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What does it mean to you to have student centered goals and how might this affect you and/or your peers?

<p>I think renewing focus on "student centered goals" will remind those who are involved in the administrative and logistical areas of education to always be thinking of how their decisions affect students. Hopefully it will mean that people who come to improve the campus do not engage in construction projects during class time. Hopefully it will mean that those staff in our school's office (and the offices of the DOE) listen to student voices more often. I am encouraged by the fact that the DOE has been doing a great job at student outreach since I've been a member of HSSC.</p>	<p>Student-centered goals, is very explicit. In other words, the goals that the Department of Education possesses should be based on, STUDENTS. Meaning that students' goals should be a goal to achieve and that the education system and administration should guide and aid students' to realize their aspirations in their future lives. I believe that these goals will affect myself and peers as I will expect the education system to be more involved in the route to MY and EVERY student's success.</p>
<p>Student centered goals, I believe, are goals that are focused on empowering students in their education through rigorous curriculums that will help them succeed in the future. This will strongly affect my peers in a way that will leave them well equipped for the world they enter after high school. If students are learning to apply the concepts they learn in the classroom to their outside worlds, they will find themselves able to achieve anything they set their minds to.</p>	<p>Student centered goals mean focusing every decision and goal you make on students. This is very beneficial to our schools as it ensures that students will always be at the center of every decision. School is there for the sole purpose of providing the best educational experience for a student. It is important that we keep this in mind when setting out goals and decisions.</p>
<p>It means that for each student, we have in mind the goal we ultimately want to achieve. For my peers this would help them find their way, many students, especially those who are in their junior or senior, are still quite lost as to how they want to approach their future. Helping students to find that core or centered goals, will help them decide to where they are they heading.</p>	<p>Student centered goals are something that I value as a student leader. I do not think there are enough programs within schools that are truly supporting students to succeed to their utmost potential. I believe that making a focus on student centered goals will advance and further highlight student potential. For example, my school student council is also trying to establish more student centered opportunities for success. As a public high school in Hawaii (who is also an outer-island school), we experience few opportunities to achieve highly within our classes if we struggle within them. As a student council, we discussed this issue and plan to run a pilot for a student-ran tutoring program for those struggling in their classes or who need that extra help to boost their grade. We plan to gather data within out pilot to see how this improves student academic success and if it should be fully included within our school education system.</p>
<p>Student centered goals are in itself, student centered. These goals are designed to improve the education experience for students and allow for a wider range of opportunities beyond school</p>	
<p>Student centered goals would be an amazing impact for the individual. Each student in high school has their own perspective and way of learning that need to be assess. If teachers and law makers can understand this, we are stepping closer to a brighter future for Hawaii's education. This will personally impact me as a student and leader in my school. I believe that my fellow peers would love this plan.</p>	

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<p>Student centered goals may create a positive and effective outcome for myself as well as my peers. I think that being able to have an education where you know your goal and the steps to achieve them will help you in the future.</p>	<p>I truly believe this plan will be beneficial for students who haven't had the best experience with public education due to prior strategic plans. The 4 focus shifts within the new plan holds a lot of potential to provide a safer and more impactful environment not just for each students educational growth but for their emotional growth and transitions as well.</p>
<p>I think having student centered goals is important because as students we want to know that the main focus of a school is the excellence of a student not just in the classroom but outside of school and on the field.</p>	<p>What it means to have student centered goals is to have goals that consider not only the students' academic achievements, but their physical, mental, and emotional well-being as well. This can affect me and my peers such that they will feel more listened to and cared for, because they know that school is a place where they can freely express how they feel and who they are because someone is listening. I know a lot of people at school who commit suicide or are depressed because of the workload that they receive, and no one really cares to listen to what they have to say; however, if students are listened to, then maybe they can feel a little bit more enlightened about what they're going through. Some of my suggestions would be to ensure that there is a mental health supervisor or nurse on every campus, checking up on students and not just waiting for students to come to them. Some students won't approach adults because they are afraid, so we would need adults to reach out to the students in order for them to speak up.</p>
