



2022 Maryland Candidate Survey

State Legislative District 41

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				
41	Senator	D	Jill P. Carter	Did not submit a response				
41	Delegate	D	Dalya Attar	S	O	S	S	S
41	Delegate	D	Tony Bridges	Did not submit a response				
41	Delegate	D	S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg	S	O	O	S	S
41	Delegate	R	Scott Graham	S	O	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 41 State Delegate Candidates

S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg (D)

Q1: Aid to nonpublic schools: I have a long standing record of support for nonpublic schools. The General Assembly has provided funding for BOOST and full implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. One does not take away from the other. I will continue to support efforts to provide quality education for all Maryland students.

Q2: Public dollars: My record demonstrates that we can provide public dollars for public and nonpublic schools in Maryland.

Q3: Educational scholarships: My record demonstrates that we can provide public dollars for public and nonpublic schools in Maryland.

Q4: BOOST: I have been and will continue to be an advocate for funding for the BOOST scholarship program.

Q5: Capital dollars: I support security upgrades comparable to those we are already providing for religious institutions in non-education settings. Any public dollars must be spent consistent with the First Amendment. The Supreme Court's decision in Carson v. Makin, which was argued this term, will provide further insight into what is permitted.

Scott Graham (R)

Q1: Aid to nonpublic schools: I support \$s going to schools that work. Terms like non-profit don't mean much to me.

Q2: Public dollars: Statements like this are divisive. Where is the complexity? Where is the nuance? Summarizing something so complicated in such a simple way is simple minded, in my opinion.

Q3: Educational scholarships: I was speaking with a school administrator recently who said that even Maryland charter schools are operating with limited autonomy. I would like to see people asking how we improve educational outcomes. Everything should be on the table for discussion. So if that means looking at parochial schools, so be it.

Q4: BOOST: I don't know about this. If we can get a better outcome using the same outlay at a nonpublic school, I'd be interested in trying that. Competition generally improves performance. The status quo will not want more competition, but it will help them too.

Q5: Capital dollars: Hard to answer. There are private schools with large endowments which in my opinion do not need state support. I'm open to hearing the arguments pro and con.

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.