



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RECOGNIZING GOVERNOR'S EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT TEAM AND  
HAWAII'S BLUEPRINT FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, on December 10, 2015, President Obama signed into law the Every Student Succeeds Act ("ESSA"), a historic new law to transform public education for all states across the nation and described as the "greatest devolution of federal authority to states in the last quarter century" by the Wall Street Journal;

**WHEREAS**, on April 14, 2016, Governor David Ige announced the creation of an ESSA Team to "maximize opportunities and possibilities for Hawaii to transform public education" that are presented by the new federal ESSA law;

**WHEREAS**, April through December 2016, the Governor's ESSA Team has organized in an intensive outreach process, which included ESSA Team meetings, multiple town hall meetings, a July 9, 2016 education summit, and surveys that engaged stakeholders in discussing the Governor's and community's vision for education in an unprecedented way;

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's ESSA Team efforts augmented outreach to educators, the community, and students by the Board of Education ("Board") and Department of Education ("Department") in the review and extension of its Strategic Plan;

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's ESSA Team developed an aspirational document—Governor's Blueprint for Public Education—to codify the Governor's vision and set broad targets for educational reform;

**WHEREAS**, the Board approved the Board and Department's Strategic Plan for 2017-2020 unanimously on December 6, 2016, following collaborative meetings with the Governor and his ESSA Team to align the plans;

**WHEREAS**, the Board and Department's Strategic Plan provides direction for schools to achieve equity and excellence, as envisioned in the Governor's Blueprint, so that all of Hawaii's students will have opportunities to be engaged and inspired to be empowered by their learning to set and achieve their aspirations for the future; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the State of Hawaii Board of Education commends Governor Ige and his ESSA Team for their hard work and dedication to public education expressed in the process of developing the Governor's Blueprint for Public Education; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the State of Hawaii Board of Education commits to partner with Governor Ige and his ESSA Team to ground educational improvement and innovation in a collective strengths-based approach guided by the Nā Hopena A'o framework, to secure resources to realize their vision of becoming nationally recognized as a top public education system in the country, and to prepare students for high-skills careers in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

This resolution was proposed and approved by the Board at its February 21, 2017 General Business Meeting.

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