



# 2022 Maryland Candidate Survey

## State Legislative District 11

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				
11	Senator	D	Shelly Hettleman	S	O	O	S	S
11	Senator	R	Ruth Goetz	S	O	S	S	S
11A	Delegate	D	Cheryl E. Pasteur	Did not submit a response				
11B	Delegate	D	Jon S. Cardin	Did not submit a response				
11B	Delegate	D	Dana M. Stein	S	O	S	S	S
11B	Delegate	R	Jim Simpson	S	O	S	S	O
11B	Delegate	R	Tyler A. Stiff	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 | (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?

## Open-ended Candidate Answers

### District 11 State Senator Candidates

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#### Shelly Hettleman (D)

Q1: Aid to nonpublic schools: I support a targeted program that focuses on the needs of lower income families at schools that charge below a certain tuition level.

Q2: Public dollars: There are many places where government funds go to private institutions, including our higher education institutions. I am a strong supporter of public schools and will continue to fight to ensure they are funded adequately, and I also support programs that are carefully crafted to enable students who wouldn't be adequately served by public schools, to get the assistance they need.

Q3: Educational scholarships: I am most comfortable with a carefully tailored program along the lines of the currently configured BOOST.

Q5: Capital dollars: I have introduced legislative bond initiatives to address the capital needs of certain nonpublic schools because I still believe there is a public purpose in ensuring that the infrastructure in which our children learn is important to keep safe and secure. I do believe, however, that schools that have the financial ability to address these needs themselves should not benefit from public financial assistance in the same manner.

#### Ruth Goetz (R)

Q2: Public dollars: If everyone is going to be taxed to pay for public schools everyone should benefit. I support the education funds follow the student to whichever school they house private or public.

Q4: BOOST: I support Boost money for private school students.

Q5: Capital dollars: All children need to be safe.

### District 11 State Delegate Candidates

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#### Dana Stein (D)

Q1: Aid to nonpublic schools: I support state dollars going to nonprofit, nonpublic schools. I have supported state funding for the BOOST program and for security, textbook, and transportation funding for nonprofit, nonpublic schools. I support increasing funding for these programs. I also introduced legislation that would have authorized local jurisdictions to provide funding for nurses in non-public schools and have sponsored bond bills for nonpublic schools.

Q2: Public dollars: Substantial public funds should be available through the State budget for nonpublic schools. Nonpublic schools provide essential education services for many students in the State.

Q3: Educational scholarships: I generally support the statement. I support the allocation of funds to parents for their children to attend nonpublic schools through the state budget. I do not support the use of state dollars to support attendance at expensive private schools regardless of family income.

Q4: BOOST: I have supported and continue to support funding for Maryland's existing BOOST program.

Q5: Capital dollars: I have supported state funding for infrastructure and security upgrades and maintenance for nonpublic schools through the budget and through the bond bill process.

*responses continue on next page*

**Jim Simpson (R)**

Q1: Aid to nonpublic schools: All tax dollars currently devoted to public education should only be paid by those taxpayers whose children attend public school, i.e. if a student chooses private or home school, the taxpayer should be exempt from paying those amounts dedicated to public schooling. Alternatively, tax refunds should be given to those who choose private or home school.

Q2: Public dollars: Taxpayers should only be paying taxes to support public schools if their children attend public schools. There should either be a rebate program for families who send children to private or home school, or those people should not pay public education taxes at all.

Q5: Capital dollars: My preference for abolishing education taxes among taxpayers whose children attend private school or home school includes those taxes that would otherwise be spent upgrading public schools.

**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.