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Eleven hundred students, teachers, and parents came to Maryland's capital to rally for the continued support and expanded funding of the BOOST (Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today) Scholarship Program and other initiatives that benefit both Jewish and non-Jewish families who send their kids to nonpublic schools.

"The BOOST scholarship program has

provided \$11 million in scholarships to low-income families over the last two years, with more than \$2 million going to students who attend Jewish day schools," said Maryland Council for American Private Education (CAPE) President Rabbi Ariel Sadwin.



Hosted annually by Maryland CAPE, this year's rally on March 15 in Annapolis drew 90 students from Bais Yaakov and Bnos Yisroel in Baltimore. Special appearances and addresses at the event included Gov. Larry Hogan, Sen. Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. (D – District 27), Del. Michael A. Jackson (D – District 27B), Dels. Shelly Laskin Hettleman and Dana Stein (D – District 11), and Del. Geraldine Valentino-Smith (D – District 23A). Sen. James "Ed" DeGrange, Sr. was also presented with Maryland CAPE's Career Appreciation Award.

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