<p>To me, student centered goals are ways and means that direct mean to my ultimate success or dream. It is educational and personal goals which one wants to achieve.</p>	
<p>I think that this is a positive thing because it is important for the overall main focus to be helping the students and their needs.</p>	
<p>To me, student centered goals means having plans that are solely focused on providing a better environment and future for the students. If these goals really gained the input of these students to get their thoughts on the process, then it would force students to take an active role in how different policies are made. If they were involved, they'd be more inclined to participate</p>	
<p>Having student-centered goals means to me is that we are revolving the things needed to make students happy, student based. This might affect me and my peers by that we are students and this will directly affect us as we continue our high school education.</p>	<p>To me, to have student centered goals means to have goals that revolve around on student success. It affects my peers and I because we're the students, it's our education that's being discussed. I can only speak for myself, but I'm just glad the goals being set are ones that students generated with the help of the team.</p>
<p>It means a lot to me to have student centered goals, even though I come from a school where most of the teachers, faculty and staff care about the students. My school may not be as affected but other schools around the state where they do not get the same opportunities and care as my peers at my school and I do it will create an amazing change. It could encourage more students to want to come to school and enjoy the curriculum being taught because everything is centered on them.</p>	<p>To have student centered goals is to cater to the students and do things to support them. By letting teachers and/or the administration do things with the students in mind, this can affect my peers and since we are all students ourselves. With the focus on us, and the need to help us succeed is high, we can perhaps have better education opportunities in school, and reach higher heights.</p>
<p>To me student centered goals means to make students the center/ top priority when it comes to education. It's about creating a solid foundation for schools and set them up for success rather than college. Yes, college is a great pathway for many students, however, it is not for everyone.</p>	<p>I think having student centered goals affects me and my peers because it's not only a guide for us on what we need to do and accomplish but its goals are focused on us and for us. Its goals that we can help change the student learning environment in a positive manner.</p>

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<p>I think it is critical that some of the goals of the student body are centered on the aforementioned subjects. By implementing goals that are meaningful to the individuals, there will likely be more motivation for these goals to be met.</p>	<p>Though everything in this section is centered on the students, we must also remember that this doesn't affect just the students themselves. Without teachers, staff, faculty, and other adults in school that can properly and appropriately prepare the students of Hawaii, it will be quite hard for students to succeed. With that being said, student-centered goals should be implemented with the mindset that this is a team effort, and that everyone involved in creating an ideal environment for students to succeed should also be focusing on helping themselves to make sure that they are helping students the right way.</p>
<p>Having student centered goals is that all of the goals are to be made that will affect the students' success. This will affect my peers and I positively because these goals are being made to better our future and the future students that will follow us.</p>	<p>I believe that student centered goals are a necessity. Without them, students do not have a vision of what they are striving to achieve in the future. If student centered goals are to be implemented into the board of education's system, I believe that my peers and I would greatly benefit through the specified focus of where the students are expected to be by the end of the school year.</p>
<p>I think student centered goals is a way to think about the students. Some decisions or actions can affect the student such as construction during class time or just some support. If students know that they are thought about then they may be thankful that there are people who care about their education.</p>	<p>Having student centered goals is important because it helps you become successful when you accomplish those goals. It teaches individuals to work hard and be dedicated. For me, having goals helps me grow as an individual and motivates me to be a better human being.</p>
