



2022 Maryland Candidate Survey

State Legislative District 33

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				

33	Senator	D	Dawn D. Gile	Did not submit a response				
33	Senator	R	Sid Saab	S	O	S	S	S
33A	Delegate	D	Andrew C. Pruski	Did not submit a response				
33A	Delegate	R	Kim Mills	S	O	S	S	-
33B	Delegate	D	John Wakefield	Did not submit a response				
33B	Delegate	R	Stuart Michael Schmidt, Jr.	S	O	S	S	S
33C	Delegate	D	Heather A. Bagnall	Did not submit a response				
33C	Delegate	R	Kerry A. Gillespie	S	O	S	S	S

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2022 Candidate Questions | State District and gubernatorial candidate 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 33A State Delegate Candidates

Kim Mills (R)

Q5: Capital dollars: I would need more info/background on this before making a decision.

District 33C State Delegate Candidates

Kerry A. Gillespie (R)

Q1: Aid to nonpublic schools: The tax dollars parents pay into schools should follow the child to whatever school the parents deem best.

Q5: Capital dollars: If parents decide to put their child in a nonpublic school, the state should provide the tax dollars the parents paid into the state funds towards their child's education to the nonpublic school. It would then be up to the nonpublic school to use those funds as they see fit, including for the infrastructure or security of the school.

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.