
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
SUPPORT AND IMPLEMENT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS AS A STRATEGY FOR
INCREASING ACCESS TO A HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION.

1 WHEREAS, Article X, Section 1, of the Hawaii State
2 Constitution provides for the establishment of a statewide
3 system of public schools; and
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5 WHEREAS, every child should be given the opportunity to
6 obtain a high-quality education; and
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8 WHEREAS, according to the Department of Education, during
9 the 2017-2018 school year, 48.8 percent of public school
10 students were considered economically challenged and 87,576
11 students qualified for the Department's free and reduced-price
12 lunch program; and
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14 WHEREAS, community schools provide comprehensive programs
15 and services to meet the unique needs of students and families,
16 such as a lack of stable housing, inadequate medical and dental
17 care, persistent hunger, trauma, and exposure to violence; and
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19 WHEREAS, according to a report from the Learning Policy
20 Institute, the four key pillars of a community-schools approach
21 to education are integrated student supports, expanded and
22 enriched learning time and opportunities, active family
23 engagement, and collaborative leadership; and
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25 WHEREAS, practices embodied in community schools promote
26 conditions found in high-quality schools nationwide, especially
27 with regard to overcoming out-of-school barriers to learning;
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30 WHEREAS, research shows that community-school interventions
31 can result in improvements to a variety of student outcomes,



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1 including attendance, academic achievement, and graduation
2 rates; and
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4 WHEREAS, federal funding can be used to implement community
5 schools through the Every Student Succeeds Act, under which the
6 community-schools model of school support qualifies as an
7 evidence-based strategy for assisting schools identified for
8 comprehensive and targeted support and intervention; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Consolidated State Plan under the Every
11 Student Succeeds Act includes community schools as a research-
12 based strategy for school improvement that emphasizes high-
13 quality teaching, culturally relevant curricula, wraparound
14 student supports, positive disciplinary practices and
15 restorative justice, parent and community engagement, and
16 inclusive school leadership; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
19 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
20 2019, that the Board of Education and Department of Education
21 are urged to support and implement community schools as a
22 strategy for increasing access to a high-quality education; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at least 20 days prior to the
25 convening of the regular sessions of 2020 and 2021, the
26 Department of Education is requested to submit to the
27 Legislature a report of its recommendations, including any
28 proposed legislation, and progress in implementing community
29 schools; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
33 Chairperson of the Board of Education, and Superintendent of
34 Education.
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