<p>For me, student centered goals mean that a school is able to assist the student in achieving their academic and post-secondary aspirations. This would affect the public school students of Hawai'i by assuring them that each school will be well equipped and resourced to help them achieve their goals.</p>	<p>Student centered goals to me means that the goal is structured for the benefit of the student. This will therefore help improve the students learning and knowledge in the process.</p>
<p>By having goals centered around us they will be a lot more clear and viable for what is achievable. It will have a significant impact I think because it will benefit us more.</p>	<p>It means a great importance to have student centered goals because we are tomorrow's promising student leaders and this will affect students by giving us opportunities to succeed.</p>

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**What does equity and excellence mean to you and how might this affect you and/or your peers?**

<p>Equity to me means providing the same opportunities to every single student. Every child has the potential to do incredible things. However, what may not stand as a barrier for some may be an obstacle for others. By producing equity and excellence within our education system, no student has to worry about whether or not they "missed" out on any opportunities. With this goal, everyone will have an equal chance to take advantage of whatever lies before them. With equity, all students will succeed, not just some, or a few here and there, but ALL. Equity is taking every single situation into consideration and finding a way to make it work, to produce excellent from both high need students and non-high need students.</p>	<p>Equity and excellence in my point of view is a way for children to receive a personalized type of learning. Teachers can use their resources to help each student strive as best as they are willing to go.</p>
<p>Of all the proposed "shifts" this is the one I am most passionate about. My school (Waialua High) doesn't have endless cash reserves, and in a perfect world we would be replacing text books and funding more extracurricular. However, through HSSC I have met students from schools suffering from a staggering lack of resources and qualified staff. I hope that a focus on "equity and excellence" will level the playing field, or at the very least ensure that every student in Hawaii feels safe and is encouraged to do well.</p>	<p>Equity means that for every student they are given the same and fair education or benefits as to those around them. For me I believe when students are put in the room who are similar to them they are more engaged, they challenge each other, but if they are in a room with students who they know are a more advanced, they stress out and give up. For each person, they should be at their best. That comes from their educators and peers, it is our job to help one another become the best we can be and excel at our passions.</p>
<p>Equity and excellence means that the things we all produce are very well liked by those who we desire to please or beyond that it is for everyone who looks forward to some sort of subject and expect something amazing out of it. This might affect my peers, by that if we are going to have student-centered goals, equity and excellence play a key role in pleasing the students which we are today.</p>	<p>Because not every student learns the same it is a great idea to push equity AND excellence. For students who are not meeting standards that are set for all students it is hard for them to keep up or even be on the same page as students who already meet the standards or exceed them. And for the students who meet or exceed the standards, holding them back because not all of the students are on the same page does not help them to grow. Giving all the students the same attention is not enough to help them all succeed which is why giving each student the help that they individually need extremely important.</p>
<p>To me, equity and excellence means to have the resources to excel/reach a goal or vision one has set. I believe that all students should be provided with in depth one on one time with a counselor or mentor to help guide them and encourage them for success.</p>	<p>Equity and excellence are a combination where myself and fellow peers are able to strive for something. In education, the ultimate goal is success and with that comes failure and learning. Both equity and excellence come into play as we go through the process of life.</p> <p>Equity and excellence to me means that everything that is implemented into a system is for the betterment of whoever is in the system.</p>
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<p>When it comes to excellent equity amongst all students in the public school system in Hawaii, I imagine something where everyone is given equal opportunities, regardless of financial background, racial background, etc., to be able to</p>	<p>Equity and excellence is basically saying that everyone will be equally excellent or successful. This will affect the students of Hawaii positively because the background of the student should not matter since everyone will be equal.</p>

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<p>succeed in both school and life after school. With that being said, this affects everyone as we are all given equal opportunities that doesn't require any means of sacrifice but our dedication and efforts to take these opportunities.</p>	<p>What this means to me is that they will take into consideration what has been done in the past and making it a new and improved; being resourceful.</p>
