

## OUR CULTURE LIVES THROUGH OUR LANGUAGE



Kawaikini's core curriculum focuses on Hawaiian **LANGUAGE AND CULTURE**. Students in grades K-5 are immersed in the Hawaiian language to the fullest extent possible during the day with formal English instruction beginning in the 5th grade for one hour per day. During grades 6-12, students receive approximately half of their instruction in the medium of the English language, allowing the students at Kawaikini to become **BILINGUAL** in both English and Hawaiian languages.

Kawaikini's program promotes a multi-faceted learning environment. It immerses the students in the language, **VALUES AND TRADITIONS** of Hawaiian culture and fosters an increased level of hands-on experiential learning. This innovative approach of project-based learning is among the most effective types of linguistic programs available in the U.S. and is **FREE TO ALL** Kaua'i students.

The program also allows **PARENTS** to take an active role in their child's education by participating in Hawaiian language classes, developing individualized family goals, as well as attending meetings and school events. This results in accelerated learning for each student due to increased parental involvement. In addition, Kawaikini's exceptional academic standards and **ACCOUNTABILITY** ensure that its students – our future leaders – are endowed with diverse wisdom and perspective.

Take charge of your child's future: [kawaikini.com](http://kawaikini.com)

## TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN VALUES COME TO LIFE

*Kawaikini's curriculum encompasses three areas of instruction, each aligned with the Hawai'i State Content and Performance Standards for education, giving students a well-rounded foundation for college and beyond.*



### **KAUA'I A MANOKALANIPO (KAUA'I CURRICULUM):**

Science, Social Studies, Fine & Performing Arts and Literature are the focus of this unique Kaua'i-based multidisciplinary curriculum. Hawaiian concepts, traditions of Kaua'i, as well as the expertise of our Kaua'i community are the source of integrated learning opportunities in this portion of the curriculum. Traditional literature of Kaua'i is emphasized.

### **OLA PONO (HEALTH AND WELLNESS):**

The overall well-being of each student is the focus of this curricular area. Daily physical exercise, healthy nutrition and Hawaiian wellness practices are incorporated into the lifestyle at Kawaikini. Running, hiking, swimming, paddling and traditional Hawaiian games are some physical activities students participate in.



### **KE ALA 'IKE (COLLEGE AND CAREER PREPARATION):**

This section of the curriculum provides students with life skills to pursue career and/or college goals upon graduation. Special attention is given to Math, English Language, Arts and Technology. Students have the opportunity in high school to participate in a career mentorship as well as attend classes at Kaua'i Community College.



## A VISIONARY CONCEPT IN EDUCATION

Since charter schools first began as an alternative to the traditional public school system, a growing number of parents, teachers and students have experienced the benefits of what this more customized model of education can achieve. Charter schools are publicly funded, supported by legislative mandate and guided by three principles — that they are free to all students who enroll, they operate autonomously and they use new, innovative approaches to educational instruction. In their 15 year history, charter schools have a proven record of scholastic success.

Kawaikini is now among 4,000 plus charter schools serving over 1.2 million students nationwide. As a charter school, Kawaikini empowers parents by providing them a choice in their child's educational well-being and prepares its students for college and career success by equipping them with the tools necessary for a prosperous future.



