

# STUDENTS OF HAWAI'I

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## OCTOBER BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

by Maya Gee

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This month the HIBOE Student Achievement Committee was given a presentation on the updates to the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan, including replacements for the School Quality Survey, reducing the achievement gap by 7 points for math and 8 points for ELA, and gathering family engagement data using the Tripod Survey. Additionally, the committee was given two presentations on special education and special education data.

During General Business Meetings this month, the Board received a presentation on Dr. Kishimoto's Implementation Plan for the Joint Department of Education and Board of Education Strategic Plan.

Within her implementation plan, there were several action items are directed towards three high impact strategies: school design, teacher collaboration, and student voice.

To view these Action Items please visit the Hawaii Board of Education website under the agenda for the October 3, 2017 General Business Meeting.

## HAWAII STATE STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING WITH SUPT. KISHIMOTO

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The Hawaii State Student Council met for their second meeting on September 30, 2017.

The main agenda item was a Discussion on Student Voice with Superintendent Kishimoto. The HSSC gave feedback to Superintendent Kishimoto's student action items and decided to align the work within their committees with her Action Items.

The 2017-2018 Committees are:

1. Student Achievement: works on promoting, and/or changing, the existing Board of Education educational standards to provide the students of Hawaii a quality education.
  2. Co-Curricular: works to support all aspects of student's educational experience—electives, extra-curriculars, sports, and more.
  3. School Environment: works to promote a healthy and stable physical and mental learning environment for Hawaii public schools.
- Each identifies issues and concerns within their committee and formulates solutions.

## CONFERENCES & EVENTS

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- Student Activities Coordinators Meeting: The Hawaii State Student Council Executive Board gave a presentation to the Student Activities Coordinators (SACs) from across the state regarding Dr. Kishimoto's new Student Voice Action Items. SACs had the opportunity to say what they believe is student voice and give feedback to the action items.
- Children and Youth Summit: Hosted by the Hawai'i State Legislature's Keiki Caucus, the Children and Youth Summit is an event for students, advocates, and policymakers to collaborate and identify critical issues, that affect the lives of youth, the legislature should focus on this Spring.

Over 150 participants attended and took part in breakout sessions on the Economy, Education, Environment and Sustainability, Civil Rights, and Health and Human Services. Their opinions and voice will be channeled into this year's legislature by Representative Matthew Lo Presti and Senator Karl Rhoads.

- Schools of the Future Conference: On October 26, I had the opportunity to serve as one of the students on a Question & Answer panel facilitated by Marc Prensky. Prensky asked us questions regarding our current education system and where we would like to see it progress. We discussed project-based learning, Design Thinking, and other activities we use in the classroom; additionally, we spoke about how we hope to see the education system evolve towards the future job industry.

## WHAT SHOULD WE FOCUS ON THIS YEAR?

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The HSSC wants to know what YOU think is an important issue we should focus on this year. From Personal Transition Plans to elective courses, we want to know what you are concerned about within your school, district, and state. We also would like to know any of your ideas or solutions on how you think we can improve our education system.

We hope to focus on one specific issue during the 2017-2018 school year with a solution that aligns with the Dr. Kishimoto's Action Items. In addition, we would like to formulate a policy solution we can present to the Board of Education and hopefully add to educational policy.

Please share your thoughts and ideas at [boe.hssc@gmail.com](mailto:boe.hssc@gmail.com) by November 17.