



## ENGAGING OUR ISLAND COMMUNITIES IN DEVELOPING AN EDUCATION BLUEPRINT

The Every Student Succeeds Act has dramatically changed the context for public education in Hawaii unlike any previous federal education policy. Three separate but complementary education plans are being drafted at the same time to envision how Hawaii can transform our public education system: an education blueprint, a department of education strategic plan, and a consolidated state ESSA plan to be sent to the federal U.S. education department. As a result of a comprehensive and rigorous statewide schedule of community engagement meetings and forums, our students, parents, teachers, principals, community members and stakeholders have identified the following aspirations for Hawaii's education blueprint.

### Ten Aspirations for the Hawaii Education Blueprint:

- Universal Early Education: Pre-K Education for all students who need early education
- Systemic Hawaii School Empowerment: Systemic approach to empowerment and accountability
- Hawaii School Innovation Opportunities: Innovation Grants, Innovation Awards, Design Thinking Academies, Charter School Innovations
- Elevation of the Teaching Profession in Hawaii to Significantly Attract and Retain Excellent Teachers: Ending the teacher shortage in Hawaii by transforming the teaching profession.
- Nation's Best Leadership Development Program: Providing systemic statewide educational leadership excellence.
- Equity For All Students: Closing and ending the achievement gap for special education, ELL, economically disadvantaged students, and all students in need of greater support.
- Student Centered Testing and Assessments: Transition to authentic assessments, performance assessments, project-based assessments, culturally relevant assessments; transition from testing primarily in reading and math; a new policy on assessment literacy and assessment practices for the system, school, and classroom - all in the service of student learning.
- Systemic Parent and Family Engagement: family engagement centers, consultation, policies, funding, and professional development for schools.
- System of Differentiated Support for Schools and Complexes: specialized support from an Elementary Division, Middle School Division, High School Division, Native Hawaiian Education Division, and Neighbor Island Support Team, and more
- Uniquely Hawaii-Focused School System based on Hawaii's core values, Nā Hopena A'o, culturally relevant teaching and learning, our official state languages, and more. Systems for accountability, accreditation, educator evaluations are aligned as part of culture-based excellence.