

# 2022 HawaiiKidsCAN Action Fund Candidate Survey

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<b>1. What does Hawaii do well with regards to K-12 public education?</b>
The unified school system does work in favor of equality of resources.
<b>2. What should Hawaii do better with regards to K-12 public education?</b>

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Better paid teachers (and therefore presumably better qualified teachers), smaller class sizes and better physical plant.

**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.)?**

Better paid teachers, smaller classes and better physical plant in that order.

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

Yes

**4.a Comment**

It would help eliminate kids thinking they just can't afford it.

**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 support an amendment like that and I think it's more symbolically important than practical. It would indicate that voters viewed this as a priority, but of course there is nothing stopping us from making it a priority right now.

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

I don't expect the relationship to change. There is structurally built in tension because we control the purse strings. Unless we were to give the BOE taxing authority and make them completely independent of the Legislature, I think there will always be some tension.

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

I don't think this is something achievable by bill. When opportunities arise to encourage collaboration, I will take advantage of them.

**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?**

It wouldn't hurt to emulate what California is doing. Having said that I don't know what that is. Making going to college "cool" would require a communications campaign and changes in attitude at the family level.