

Governor David Ige's Keynote Address - Hawaii Education Summit, July 9, 2016

"Our public school system touches all of us. A strong education system is the foundation for strong families, strong communities, and a strong economy."

"The world has changed. And change is happening faster and faster, each and every day. Jobs that are routine or low skilled are being outsourced out of country or automated. Seventy percent of new jobs in this global knowledge economy require a college degree. Today's kindergarteners will be employed in jobs that don't exist yet, using technology that hasn't been invented, to solve problems we don't even know are problems yet."

"What happens if the rate of change in our education system does not meet or exceed the rate of change in our community? Failure is not an option."

"We need to ensure that our education system can be nimble, innovative, and creative to meet or exceed the rate of change ..."

"How do we create a public education system that prepares graduates for their future and not our past?"

"We need to develop adaptive life-long learners who can deal with the complexities of an ever changing world, an ever accelerating world."

"We will need to design a system that empowers those closest to the children, to make decisions about how resources can best be used for them."

"We need to involve all stakeholders, asking hard questions, listening and learning from each other ... to create a new blueprint for our public schools"

"We need to find the best leaders in our public schools and nurture them and help them to be successful in leading our schools to new achievements and excellence."

"We need to envision new possibilities."

"My vision is ... future-focused empowered school communities that inspire innovation, creativity, and leadership in a healthy and safe learning environment."

"I do know that our public school system can be the best in the country."

"It is about how we can make change, and be change agents, to ensure that our students, our teachers, and the leaders at the school level have the resources and the capacity, and the empowerment ...to make those changes that are so important in giving our students the best opportunity to succeed ."

"Thank you for helping us build and design the blueprint for the best education future-focused, 21st century public school system in the country."