

2022 HawaiiKidsCAN Action Fund Candidate Survey

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1. What does Hawaii do well with regards to K-12 public education?
I don't believe Hawaii does anything well with regards to K-12 public education.
2. What should Hawaii do better with regards to K-12 public education?
Hawaii must do better to recruit and retain educators with increase in pay and benefits.
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.)?
First, better compensation for our teachers. Second, more resources to be made available for our children. Third, safe school environment.
4. Hawaii should require all students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid before graduating from high school, or complete a waiver.
Yes
4.a Comment
Much more needs to be done within Hawaii to help support higher education, instead of just seeking Federal hand outs.

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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.

We can work with existing Hawaii State Constitution without any amendments but must be proactive in funding our education system.

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

Every starting point is with public education, must informed the people about what's being done or not done and why. Who appoints the Board of education? There's absolutely no need for private agendas. We must never play politics with our future, our children's future.

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

We need to regularly bring the parties together to discuss a common solution. Again, people must be included in all discussions and know why there are differences.

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?

More direct reach out to secondary schools on the importance of higher education and means to pay for them, and we must start in freshman level.

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