Input from Hawaii Education Summit

Design Idea: EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE

Our Hawaii public schools will achieve high learning expectations, built around 21st century competencies, supported by quality teaching that meets the needs of all students and eliminates all achievement gaps.

Input from post it notes and chart papers:

DOE will open relationship w/3rd party to share data and collaborate on outcome DOE take leadership role in bringing 3rd party services to schools or struggling students outside school (library) Collaboration between DOE & state libraries to meet shared goals. DOE & libraries work more closely with 3rd party providers to increase achievement and meet student needs "All" should be removed.
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The aim is to provide personalized learning to students but given the spectrum of learning needs of students, educators have difficulty attending to the personalized needs of each student.
Do we look at ADEQUACY?
CTE would benefit students in their area, but this should be across the board for all student
Don't teach down to the students who do not understand what/where the lesson(s) should be
More integrative students Proj. Based pedagogy in classrooms
Individualized education is how to provide equity which leads to excellence
Use a variety of measures other than standardized tests to measure "gaps"
Provide fair resources (not "equitable") to meet student needs level the "resource gaps"
Teacher incentive merit based pay
Right to hire/fire employees based on performance
Quality teachers for all students
Lower class sizes
Clearly define what equity is. And how we (students, teachers, principals, parents, etc.) can relate use
equity.
We have to find additional sources of revenue/funding for public education
To get away with the equal \$ per SpEd students and do a weighted system
Waianae/Ewa Beach schools need basics (air conditioners/books/physical environment like SpEd rooms
with washer/dryers/bathrooms)
Schools in Waianae need experienced teacher(s) rather than new bus there was a program that Kumu
Mililani Allen had to integrate new teachers regarding the culture of local kids also to have teacher stay
past 2 years due to their forgiveness of student loans [sic] To eliminate the achievement gap of SpEd & economically disadvantaged to make sure the exit the 3rd
grade reading @ the 3rd grade level [sic]
Up to 3rd grade a student is learning to read after 4 &5th grade a student reads to learn [sic]
Fairness & representation & respect for everyone eg. support & non-discrimination based on gender, sexual orientation, ethnic background, language, disability, religion, income, geographic residency (?).
Raise the bar that SpEd student can learn
Inclusion of equity will empower all and improve education
Professional learning communities to address universal and unique needs of ALL students (Els, students w/special needs, GT)
We need to address equity & social justice issues.
Give priority to Els and MLLs (and their families) to actively engage in the learning process
Develop cultural sensitivity
Utilize Universal Design for Learning to allow students more options to acquire knowledge and to show what they know.

Use Title II funding to strengthen school principals as instructional leaders More training for principals about various subgroups (ELL, homelessness, SpEd, immigrant) Intentional support like collegial coaching for principals Co-teaching in classrooms to support all learners. Abolish Unit 6 for Eos We need to explore and redefine excellence so that it broadens beyond test scores. Foster the idea that one size does not fit all Important to have high, but realistic expectations of all students Use community school models to make changes [??] that allow [?] access/ [sic] Early learning needs to be included in all design ideas! Smaller classroom sizes w/qualified staff More inclusion settings w/individualized attention consistently given ^[increase?] parent engagement & involvement in the classroom Examine policy & system barriers from student programs (i.e. afterschool) specific to 1 school Create cadre of qualified Special Education/ELL mentor teachers to support teaching staff working with special populations EOEL & Charter School preschools should include Special Ed children for inclusive settings Ensure professional development opportunities & supports for teaching staff working with ALL children including Special Needs students, ELL, etc. We need to broaden the scope of what you want to measure -- and the whole community should be Find leaders who recognize what matters to students, teachers, & families--who recognize quality & communities. Hire them! Micronesian children & children in poverty Provide \$\$ funding for resource, ELL, SpEd teachers Is excellence measured by General Education achievements? How do we address the inequity of access to opportunities across schools in the state? Personalized PD for teachers & Admin critical to scale [?] training to meet diverse needs. You will need a Teacher Eval focused on growth over time, evidence & supported by Admin, coaches, mentors, etc. Would it be possible to maintain records of progress from exited ELL/SPED students? Allow administrators and teachers to pursue and fill openings throughout the year as they become available with teachers that would best fit those vacancies Increase funding for students (WSF) Time for collaboration and planning. Students that GE to another school. The WSF money should stay with the home school. Our current language around education creates divisiveness (e.g. high needs, ELL, gap. . .disadvantaged) When do we shift the narrative so all students feel respected, valued, gifted--and not categorized/marginalized? We are already in 21st century start looking at 22nd Equity in funding CAS assign excellent/talented teacher s/high incentive \$5-10,000 not punishment Time and \$ doesn't match needs, especially in ID of special needs Needs to reflect population of school and demographics Allow schools to choose sub groups Provide for all talents theater math music art dance science gardening athletics Hawaiian language & culture for every student in DOE. Bi-lingual to graduate. This is the ONLY place in the world where we speak Hawaiian. Multi-lingual better!!! How do we provide equity for ELL students--esp for children of Micronesian descent (1) ESSA committee is comprised of the same representative population as the DOE student population (2)Build a relevant ESSA lan for the population it will serve.