<p>Equity and Excellence to me means that each and every person has the same chance and or opportunity as everyone else to succeed and have the chance to showcase their skills within the classroom. I feel this can positively affect many schools because some students feel that they don't have the same opportunities presented to them that others have. And I feel if we give each and every person that equal fighting chance to succeed schools will see a big difference.</p>	<p>To break it down into two separate things, equity makes me think of equality. Equity, I feel, means when there is an equal amount of opportunities and resources available to everyone within the school. Excellence means to strive for the best, and always give your all to certain tasks. It's especially important to me, since in my school, we focus on two words: average, and excellence. My principal likes to tell us to strive for excellence and to go above and beyond the "average." Seeing as how it's already somewhat related to my high school, this already affects me to some extent. Also, education is something that should be open to everyone, no matter the differences we may have, and so this can be a great entryway for those who have been treated poorly.</p>
<p>Equity and Excellence to me means that every school has the same amount of access to resources and funds to help the school flourish. By providing more resources and funds, each student will have equal opportunity.</p>	<p>Equity and excellence is very much important to me because I believe that every student should receive an equal education and opportunities. The excellence of the students are dependent on the amenities provided by the school.</p>
<p>Equity and excellence to me means that it'll give students in Hawaii a chance to have services that can truly help them with their education – not only to help students from Hawaii, but this plan can help anyone who need more support than others. This can actually help boost their achievement because we want everyone to have a fair chance of achieving their goals. Since there is a lot of diversity Hawaii, there are many people come from other countries who struggle with English. With equity and excellence if there is a way where these students can get good support from people who can help them with it.</p>	<p>To me, Equity and excellence in education means that all students should receive the education that they want to receive. One will learn if he or she is willing to learn and grow from that knowledge. Though it is important to offer education for everyone.</p>
<p>To me it means to withhold such a standard that we will strive for excellence and be fair and just. By doing this students will feel more intuitive with their learning.</p>	<p>Equity and excellence connote equal establishment of resources and aid that are allowed for all students. Meaning that, students of any socioeconomic, demographic, and racial background should have the right to attain varieties of resources that'll lead them to excel. Thus, I feel like this particular shift will mitigate my peers and I's reluctance towards the functionality of the education and what their priorities are. I believe the equity and excellence should be properly considered.</p>
<p>To me, equity and excellence means how it benefits you or your community (or both) as well as excellence meaning becoming successful, this affects peers by wanting to achieve their goals.</p>	
<p>It means fair access of every resource that will aid in improving each students educational journey.</p>	
<p>Equity and excellence means that every student will get what they need in order to succeed. This will immensely benefit our schools as students work at different levels. Some may need more support than others. It is important that staff realize that giving every student what they need to succeed will benefit the school and the education system.</p>	<p>Equity to me means fairness for everyone; that everyone gets the same shot and there isn't an unfair disadvantage for anyone. This would allow students who are struggling in other aspects of their life to get the support they need to be at the same level as everyone else. To ensure that every student has a fair shot at life</p>

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<p>I believe the equity and excellence means that all students have opportunities to succeed, thrive, and be excellent. If students have the opportunity to be a part of something impactful, they will have a more likely chance of being excellent. In my previous answer including my school's student-ran tutoring program, I believe that giving students this opportunity to improve themselves academically and to also prepare themselves for higher education, they will have a higher chance of being successful after high school and beyond.</p>	<p>Equity and excellence means giving everyone the ability to be on the same level. Sorry to be quite brash, but a lot of current problems are because of equity. Support programs at school that help struggling students succeed is a form of positive reinforcement: because they continue to do poor in school, they will receive support, and it's something that will extend onto their adult lives in cases of food stamps, etc... What needs to happen is equality and excellence. Simply I believe it's more fair this way, by giving everyone the same opportunities, no one can complain that, "Oh so and so is getting more help, Oh so and so just does it for the attention" You know what I mean? I'm just saying that because with equity, the lower students get focused on, the average and higher students get put on back burner because of their peers' lack of motivation to do it themselves and try harder.</p>
