

# 2022 HawaiiKidsCAN Action Fund Candidate Survey

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## 1. What does Hawaii do well with regards to K-12 public education?

In my local area we have a portion of the teaching focused on the Aina. this is unique to Hawai'i verses other areas because of the cultural importance.

## 2. What should Hawaii do better with regards to K-12 public education?

It would be benefical for all students to learn more about trades as well as basic educaiton, english, math, science, HIstory, Etc.. If we mirrior that effort into what I would like to see which is Aina Based solutions for education. Hawai'i is unique in its fertal lands and knowledge of that land.

## 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.)?

We should Prioritize in multiple fields, such as Teachers Salaries and benefits for thier further education as well as thier qualifications. We do need programs in technologies, but mirrored in focus on what we have such as land and agriculature, but on this island that works it will vary from island to island. each eco-sywstem is unique and has its own needs and lessons.

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

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### 4.a Comment

its a yes and no, even tho College is important it isn't the only option Trade schools An vocational education programs are just as important and should be addressed. Not all students want to do college and forcing them to do something unnecessary. However education of the subject For this subject is important as well.

## 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.

Yes, but moving our laws to form DOE's at the County, and Subdivision level instead of depending on someone 10,000 miles away or even 500 miles away to make decisions for our local area is negligent. As people in Oahu would not know the needs and strengths of kids in Miloli'i.

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

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Create more legislative oversight as well as create more public oversight and input by creating local boards and local voting on such things.

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

Once again going down to the local area for oversight and policies, this would allow the people to work closer with the needs and expectation of our communities. Asking for a public elected board for K-12. As for the UH System having local or alumni in charge of the UH System would allow more interaction with the public as for education standards, as well as programs.

## 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?

I would say that college isn't everything, we need more trades to retain local populations to support the systems we already have. We need to stop comparing ourselves to Other states we are special and unique, they should be following our example.



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