

# 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>
Administration and Teachers commitment
<b>2. What should Hawaii do better with regards to K-12 public education?</b>

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Keep government out of education. Leave that to the professionals

**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.)?**

Top priority! Direct funding through our General Funds

**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.**

No to amending the Constitution, the word 'quality' is subjective, and it implies that our keiki are not receiving a quality education.

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

Not sure, for we have a good relationship right now. Catherine Payne is very reachable and have a great relationship with the Board.

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

Communication without Interference. The PCNC position is key In the school system to coordinate with the community. As for within our system, Aiea is already doing much to be in line with one another from k-12 and beyond. Example would be our Academies that have been installed.

**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?**

The Academies and AP courses really help for the High School students now have a step in the door. Preparing our students for Higher Education is one thing, but Preparing for life also needs to be addressed, which we are doing through STEM and trade programs.