

# 2022 HawaiiKidsCAN Action Fund Candidate Survey

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Children can play outdoors year round

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

Focus on the whole child. Provide remediation for special needs children, with enrichment activities for the rest, and extra enrichment for gifted children.

## 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.)?

Increase teacher salaries, reduce DOE personnel at the Miller St. office. Separate school district into Counties.

## 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

Not REQUIRE but encourage.

## 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.

Absolutely. Originally public education was just meant to create factory workers. It needs to be elevated to educate the whole child. This is why, in addition to reading, writing and arithmetic, art; music; drama, and most importantly, CRITICAL THINKING must be taught.

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

I will listen to their point of view, ensure that I understand it, and then clearly explain my point of view.

## 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 will first discuss the fact that, in education, there are no 'experts' whose opinions are more important than parents, who are each the 'expert' on their own child. Likewise it is time to get egos out of the education system.

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**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?**

We are not 'competing' with another state, we must do what is BEST for our keiki. First of all college must be free for students who need it. And additionally there should be access to trade school, as they equip students with a well-paid and reliable profession.



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