



About the Education Institute of Hawaii

Who We Are

EIH is an independent catalyst for change!

- EIH is led by award-winning, lifelong educators, current and retired.
- EIH believes that there should be only two job descriptions for educators: those that work directly with students and those who support those who work directly with students.
- We believe it's important to challenge the status quo in education:
 - Too many children and educators are not thriving in the current system.
 - While Hawaii's public school teachers, principals and other administrators are competent professionals – fully committed to facilitating an outstanding education for every child – they are trapped by one size-fits-all policies that prevent

teachers and principals from addressing the unique needs of students.

- Change must include and engage a wide range of stakeholders – parents, students and community.
- EIH believes that transformation must be led by visionary leaders/principals.
- EIH is funded by a grant from the Mamoru and Aiko Takitani Foundation.
- Other supporting points to consider:
 - We need to connect best practices in teaching to the operational priorities in the classroom.
 - We're committed to sparking conversation about education.
 - EIH is a catalyst for change, an honest broker, a credible voice.
 - It's important to eliminate compliance fixated people at all levels in the school system.
 - We must provide leadership training for our leaders/principals.

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...students will achieve more when their teachers are able to provide the curriculum and instruction that meet the unique needs of school communities.

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What we want to Accomplish

The EIH seeks to transform public education through school empowerment.

- An empowered school is one with a visionary leader who encourages creativity, collaboration and risk-taking to achieve common goals. With empowerment comes accountability and responsibility for student success.
- We want empowered principals and teachers in creative, collaborative, innovative schools where students thrive and excel, and common goals are achieved.
- EIH is a catalyst for school transformation. The current top-down, one size fits all system of public education is broken. We believe that each school

community should have the power, resources and responsibility to ensure that students thrive.

- We want to transform the philosophy and approach to leadership at every level in the public school system.
- EIH believes that lasting change in public education comes only when schools and communities together take full ownership for creating excellence in teaching and learning.
- EIH believes that it is important to put student assessment in the proper perspective.
- EIH believes in more transparency in education.

“ My vision is ... future-focused empowered school communities that inspire innovation, creativity, and leadership in a healthy and safe learning environment. ”

Governor David Ige, Hawaii Education Summit July 6, 2016