



## 2022 Maryland Candidate Survey State Legislative District 3

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 are on the following pages.**

District	Office	Party	Candidate	Non-public School Aid	Public \$ are Only for Pub Schools	Education Scholarships	BOOST	Capital Dollars
		R	Dan Cox	S	O	S	S	S
		D	Wes Moore	Did not submit a response				
3	Senator	D	Karen Lewis Young	Did not submit a response				
3	Senator	R	Angela Ariel McIntosh	-	-	S	S	-
3	Delegate	D	Kris Fair	Did not submit a response				
3	Delegate	D	Ken Kerr					
3	Delegate	D	Karen Simpson					
3	Delegate	R	Kathy Diener	S	O	S	S	O
3	Delegate	R	Justin Wages	S	O	S	S	S

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## Maryland CAPE 2022 Candidate Survey

### 2022 Candidate Questions

*(Submitted responses on following pages)*

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**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?

**Maryland CAPE 2022 Candidate Survey**  
**Open-ended Candidate Answers**

**District 3 State Senator Candidates**

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**Angela Ariel McIntosh (R)**

Q1: Aid to nonpublic schools: I don't know whether I oppose or support this. Philosophically, it seems State dollars should go to public schools since "State" money is actually taxpayer money, but there could be a good reason to not embrace this approach. I need more information.

Q2: Public dollars: See above.

Q3: Educational scholarships: I believe the money should follow the child to a school that is successful. If a school is failing, the parent should be able to send the child to a successful school, and the money should follow that child to that successful school.

Q4: BOOST: Where Charter schools may not be an option, it seems that a scholarship program to help low-income students attend good schools is a fair and reasonable alternative.

Q5: Capital dollars: I definitely support safety in non-public schools, but would need more info supporting why using taxpayer money for this end would be a wise and ethical approach.

**District 3 State Delegate Candidates**

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**Kathy Diener (R)**

Q5: Capital dollars: I oppose this on the basis that it could permit the state to interfere in the management of private schools. Where state money is allocated for a specific purpose, the state could claim the right to oversee the use of such funds.

**Justin Wages (R)**

Q3: Educational scholarships: I believe that school choice opens the door to better education for students that would otherwise attend failing schools and receive inadequate education and opportunity.

Q5: Capital dollars: I would generally support this idea in theory, however I consider all budgetary issues on a case-by-case basis. Creating a balanced budget is one of the issues that I take very seriously. I do believe that the Maryland should be working to increase the quality of education at every institution in the state, and if we can accomplish this mission in a budget-friendly way, I would support it.

**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.