<p>Quality of excellence is the standards that we are held to. This would particularly pertain to a rubric for an assignment. By setting a higher quality of excellence, we can improve the overall learning and standards of the individuals.</p>	

<p>What equity and excellence means to me is that every student, and every child should get the opportunity to excel at what they are passionate about, and not just excel at things that they don't enjoy. For example, they should be able to have a well-rounded education, while still be able to emphasize on their strengths and what they are driven to do in life. To elaborate, if a student enjoys music, they should be able to have the opportunity to take all the core courses, but at the same time given the opportunity to expand on their passion for music with music classes that may interest them. Every child should have the right to succeed, no matter who they are or where they come from.</p>	<p>Equity and excellence means that every student as the opportunity to succeed. This affects students by engaging us in our future and investing in future successes.</p>
	<p>To me, equity and excellence means providing an equal opportunity to every student to gain a proper education no matter who they are or what their background is. Every student is different. No one comes from the same place and not necessarily everyone has the same drive when it comes to academics. Striving towards providing an excellent service for these people would promote college and career readiness.</p>

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<p>In my elementary school we learned about the Hawaiian Monarchy, and we have a required semester of Hawaiian history at my high school. However I feel it would be interesting to go beyond this. I would love for our school system to immerse us in Hawaiian cultural values especially as they related to the protection and enjoyment of the land. To me this means field trips to Hawaiian cultural sites, an introduction to the Hawaiian language, and a discussion of the concerns of modern Native Hawaiians (i.e the sovereignty movement and the fact that natives face higher rates of poverty, homelessness and imprisonment than non-natives).</p>	<p>To include Hawaiian values would be a "fitting of the shoe," because this plan is absorbing the environment in where people could teach. Using mountains, hiking, and forests to show what makes Hawaii important to us. The Hawaiian values can help nurture our educational values as well. This would affect me because I love to hike and get outdoors instead of being in a room all day. My friends and peers would enjoy this plan.</p>
<p>Including Hawaiian values in public education, I believe, means to teach our students about the foundation in which has been built in order for us to receive the education we have today. Living in Hawaii, there is a unique culture here in which we all have been raised with, regardless of your ethnicity. Some may know it as the "aloha spirit," but for us, it is a way of life. It is this exact culture that has brought the people of Hawaii together as one. By incorporating these Hawaiian values into our education, I think, will instill within our students important morals and values that will help them grow and develop personally and spiritually. The education system will not only be investing in our students academically, but also mentally and emotionally. Because of that, we are ensuring that our students of Hawaii will move mountains wherever they may go.</p>	<p>Including Hawaiian values in public education means to educate students and visitors as to how the Hawaiian customs work. We gain many students from around the world, and they never know the truth behind the island home. Giving a historical background and modern news, has students develop a respect. They know how to treat the island with care and how to carefully understand the Hawaiian customs.</p> <p>Since we live in Hawaii, I feel that it is important to include Hawaiian values throughout the public school education system. It will help create understanding for many students and myself to be knowledgeable about the Hawaiian culture. It could also help create a better school environment when learning these values.</p>
<p>Including Hawaiian values is actually really important. We already have some Hawaiian values in our classrooms that we abide by but it's good to have more connection with our students and the Hawaiian culture.</p>	<p>Coming from a student who is full Japanese I never fully understood the need for having Hawaiian values taught in public education. Especially because I plan to attend a mainland college, the courses that I previously took to graduate from a Hawaii public school are not needed or sometimes don't even count for some of the colleges that I have applied to. But even with this it is learning the values and ideas of the Hawaiian ancestry that is still important. It took me a very long time to understand how important it is to include and push Hawaiian values in public education. It may be a good idea to explain the importance of why</p>
