schools now or in the future. Public school budgets are a priority.

Q5: Capital dollars: As long as this support does not take away from the funding necessary for public schools.

District 2A State Delegate Candidate

William Joseph Wivell (R)

Q1: Aid to nonpublic schools: I have supported the Governor's BOOST program, and have sponsored legislation (HB1156) to establish Educational Savings Accounts for K-12 education so the money follows the student. I would appreciate your support of this legislation.

Q2: Public dollars: Funding should follow the student. Competition creates an environment which raises the standard for everyone.

Q3: Educational scholarships: I have been the primary sponsor for such legislation (HB1156 in the 2022 Legislative session).

Q5: Capital dollars: It is important, however, for schools to retain their autonomy (curriculum) if accepting public dollars.

District 2B State Delegate Candidate

Brenda J. Thiam (R)

Q2: Public dollars: If a student with a disability has an IEP and the public school doesn't have the supports or resources to implement the student's IEP, the public school must provide funding for the student to attend a non public school who is able to implement the student's IEP.

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.