How can (??) provide more funding for charter schools' faculty & staff [difficult to decipher handwriting] Not being so content-driven Focus on learning how to learn: valuing 4 c's in balance w/academics or integrated. ELL, military, foster children in sub groups Funding for mentor (??) -facilities-labs [unable to decipher handwriting] CAS given authority to move excellent teachers to low performing schools--compensation How will you support the Hawaiian Immersion Program? And teacher development. Let the highest poverty schools be the most innovative (As opposed to more prescription) Support this with resources. Encourage ESSA Task Force to be sensitive to the needs/wants of neighbor islands Find ways to serve families out of school. Digital Equity Access. (So that fear does not prevent service) Design must be flexible enough to allow school communities to fund innovative project(s) that benefit their students. Celebrations, pride, & asset based interactions in some (of) our lower performing or stereotyped Emphasis on growth & progression of learning on a continuum SpEd inclusion supported with "enough" personnel, coupled w/prof dev. & time (to build) for collaboration classroom teacher & SpEd teacher [sic] Increased parental involvement by teaching communication skills to parents. Jim Manske- Maui, Nonviolent Communication for the Next Generation info @nucnextgen.org Personalized learning becomes an integral element of DOE's accountability system when assessments themselves acknowledge diversity & differentiation How do you address the gap with parents-- achievement gap between subgroups monetary resources Community schools-- help address issues of poverty, mitigate risks (hunger, health care) How does ESSA incorporate the LGBT students when it comes down to activities involving gender? (e.g. sports) Advice: Teachers should motive [sic] and encourage ELL students to their highest limit. Reach out and see when it blocking [sic] them from their learning. Early childhood ed needed to address achievement gaps More funding for Special Education classroom support personnel. More Educational assistants would help achievement gap Provide resources to establish schools of remediation withing each school Mentors important to help students with challenges. -Peer support to help students -Make sure not to stigmatize -Value effort, collaboration, innovation, not just test scores Instructional approaches active, collaborative & allows multiple entry points into both content & learning How does the ESSA Plan address supports for teachers new to Hawaii or to the Dept. to ensure quality Is equity & excellence a contradiction? How do we focus on the needs of our students academically if social/physical/emotional needs not (met) PTP credit should be student-driven, like the "senior project." Attract & retain more qualified & passionate educators to become ELL & SpEd teachers by providing comprehensive supports, acknowledgment of achievements & growths, and opportunities for advancement Equity-- include all islands in voice decision making Equity-- resources for ELL at state level & schools GPA- SpEd v. ELL Its hard to discuss each of these "design ideas" in isolation because they are so tightly intertwined How can ESSA be designed to truly support the change in the schools rather than design specific roles, guidelines, systems, etc. SpEd students in general classrooms Authentic assessments for student achievement Equity & Excellence •IEP •ELL summer acculturation classes •Full Inclusion for diploma students •ID

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