



2022 Maryland Candidate Survey State Legislative District 34

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				
34	Senator	D	Mary-Dulany James	Did not submit a response				
34	Senator	R	Christian Miele	S	O	S	S	S
34A	Delegate	D	Steve Johnson	Did not submit a response				
34A	Delegate	D	Andre V. Johnson, Jr.					
34A	Delegate	R	Glen Glass	S	O	S	S	S
34A	Delegate	R	Teresa Walter	Did not submit a response				
34B	Delegate	D	Gillian A. Miller					
34B	Delegate	R	Susan K. McComas	S	O	S	S	S

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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 34 State Senator Candidates

Christian Miele (R)

Q2: Public dollars: I am a proponent of school choice and believe that education is not a one-size-fits-all proposition. Parents should be empowered to choose the educational setting that works best for their children based on the range of opportunities available to them.

Q4: BOOST: As a State Delegate, I voted to support the BOOST Scholarship Program. Given my demonstrated support for non-traditional and nonpublic education, as well as school choice in general, I am hopeful that Maryland CAPE will consider endorsing me for the Republican nomination for State Senate in District 34.

District 34B State Delegate Candidates

Susan McComus (R)

Q1: Aid to nonpublic schools: There should be school choice and a certain portion of the funds for students should follow the student. Unfortunately, every time we try to give money to nonpublic schools, the teachers' unions have a fit. If we did not have nonpublic schools think of how many crowded classrooms there would be.

Q2: Public dollars: Parents need school choice and now with the failure to teach ethics, critical thinking, morality, and religious instruction it is not fair that parents that want their children to receive a religious education coupled with reading, writing, and math must pay twice - once with taxes and to provide for private education.

Q3: Educational scholarships: Parents not the government should make the ultimate choice what type of school to send their children to.

Q4: BOOST: I think efforts should be made to increase that amount of the Boost Scholarship Program. I have seen the movie "Waiting for Superman." It is obvious how important that it is for the children to get a great education and their future.

Q5: Capital dollars: The parents that send their children to nonpublic schools pay taxes and as is documented many of the public-school children in Baltimore City are not graduating from high school with the appropriate reading level and are just advanced to the next grade without the skills to justify their matriculation. There needs to be a study about what happened to the children in the eleven failing schools that Governor Ehrlich wanted the state to take over and was prevented doing so by the Democratically controlled legislature.

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.