



District 15

2014 GENERAL ASSEMBLY CANDIDATE SURVEY

Among other activities, the Maryland chapter of the Council for American Private Education (CAPE) acts as a legislative coalition for the voting families, teachers and administrators for Maryland's 130,000-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 a wide-range of nonpublic school issues. 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.

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				Nonpublic Textbook Program	Business Tax Credits for Education	Nonpublic Aging Schools Program	Tax Credits For Teacher Certification
<u>Answer Key</u>							
S=Support O=Oppose Blank=No response							
HD=House of Delegates Sen=Senate							
D=Democrat R=Republican							
15	Sen	D	Brian J. Feldman				
15	Sen	R	Robin Ficker	<i>Did not submit a survey response</i>			
15	HD	R	Ed Edmundson	S	S	S	S
15	HD	D	Kathleen Dumais	S	O	S	S
15	HD	R	Robin Ficker	S	S	S	S
15	HD	R	Christine Thron	S	S	S	S
15	HD	D	David Fraser-Hidalgo				
15	HD	D	Aruna Miller	<i>Did not submit a survey response</i>			



CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

1. NONPUBLIC TEXTBOOK PROGRAM

Do you support or oppose maintaining at least \$6 million in funding in the state budget to provide textbooks and technology to students attending nonpublic schools in the state that charge tuition at or below the average public school per-pupil cost?

2. TAX CREDITS FOR EDUCATION

Do you support or oppose the creation of a state tax credit for business donations to organizations that assist both public and nonpublic school students with educational expenses?

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 nonpublic school facilities for infrastructural maintenance or security upgrades?

4. TAX CREDITS FOR TEACHERS

Do you support or oppose providing nonpublic school teachers the same tax credit as currently provided to public school teachers to reimburse them for the cost of coursework needed to maintain or advance their state teacher certification?

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: www.mdnonpubs.org/elections.html.

REMEMBER TO VOTE

NOVEMBER 4!

****EARLY VOTING STARTS OCTOBER 23**

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