

# 2022 HawaiiKidsCAN Action Fund Candidate Survey

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

I have a special needs son who attended Leulehua High School for 5 years. He received the best care and services in Hawaii. Better than any other state that we have lived in. My oldest son attended Leilehua High School four years and received excellent training from the JROTC and has been serving in the US military since graduation. I played football for 11 years and I believe the Hawaii public school system offers students many opportunities for athletic participation. This helps students learn valuable life lessons, form social networks, get proper exercise and the potential for college scholarships.

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

I believe they should do a better job preparing students for a college education or entrance into a vocational school. This questionnaire states that "college going has remained flat with roughly 50% of recent Hawaii public school high school graduates going to college (2 or 4 year)." That question infers that this is something that needs to be improved.

## 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.)?

1. Teacher salaries 2. Computer science education 3. Technology 4. Programs to address learning loss 5. Charter Schools 6. Community partnerships and projects 7. Distance learning options

## 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

I would try to encourage each student with incentives and other ways. But I don't think you should require anyone to complete an application for Free Federal Student Aid.

## 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.

I believe that the public schools should strive to guarantee a quality education. The problem as I see it with establishing an amendment to provide a quality education is; who will define what quality education is? If the people in charge of ensuring that the students of public schools receive a quality education are not ensuring it now then they should be replaced. The fact that this question is being asked leads me to believe that some changes need to occur now with those whom are responsible.

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

As one elected member of legislature, I can do my best to improve the relationships by showing dignity, honor and respect to the Hawaii State Board of Education members and expecting the same from each one of them. I will look areas of common ground and work on those issues and not waste valuable time arguing over things separate and divide us as colleagues.

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

The fact that I would be an elected as Republican member of the legislature would place me as a legislature as a minority member. Being in the minority I would probably be selected to serve on several committees with the Hawaii Department of Education, University of Hawaii system and employers. I will do my best to look for ways where we can work together to benefit the students of these departments. My goal will be to help the students and by working together with those who have the same goals.

## 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?

Students have to be taught how to read and write effectively to get into college and to graduate. Schools need to become places of learning again and not places where special interest groups and political groups conduct self interest campaigns. I will support more advanced placement classes for those students who qualify and others to qualify. I would look for more ways to connect students to community colleges and other colleges before graduation. I would try to create more opportunities for students who are struggling with reading and writing to receive free tutoring, mentoring, and accountability partners. A college education is received primarily through reading and writing and students who are struggling early in high school with these skills will struggle in college. It must be a priority to increase the proficiency in these skill sets. I will work to increase funding opportunities for students who cannot afford to attend colleges. In addition, I will look for ways to help students attend vocational schools and join the military. The military offers great educational opportunities as a benefit for enlistment.

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