

# 2022 HawaiiKidsCAN Action Fund Candidate Survey

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

We did a great job finally listening to HSTA and allocating \$130m for the teacher salary compression fix.

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

We need to address the teacher shortage, and high teacher turnover rate.

## 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.)?

Teacher salaries, teacher housing, and charter schools should be among the top priorities.

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

Yes

## 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. Students should feel safe from bullying, should have enthusiastic teachers, and adequate facilities.

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

Push for bills that the BOE wants, encourage dialogue between the two bodies, and invite BOE members to participate in the legislative process.

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

If there is a specific issue in dispute, perhaps the Legislature could schedule an informational briefing or a caucus meeting. We should continue inviting these 3 parties to WAM site visits.

## 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?

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Continue to support vocational programs at HCC and other college campuses. Providing students with practical and hands on learning opportunities can go a long way toward attracting students.



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