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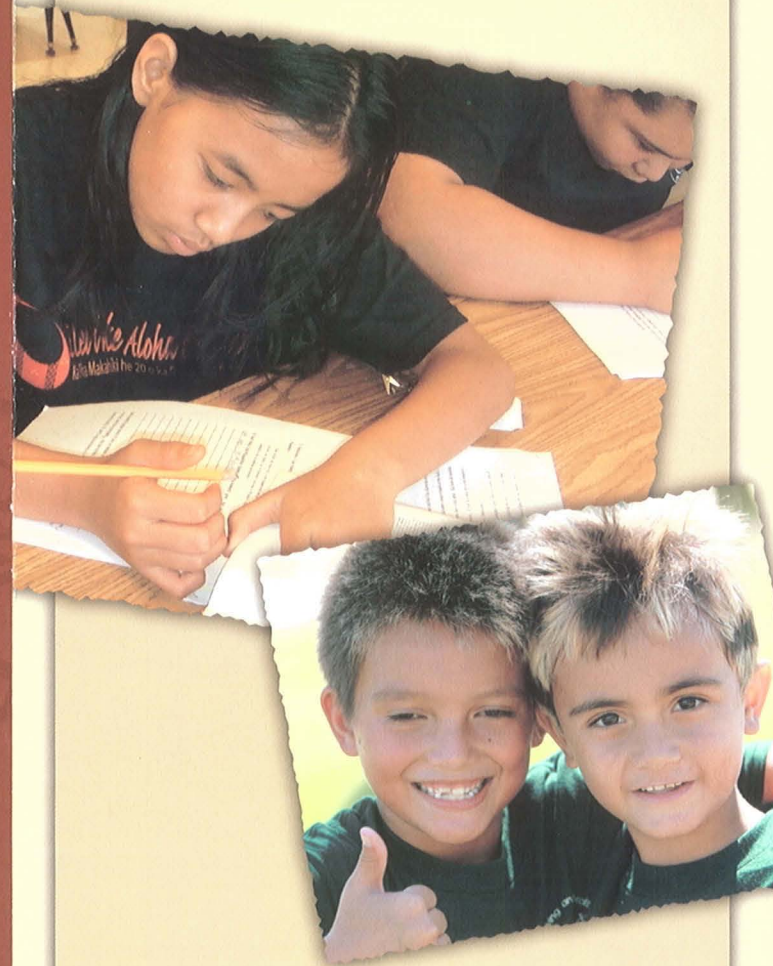
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**HAWAIIAN VALUES  
HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE  
HAWAII'S FUTURE**

**IN SUPPORT OF GIA 221-C** for Supporting the Language of Kaua'i to plan and construct school facilities and a community resource center for Kawaikini New Century Public School:

**Supporting the Language of Kauai, Inc.**

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# **SUPPORTING THE LANGUAGE OF KAUA'I, INC.**

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GRANT-IN-AID FUNDING 221-C

**GRANTS-IN-AID INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING**  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
House Committee on Finance  
Wednesday, March 11, 2008, 9:00am  
State Capitol Auditorium

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Kaua'i Children's Discovery Museum  
Kekukuilamalamaho'ola After School Tutoring and Project Based Learning  
The Native Hawaiian Education Council - Kaua'i Island Council  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Community Resource Coordinator for Kaua'i,  
Kanani Kagawa  
Punana Leo o Kaua'i Hawaiian Immersion Preschool, Lei' lima Rapozo, Director  
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University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Institute for Teacher Education, Dr. Kani Blackwell,  
Statewide E.E.C.E. Cohort Coordinator for Kaua'i

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GRANT-IN-AID FUNDING 221-C**

**To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means**

**Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance**

**I want to testify in strong support of GIA 221-C for Supporting the Language of Kaua'i, Inc. for the purpose of building facilities for Kawaikini New Century Public Charter School and Community Resource Center.**

**After undergoing a rigorous application and approval process, Kawaikini was authorized as a Charter School on October 29, 2007, to begin serving the public for 2008-09 school year.**

**The three main emphases for all students are 1) Health and Wellness, 2) Kaua'i Curriculum, and; 3) College Preparation. This public school will address national concerns of obesity and health and wellness of students.**

## **In Partnership with Kaua'i Community College, Kawaikini:**

- is centrally located, and will establish a P-20 community, partnering with other Hawaiian Immersion programs throughout the islands as well as, Punana Leo o Kaua'i, and Kaua'i Community College Department of Hawaiian Studies.**
- The close proximity to KCC will make teacher training, observation and resource sharing attainable.**
- Keiki can learn by active participation in community service projects such as maintaining the taro fields on the campus.**
- Encourages and fosters college readiness and will offer College Preparation for after high school with the College transition program called Running Start.**
- Will help to create jobs for those students who may not have considered higher education.**
- Cultivates and guides career opportunities within the Kaua'i community.**

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## **Perpetuation of the Hawaiian Language and Culture:**

- Beginning in the 2008-09 school year, Kawalkini will be the only K-12 Hawaiian Immersion School on the island of Kaua'i.
- Will acquire and preserve knowledge from Kupuna and cultural practitioners in written, oral and visual resources to serve the public.
- the future leaders of Kaua'i will be endowed with Hawaiian cultural wisdom and perspective.
- Preserve the precious language and culture that are so important to Hawai'i.
- Help improve the health of our youth by partnering with Ho'ola Lahui Hawaii, a non-profit organization on the island whose purpose is to promote health and wellness through innovative and culturally appropriate activities for children and their families.
- This public school will combine both culture and quality learning.

**Mahalo nui loa for providing us the opportunity to speak on behalf of Supporting the Language of Kaua'i, Inc. We appreciate your consideration of our Grant-In-Aid request.**