

# 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>
Our K-12 Public Education System does well at being an inclusive of all students.
<b>2. What should Hawaii do better with regards to K-12 public education?</b>

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Our K-12 Public Education System needs to pare down the academic offering to just reading, writing, arithmetic, science, civics, American history and english.

**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.)?**

Teacher salaries because the State of Hawaii broke the promises in the past to increase teachers' salaries, focus on smaller core courses offering.

**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**

This will open up Federal financial resources for all high schoolers as they approach graduation.

**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.**

Quality assumes there is proper governance that includes quality assessments for teacher performance, subject matter, teaching materials, education environment and the formulation of student support. The word assessment will impact our union relations and teacher performance may turn the process into a teacher celebrity contest and students will revolt.

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

The members of the legislature should spend time at schools during school hours. Legislators who can empathize with teachers.

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

Make their respective budgets tied to their success rate of working together.

**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 am open to our colleges having decreasing enrollment rates as long as we see a corresponding increase in trade school and union apprenticeships.