

2022 HawaiiKidsCAN Action Fund Candidate Survey

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1. What does Hawaii do well with regards to K-12 public education?
Not sure.
2. What should Hawaii do better with regards to K-12 public education?

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Less testing more learning.

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 definitely need to compensate our teachers appropriately. We also need to give public charter schools the same dollars per student that public schools receive. And we need to bring back trade schools teaching high school students Welding, carpentry, auto mechanics,

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

No more mandating. Let parents and students be free to choose.

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, absolutely. Taxpayers want the best education for their hard earned tax dollars.

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

Both needs to be held more accountable to their constituents (parents, taxpayer, voters)

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

not sure.

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?

College may not be everyones cup of tea. Some students might want to go straight to work. Others might want a trade or tech school. But for those that want higher education, access to financial aid and scholarships and incentives to come back to Hawaii and work in fields we are lacking, ie Teachers, counselors, nursing.