



## 2014 GUBERNATORIAL 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 Governor and both houses of the Maryland Legislature regarding their positions on a wide-range of nonpublic school issues. Responses offered by gubernatorial candidates are found below. The candidates were asked to convey a position of “Support” or “Oppose” with regard to the issue statements (also found below). A blank response to a statement means that 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 all candidate responses, including those of General Assembly candidates in your district, please go to [www.mdnonpubs.org/elections.html](http://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					
D=Democrat   R=Republican					
D	Anthony G. Brown	Responses left blank; comments offered			
R	Larry Hogan	S	S	S	S

**COMMENTS OFFERED BY BOTH CANDIDATES CAN BE FOUND BELOW**

## COMMENTS OFFERED BBY GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES:

### Anthony G. Brown

1. The State began allocating funding to nonpublic schools over a decade ago. I believe that the current appropriation – \$6 million in FY2015 – should be maintained so that these institutions may continue to utilize the resources for textbooks and technology.
2. I value nonpublic schools. My two sons attend a Catholic school. The State supports these institutions each year, appropriating resources for textbooks and technology. Through charitable deductions, we encourage Marylanders to give generously to nonprofits, including nonpublic schools. We will work creatively to leverage private sector support for nonpublic education.
3. In 2013, the State provided \$3.5 million for improvements and security upgrades to existing nonpublic school buildings. I believe that the current appropriation should be maintained.
4. We recognize the important role that nonpublic school teachers play in delivering a high quality education to thousands of Maryland students. We will work collaboratively with nonpublic schools and nonpublic educators to leverage private and public sector resources to ensure skilled teachers are at the front of every classroom.

### Larry Hogan

1. As governor, I will work to close the performance gap between rich and poor schools. Doing this requires us to restore our economy so we can fund our educational priorities and ensure all students have the education and resources they deserve.
2. Fixing the gap between rich and poor schools is vital. Businesses and individuals that invest in failing schools should receive tax incentives. I'm in favor of fundamental education reform that would give all children access to great schools.
3. All of Maryland's students, in both public and private schools, deserve a safe and secure environment in which to learn. As governor, I will work hard to make sure this becomes a reality.
4. As governor, I will work to improve education by empowering all classroom teachers, parents, and local principals, rather than bureaucrats.



# 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.*

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**NOVEMBER 4!**

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