



# 2022 Maryland Candidate Survey

## State Legislative District 37

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](http://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				
37	Senator	D	Naomi Hyman	Did not submit a response				
37	Senator	R	Johnny Mautz	S	O	S	S	S
37A	Delegate	D	Sheree Sample-Hughes	Did not submit a response				
37A	Delegate	R	Donna Bradshaw	S	O	S	S	O
37B	Delegate	D	Susan E. Delean-Botkin	Did not submit a response				
37B	Delegate	R	Christopher T. Adams	S	O	S	S	S
37B	Delegate	R	Tom Hutchinson	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 | 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 37 State Senator Candidates

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#### Johnny Mautz (R)

Q1: Aid to nonpublic schools: One of the best incentives to improve public education is to ensure students and families have an option other than public schools.

Q2: Public dollars: Public dollars are taxpayer funds, and those funds dedicated for education are not limited to public school systems. Especially where students and families elect private education and are forced to contribute to public education while also paying tuition for a private education.

Q4: BOOST: I have served in the House of Delegates for the past eight years and have supported every effort to increase BOOST funding and opposed every effort to reduce it.

### District 37A State Delegate Candidates

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#### Donna Bradshaw (R)

Q1: Aid to nonpublic schools: I would like to see at least a tax credit for parents who choose private education or homeschooling for their children. After all, these parents are paying taxes to support public schools and not utilizing the service.

Q2: Public dollars: See above

Q3: Educational scholarships: Our system is obviously not working well and parents choosing alternative methods of educating their children should have some access to the funds they pay in with their tax money.

Q4: BOOST: As long as the money does not come with strings attached for the school, I support this program.

Q5: Capital dollars: Nonpublic schools should not be a burden to the state in this regard. Tuition help is one thing, maintenance, etc. is altogether another issue; one that the school has taken into consideration at its inception.

### Gubernatorial Candidates

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#### 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.