



2022 Maryland Candidate Survey

State Legislative District 30

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				
30	Senator	D	Sarah Elfreth	Did not submit a response				
30	Senator	R	Stacie MacDonald	Did not submit a response				
30A	Delegate	D	Shaneka Henson	Did not submit a response				
30A	Delegate	D	Dana Jones	Did not submit a response				
30A	Delegate	R	Doug Rathell	Did not submit a response				
30A	Delegate	R	Rob Seyfferth	Did not submit a response				
30B	Delegate	D	Courtney L. Buiniskis	O	S	O	S	O
30B	Delegate	R	Seth Howard	S	O	S	S	S

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2022 Candidate Questions | State General Assembly 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 30B State Delegate Candidates

Courtney L. Buiniskis (D)

Q1: As an educator in my opinion using state funds for private schools should not be allowed. General funds need to go towards public schools as they currently do. Our public schools are already lacking

Q4: As long as the funding comes from private companies

Q5: The companies can apply for bonds like everyone else.

Seth Howard (R)

Q1: Aid to nonpublic schools: Whether it's in the budget or through grants etc. The state has many mechanisms that allow public dollars to flow to entities who include education as part of their outreach (environmental groups as one example) why would we not at least allow state dollars flow to institutions whose primary goal is education using the same mechanisms.

Q4: BOOST: I've regularly supported maintaining at current levels or increasing boost funding in the budget.

Q5: Capital dollars: These children are our future. Why would we not help to ensure the safety and security of our future generations.

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.