

# **2022 Maryland Candidate Survey State Legislative District 28**

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 <a href="https://www.mdnonpubs.org">www.mdnonpubs.org</a>.

# \*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-<br>public<br>School Aid | Public \$ are<br>Only for Pub<br>Schools | Education<br>Scholarships | BOOST | Capital<br>Dollars |
|----------|----------|-------|-----------|------------------------------|--|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|
|          | Governor | R     | Dan Cox   | S                            | 0  | S                         | S     | S                  |
|          | Governor | D     | Wes Moore | Did not submit a response    |  |                           |       |                    |

| 28 | Senator  | D | Arthur Carr Ellis      |                           |   |   |   |   |  |  |
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| 28 | Senator  | R | Michelle M. Talkington | Did not submit a response |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| 28 | Delegate | D | Debra Davis            |                           |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| 28 | Delegate | D | Edith J. Patterson     | Did not submit a response |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| 28 | Delegate | D | C. T. Wilson           |                           |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| 28 | Delegate | R | James Ashburn          | S                         | 0 | S | S | S |  |  |
| 28 | Delegate | R | Marquita Bushrod       | S                         | 0 | S | S | S |  |  |
| 28 | Delegate | R | Tyrone R. Hall         | 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**

#### 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 28 State Delegate Candidates**

### Marquita Bushrod (R)

Q2: Dollars for public schools only: When the public schools are not up to par in educating our students, money should be given to non-public schools that will get the job done.

Q3: Educational scholarship commitment: My child attends private schools because the public schools are not educating out students properly. My child's allocated funds should follow where she is being educated.

#### **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.