

TOWN HALL MEETING ON EDUCATION SUMMARY

57 individuals signed in for the Legislative Town Hall Meeting held on August 17, 2011 at the Waianae District Park and 67 in total attended the meeting including presenters and volunteers. Of the 57 individuals who signed in, 29 meeting feedback forms were received indicating a 51% response rate. The overall response from the meeting was positive and the best indication is in the answers reflected below:

The feedback form asked participants to identify the statement that reflected their opinion:

Description	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. The meeting helped me become more informed on public education.		1	4	19	5
2. I now have a better understanding of public education within the Waianae Complex.		1	4	20	4
3. I learned about funding appropriated for public education in our community.			4	19	6
4. I received information about our community partners in public education.			6	19	4
5. The information presented was relevant and useful to me.			3	18	8

Participants were also asked how they heard about the meeting and to check all that apply.

- Mail (4)
- Website (1)
- Meeting (4)
- Other (13), including TV News & Ohana
- Email (11)
- Facebook (3)
- School (6)

Finally, participants were allowed to provide additional comments or suggestions?

- Mahalo for providing this learning opportunity. Give us more!
- Mahalo for having this meeting and providing our community time to voice our concerns.
- Time limit questions – not everyone had a chance to ask question.
- I would like to have heard more about specific programs impacting our community rather than "we are working on..." or "we are funding..." We need to get the existing programs and community partnerships connected so we can share resources and become a stronger bond to support our schools. Also I am positive that project/place-based learning is the answer for improving education on the coast. Looking forward to the future of the Coast. Thank you for being approachable.
- A couple of questions: What can we do about child education from birth-5 years old? (90% of brain development happens at this age yet we don't start till pre-school which 4 year old at the earliest.)
- Attendance at Nanakuli Tech: Attendance went to 94% yet was that just because involved parents put their students into the school or was that the same students from the year before?
- Attendance on the Waianae Coast: Can we send out a survey of some sort to narrow the reasons why students are missing school and then from these results act so that we can see better attendance.
- Big applause to Jo Jordan the community leader we all should be grateful for.
- Please have all websites working, current, and available. Also please provide parents and families with information on what colleges are looking for so they are (students) are competitive candidates on this coast to get 4 yr scholarships through sports & academics. We want our youth to succeed & have opportunities.