

2022 HawaiiKidsCAN Action Fund Candidate Survey

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

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Hawai'i as a community provides a tremendous amount of recognition and support to the youth. The community creates learning opportunities in the forms of charter schools, place based learning and cultural activities to support the k-12 education.

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

The Hawai'i state Government should prioritize upgrading school facilities to include air-conditioning (where applicable), broadband, access to technology based learning, update playground equipment, and improve student support services through relationships with community non-profits. The Department of Education should launch a joint recruiting incentive based campaign with current employees to fill vacant teacher, administrator, and faculty positions. Hosting regular townhall meetings with the Superintendent and a teacher task force to receive feedback from the community in the areas of: educational standards, needed facilities and equipment, career and entrepreneurship development programs, best educational practices overviews, and community best effort recognition are things and ways I believe Hawai'i should do better.

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.)?

I think we should prioritize our spending within budget to have a competitive and prepared student workforce, supported and incentivized teachers, and administrators that correlate the return on investment to a sound educational experience on behalf of Hawai'i's taxpayers.

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, I believe Hawai'i students should have a constitutional right to a quality education and this is feedback from constituent that we've meet on the campaign trail. I believe a quality education is foundational for all children in our community and an accountability piece to our children and taxpayers.

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

Regular monthly meetings that promote rapport and teamwork on the goals of Hawaii State Board of Education and their outcomes and making needed adjustment.

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

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Regular monthly meetings with goals that provide the desired outcomes and promote rapport and teamwork.

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?

I propose raising the levels through bi-annual college fairs of all college and universities and trade schools to each Island.



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