



## Maryland Legislative District 26

# 2018 GENERAL ASSEMBLY CANDIDATE SURVEY

Maryland CAPE is the state chapter of the national Council for American Private Education, a coalition of 40 state affiliates serving the nation’s private elementary and secondary schools. Maryland CAPE acts as a legislative coalition for the voting families, teachers and administrators for Maryland’s 120,000-plus nonpublic school students. This year, Maryland CAPE surveyed the state’s candidates for both houses of the Maryland Legislature (the Senate and House of Delegates) regarding their positions on issues important to nonpublic schools.

*The responses of the candidates in your district are found below.* The candidates were asked to convey a position of “Support” or “Oppose” with regard to the issue statements (see reverse side). A blank response to a statement means the candidate chose not to assert a position on that issue. All candidates were also given the opportunity to comment on the issue, in order to explain their position. To view a candidate’s written comments, please go to [www.mdnonpubs.org/elections.html](http://www.mdnonpubs.org/elections.html).

<h2 style="margin: 0;">DISTRICT 26</h2>							
<u>ANSWER KEY</u>				Nonpublic Textbook Program	Educational Opportunity Scholarships	Nonpublic Aging Schools Program	Pre-K
Sen=Senate		HD=House of Delegates					
D=Democrat		R=Republican		*=Incumbent			
S=Support		O=Oppose		Blank=No response			
26	D	SEN	Obie Patterson	<i>Did not submit a survey response</i>			
26	R	SEN	Ike Puzon	S	S	S	S
26	D	HD	Veronica Turner	<i>Did not submit a survey response</i>			
26	D	HD	Kris Valderrama*	S	S	S	
26	D	HD	Diedra Henry-Spires (write-in)	<i>Did not submit a survey response</i>			
26	D	HD	Jay Walker*				



# 2018 CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

## 1. NONPUBLIC TEXTBOOK PROGRAM

Do you support or oppose funding in the Maryland state budget to provide textbooks and technology to assist students attending low-tuition nonpublic schools?

## 2. EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Do you support or oppose the expansion of options for low-income Maryland students through the provision of scholarships to enable them to attend the nonpublic K-12 school of their parents' choice?

## 3. AGING SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Do you support or oppose the Nonpublic Aging Schools Program, which provides \$3.5 million in state assistance directed toward aging and/or lower-income nonpublic schools for infrastructural maintenance or security upgrades?

## 4. DIVERSE DELIVERY PREKINDERGARTEN EXPANSION

Do you support or oppose a "diverse delivery" method of state-funded prekindergarten expansion, wherein both nonpublic prekindergarten programs and public schools would be utilized in expanding access for prekindergarten to all Maryland four-year-olds?

*DISCLAIMER: Please note that all candidates were issued reminders of the survey submission deadline and ample and equal opportunity to respond. Maryland CAPE does not endorse or oppose any candidate, under any circumstance, and no inference of endorsement or opposition should be concluded as a result of the information provided here.*

Find your legislative district, view responses from all candidates who responded, and learn more at: <http://www.mdnonpubs.org/elections.html>.

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