<p>What it means to include Hawaiian values in Hawaii's public education is that is super important for all the students of Hawaii to understand the culture and environment they are currently standing on. This may affect me and my peers by that we will have Hawaiian values as a part of our education and that is perfectly fine in my opinion.</p>	

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<p>For me it means to show Aloha to everyone inside and outside schools. We need to not only stress the educations of students, but also the attitudes of students. Every student should be respectful in the way that the Hawaiian culture has taught us for many years.</p>	<p>students in the public school system in Hawaii have to learn and take these courses in order to graduate because they may not know why they are required to take these classes that they believe will not help in their future. Emphasizing the importance of the values and culture is significant.</p>
<p>Having Hawaiian values in public education is having the aloha spirit amongst our school campuses, the aloha and warmth spirit that you cannot find outside of the Hawaiian Islands.</p>	<p>As long as the inclusion of Hawaiian values into public education is not much, I think this is a great idea to teach the students of Hawaii about where they live and the values that the Hawaiian culture has.</p>
<p>As someone of Hawaiian blood, if you're in Hawaii, a place that has so much culture, implementing these values are important. Hawaii is different and unique and I feel like the mana that is present here should be taught about and recognized. This implementation is what will make us better and more effective than other systems because of that mana that is shared.</p>	<p>To include Hawaiian values in public education is a little confusing to me. When I think of Hawaiian values, I think of being polite and referring to things the way the land and culture does. I, myself, am not very knowledgeable on this topic, but perhaps by implementing this in the system, we can have a closer bond the land we live in, and also gain a respect for it that is slowly depleting due to the lack of awareness.</p>
<p>To me I'm overwhelmed with joy that we will include the Hawaiian values to public education. I feel this way because recently I have seen many schools, students, and teachers forget about our values that we has Hawaiian's so proudly lived and flourished by. And I feel when implement the Hawaiian values in schools it will have a bigger impact on students to want to know more about the culture, about their heritage and to seek more knowledge in that area. I also feel we can hold students accountable to upholding these values while in school and I feel if we do we will have a more respectable, safe, and conducive learning environment for all.</p>	<p>This means that we will still include the Hawaiian language in documents and that the history of Hawai'i will be taught in some way at the schools. This will help my peers appreciate the culture and heritage our state has to offer and also value the Hawaiian language which only few know.</p> <p>In Hawaii, there is a lot of diversity. People who come here from the mainland can see the differences in the two places. Including Hawaiian values in public education can affect my peers and I by having a voice in the students of Hawaii. Every place has different struggles and having this plan can actually help our students with improving their education and achievement.</p>
<p>By including Hawaiian values in my public education I am able to connect culture and education. As we all do live here in the Hawaiian Islands, its people and students should learn its values and customs. Even if some may not agree with them, I feel that is the respectable thing to do because Hawaii is diversified and came from a long line of history and customs.</p>	<p>Including Hawaiian values in public education is extremely important living here in Hawaii and I am surprised that it has not been thought of to incorporate these teachings into Hawaii's education system sooner. All students who attend a public school in Hawaii should know the background and morals of the Hawaiian culture despite their personal cultures.</p>
<p>Including Hawaiian values in public education is something that I think is great for a school to use to teach students about respect and how to treat each other.</p>	<p>I think it's vital to include Hawaiian values in public education because culture forms many of our personal values and learning about it will broaden our perspective.</p>
<p>Including Hawaiian values in public education would make our system even more unique. Since students are so familiar with these values, it would make the process of teaching so much easier because they have a connection with it.</p>	

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<p>Including Hawaiian values in public education is important because it is good to have knowledge about where you live, and the culture behind our state. It's a shame to see so many students in Hawai'i who have no knowledge about the history of our land. It's important to have field trips that teach students about the Hawaiian culture so that students are able to have a real life experience.</p>	<p>It means a lot in fact. By living in a Hawaii, I think we are entitled to have Hawaiian values in public education. There are a handful of students who would think the same as I do.</p> <p>It will solidify a cultural identity and provide another pillar of support that is more often than not ignored.</p>
