

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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The statewide system of funding K-12 public education ensure that there is a modicum of equity for all students even if they live in more economically challenged communities.

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

We need to do better to ensure that students are having meaningful learning experience that prepare them for success in the future.

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.)?

Ensuring quality education through teacher & school employee salaries that ensure we have quality leaders, workers & programs throughout Hawaii's public school system.

4. Hawaii should require all students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid before graduating from high school, or complete a waiver.

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All students should definitely be encouraged to complete a FAFSA. However, if there is some type of negative/punitive consequence is connected to a filing requirement (ie, student gets a bad grade in a college advisory class), I would not support this type of requirement.

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.

Of course every student should have a right to a quality education.

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

Keeping lines of communication open between the Board of Education and Legislature should be a key priority.

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 continue to encourage the collaborations such as Hawaii's P-20 and P-3 initiative, HAH's workforce shortage initiatives

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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?

We need to continue to support programs like Early College and the Hawaii Promise Program. The Early College program encourages public school students to begin to earn college credit even when they are still in high school. The Hawaii Promise Program helps individuals meet the high costs of post-secondary education.



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