

2022 HawaiiKidsCAN Action Fund Candidate Survey

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1. What does Hawaii do well with regards to K-12 public education?
Nothing comes to mind other than that we have a lot of wonderful teachers who need community support.
2. What should Hawaii do better with regards to K-12 public education?
Change the curriculum to focus on reading, math ,science, American/Hawaiian history, civics and music ONLY! No political agendas. Also, politicians should stop taking donations from the teachers' union. The teachers' union is bad for public education.
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.)?
Infrastructure, charter schools, and school choice vouchers.

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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

Of course not. Not every child wants or needs to go to college. Also, just look at the mess the president caused when he unilaterally, without constitutional authority, "forgave" hundreds of billions of dollars in student loan debt. That was/is not good for our children because they will have to pay for it long term, regardless of whether they went/go to college. Many of the indebted probably would have been better off skipping college.

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.

The state Constitution should be amended to remove any mention of education because that does not belong in any Constitution. Constitutions are to provide for the structure of government and its limitations, that's all. Our Constitution is already a mess. Besides, who determines what a "quality" education is? It shouldn't be anyone affiliated with the teachers' union, that's for sure.

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

I'd start with an elected school board, then go from there.

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

Encourage employers to get involved in the curricula in public schools and the University of Hawai'i. They know what sort of curricula will prepare our children for the future, and much of what we presently teach our children, teens, and young adults has little to do with preparing them for success in the real world.

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 better question is why do high school graduates NEED to go to college? The answer is they don't unless they want to. So called "Higher Education" is a mess. Once colleges focus like lasers on important subjects, rather than political agendas and useless classes, then maybe we should consider proposals to raise the levels. Besides, the general State of California is more of a mess than Hawai'i's. We shouldn't model after California in any respect, particularly, when it comes to our kids' educations.