<p>It is important to keep traditional Hawaiian values in the school system. Hawaii is rich with culture and it is important that these things are taught to the next generation so that the history isn't lost. In addition, values such as Pono, and Malama ka Aina are great ways to solve real world problems. By implementing these things we are teaching the youth to become more responsible for themselves and their surroundings.</p>	<p>Hawaiian value are a big deal, many students feel under-represented because they are Hawaiian and most times are seen as not being smart enough to do certain things, but I believe that if you were to incorporate more Hawaiian values in the school system, those students will adopt the courage to move forward and reach their goals.</p>
<p>Hawaiian values in education, are universal values that can be seen in any culture, any area. Values, to me, are morals and concepts that we should live by, therefore, I do agree with the diffusion of the Hawaiian culture in Hawaii schools.</p>	<p>Including Hawaiian Values in the public schools of Hawaii is a no-brainer, it should be required for students, be it native Hawaiian or not, to understand what makes Hawaii a big community. These values can have even bigger implications if they're taken back to the mainland.</p>
<p>What it means for me to include Hawaiian values in public education is that the community and the school environment would become so firmly rooted in the spirit of aloha that everyone on campus and in the community feels safe. This could affect my peers such that they are able to talk to someone and be empathized with, or say hi to someone in the hallway and not be ignored, or approach a teacher and ask for help without feeling intimidated. There are a lot of people, students, faculty, and administration, who do not feel the need to welcome and accept all students &amp; each other equally and fairly, which makes the students feel like no one cares about them. Since we live in Hawaii, it is our role to not only be kind to the tourists, but also to be kind to one another. If the students feel supported, they will feel encouraged to keep waking up in the morning looking forward going to school because they know that they matter to the community. Sharing the aloha spirit will increase the positive group dynamic around school and throughout the educational system.</p>	<p>I can assume it means to incorporate more Hawaiian learning habits, and history, into our education. It would give the students an idea more of where they live, and how their ancestors lived here. It's intriguing, I can imagine each class incorporating elements of the Hawaiian culture into their curriculum.</p> <p>Hawaiian values are an important concept within my school. As a state we are required to take Modern Hawaiian History, but as a school we are trying to do more. My school is trying to incorporate Hawaiian values within our classes through the Ha values. I think this provides a connection between our education and Hawaiian values.</p> <p>Including Hawaiian values means incorporating the Hawaiian culture and social beliefs into the education system. This will help students better interact in the society they live in and become more "well rounded" in a unique culture that is really a special thing when they leave the islands.</p>

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What do you think about the expanded efforts to engage students and the public in the Strategic Plan process and how might this affect you and/or your peers?

<p>I absolutely love the job you have done on this front! I am new to student leadership, but from what I understand this level of outreach to student groups is unprecedented. I hope it proves valuable in terms of results and I want you to know that it is appreciated!</p>	<p>The Strategic Plan will impact students the most so I think that the opportunity to be able to get a say in what happens is really important. Many times students opinions are looked over in the decision making process, which isn't fair because they have no say but unfortunately these things are set in place. Students like having a say in what happens to them and it makes them feel like they have a voice and they're hopefully doing a good thing that will benefit future students.</p>
<p>This is important to be able to get all perspectives and feedback about the strategic Plan. With the public input, the strategic plan can be improved to create a more efficient, and individualized center of learning to each student.</p>	
<p>I am beyond grateful for the expanded efforts to engage students and the public in the Strategic Plan process. It is essential that students' voices, as well as the public's, are being heard, for what is produced in the Strategic Plan affects them. By having a voice, students have a say in their education. They are taking responsibility of their futures. This strongly affects myself and my peers because whatever decisions are made in this plan is what we will be abiding by. From a student's perspective, I care very much about what happens to my peers and I, and I want to make sure that we are succeeding together.</p>	<p>Though it still would take me much longer to have a full grasp on what this Strategic Plan is about and how this will impact students in public schools in Hawaii, I do appreciate and am thankful for the Hawaii DOE having concerns and taking action towards helping students and teachers and Hawaii's education improve. I can tell that a lot of work has been put into thinking about what needs to be done to improve the education system of Hawaii, and I think that this Strategic Plan will help improve that.</p>
