



2022 Maryland Candidate Survey

State Legislative District 26

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				
26	Senator	D	C. Anthony Muse	Did not submit a response				
26	Senator	R	Ike Puzon	S	O	S	S	S
26	Delegate	D	Veronica Turner	Did not submit a response				
26	Delegate	D	Kriselda Valderrama	Did not submit a response				
26	Delegate	D	Jamila J. Woods	O	S	S	S	O
26	Delegate	R	JoAnn Fisher	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 26 State Senator Candidates

Ike Puzon (R)

Q1: Aid to nonpublic schools: We must support the students by supporting nonpublic schools, I will do all in my power to support nonpublic schools

Q2: Public dollars: All of us pay tax dollars so nonpublic schools should and must receive tax dollars

Q3: Educational scholarships: It is a proven fact that nonpublic, homeschooling, and charter schools provide better education for children in Maryland

Q5: Capital dollars: Non-public schools educate Maryland taxpayers therefore they should receive and I support them receiving tax dollars for infrastructure

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.