



# 2022 Maryland Candidate Survey

## State Legislative District 38

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				
38	Senator	D	Michele Gregory	Did not submit a response				
38	Senator	R	Mary Beth Carozza	S	O	S	S	O
38A	Delegate	D	Todd J. Nock	Did not submit a response				
38A	Delegate	R	Charles James Otto	S	O	S	S	S
38B	Delegate	R	Carl L. Anderton, Jr.	Did not submit a response				
38C	Delegate	R	Wayne A. Hartman					

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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 38 State Senator Candidates

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#### Mary Beth Carozza (R)

Q1: Aid to nonpublic schools: There is no greater responsibility to our youth than keeping them safe and educating them for their future. Some children respond more productively in smaller settings with more personal attention as many nonpublic schools provide. Given the recent difficulties created by COVID lockdowns and school shootings, students may feel safer in nonpublic schools.

Q2: Public dollars: Currently, taxpayers' dollars go into the general fund that supports public schools. They are supporting something they never use if they do not attend public schools. It is a matter of fairness and choice. Their tax dollars should be allowed to support nonpublic schools so long as they are certified.

Q3: Educational scholarships: Parents whose hard-earned dollars are taxed for education deserve to select the school that provides the best environment, both scholastically and socially for their children

Q4: BOOST: If we want to provide an education to all students equally, we need to help funding for low-income students to attend whichever accredited school best suits their needs.

Q5: Capital dollars: In this instance, those who desire to start and support a private school should do so with the knowledge that the costs of those schools, including security upgrades is a financial responsibility they have chosen to accept. However, if society and federal or state mandates require certain measures of nonpublic schools, those should be subsidized by the entity that has mandated them.

### 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.