

2022 HawaiiKidsCAN Action Fund Candidate Survey

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1. What does Hawaii do well with regards to K-12 public education?
Nothing
2. What should Hawaii do better with regards to K-12 public education?
Revamp the entire DOE and BOE system
3. How should Hawaii prioritize our spending on K-12 public education (for example: teacher salaries, programs to address learning loss, technology, community partnerships and projects, computer science education, charter schools, distance learning options, etc.)?

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First of all, budget cuts should stop coming from education especially in Hawaiian studies and the Kupuna program. Any other budget cuts on the education system should be a last resort. The very first and largest budget cut should be coming from those that are legislating the laws to cut the budget in education and increase their salaries. Budget cuts should come from all high government positions from the Governor to legislature, all state and county officials FIRST. That excess money, which is a lot, should then be thrown down to the educational system where the programs and needs of our children can be met first. If government is able to do that, then a higher salary might be warranted. I believe all funding for everything for everything else listed in this question is already in the state budget. It is just being mismanaged by our government leaders.

4. Hawaii should require all students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid before graduating from high school, or complete a waiver.

No

4.a Comment

Why require all students to complete either one? Not all students desire to go into secondary education. It should be based off of their desire to attend secondary education. If they do, then, by all means they should fill out the form. If they don't, they should not fill out a waiver.... another problem with our education system. They should be provided options and left with the freedom to make their own decision. Stop trying to force students through an educational system that cannot guarantee their long term success. We have a DOE and a BOE system of educated individuals with titles after their names longer than the Hawaiian alphabet, and look at the result of our education system right now.

5. The Hawaii State Constitution provides for the "establishment, support and control of a statewide system of public schools," but does not guarantee quality education. Should the State Constitution be amended to provide quality education as a fundamental right? Should Hawaii students have a constitutional right to a quality education? Please explain your answer.

Every student has a right to quality education :- (That's simply common sense! Who determines what "quality education" means? Quality education for one child, may not include higher education, but rather may include taking over the family business. Maybe I need to discuss that amendment with you because that does not make sense to me. It is my assumption that quality education is in the heart, or should be, of every educator. If we have to legislate that, then maybe we should examine the quality of educators we already have. I grew up knowing that good educators love their students and although most were underpaid, their salaries was not their main goal. To force legislation on educators means the educators don't "got" it (don't have it).

6. What will you do to improve the relationship between the Hawaii State Board of Education and legislature?

I'm out in left field on this one. Maybe we can discuss this. I don't know the relationship here. But, based on the question, check their heart's intentions.

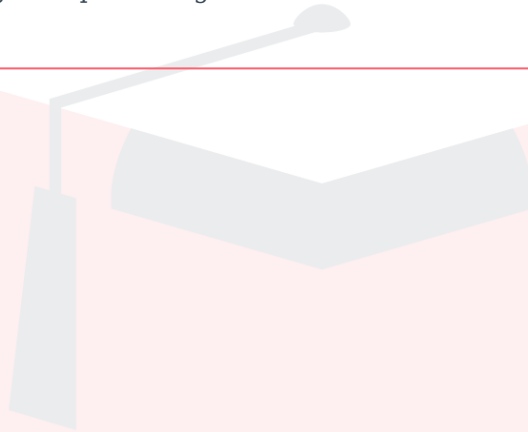
7. What leadership actions will you take for the Hawaii Department of Education, University of Hawaii system, and employers to work more effectively together?

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To me, if they are having issues working with each other or between each other, then perhaps to begin with, they are dealing internal attitude and maturity issues. In addition, each group's personal agenda prohibits the creation of cohesiveness between them for the purpose of the success and education of the students. Just my observations based on the question.

8. College going remains flat, with roughly 50% of recent Hawaii public high school graduates going on to college (2 or 4 year). How do you propose to raise these levels so Hawaii is more competitive with states like California, which has a nearly 65% rate?

Question: Why are we comparing our State's children to those of another State? The compare game causes immediate failure. Every child is endowed from within the mother's womb a seed of greatness, placed there specifically by God. This greatness is not only for their personal success, but also for the benefit of society. Our educational system is suppose to be set up in a way that helps the child discover the gift, develop the gift, then release it for societies benefit. That does not come simply through the percentage increase of students that are sent to the college systems for higher education.



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