<p>Engaging students and the public in the strategic plan, helps students to widen their knowledge. The plan helps students learn more than just by books. The more knowledge each one of us obtains, the greater percentage we can get students to graduate. The project not only helps students reach graduation but also encourages them to want to graduate.</p>	<p>To engage students to participate in the strategic plan process is necessary in making our educational system more unique and suitable to Hawaii's youth. The public should also have a voice on this because the youth is our future and parents have to take part in it. This will affect me and my peers because we are open to adopt new techniques that will help our school and community.</p>
<p>Engaging students is always hard, I understand this because I am a student government member. But if the idea of expanding the efforts in order to engage more students and the public is started before students get into high school it might change the students' mindset. Students often do what the crowd is doing, if a group of students do something more people may be inclined to do the same. It's kind of how teenagers work. But if more groups of students are engaged and not just the students that normally do things that they do not have to do then there might be more students who want to participate. It really falls back on the teacher and how they engage and interact with the</p>	<p>What I think about the expanded efforts to engage students is that it is great to get a certain amount of students engaged but we need to get all of the students engaged. This might affect me and my peers by that more and more students will learn to be engaged in their student activities or throughout their school and community.</p> <p>I think it is very crucial to not only reach out to students but also teachers. There's nothing more valuable than getting information from people who experience it firsthand. This is something that needs to be done more when it comes to big decisions like these that affect many of us.</p>

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<p>students. If the teachers show that they enjoy what they teach and want to help the students, students are more inclined to want to participate and engage with the teacher back.</p>	<p>I think the expanded efforts to engage students with this Strategic Plan is great because we are getting student input. Which is quite needed because this strategic plan is for the students.</p>
<p>The voice of the students are stronger than anything. Their input and what they say matter and for it to be hear and actually a big part of the process shows how much the plan has grown to become better for the future of Hawaii. This will be better knowing that out voices have been hear and will create a more positive outlook into the community.</p>	<p>I very much appreciate taking in the input of students for the Strategic plan and even having student success as one of the goals. I think by having more students involved they will be encouraged to make more changes to the educational system and have a greater sense of care for their education.</p>
<p>I think it's great that we're always trying to improve our education. Education affects everyone, and so everyone should be informed about what the future will look like, either for their children or family members. By expanding on communications and thoughts on this matter, we can gain a better perspective on education and how to approach it, and also how to make it better than it already is. Having more input is helpful, and of course, widen our view of this plan.</p>	<p>I think the expanded efforts to engage students and the public in the Strategic Plan shows credibility of the subject. By reaching out, people are able to give their opinions and suggestions on improvement in our education system. These opinions are necessary because the students will be the ones who are affected by it.</p>
<p>I think this is a very good idea to have more students be engaged in the Strategic plan. I feel if we do this we will have more student voice about certain things and have them create environments where "Student Centered Goals" can thrive in. I feel if we give them the chance and opportunity to really engage in this planning that they will make if not the best most reasonable changes that can affect schools in a positive manner that can only moves forward in the right direction.</p>	<p>The expanded efforts to engage students and the public in the Strategic Plan process is really good to get input from others. Also, that was a good way to expose people to this plan to see what kind of input they may have whether they have suggestions or comments about it.</p>
<p>The Strategic Plan is a much needed improvement to the current education system and provides a more focused plan than those preceding it. With this being said, I believe that it is to the utmost certainty that the expanded efforts to engage students and public in the Strategic Plan process is key in getting it approved and implemented into Hawaii's education system. I believe that my peers and I will greatly benefit from the Strategic plan because it works to improve/concentrate on the students' needs.</p>	<p>The expanded efforts to engage students is an excellent idea. Many complain without ever doing everything. Garnering student input and giving them an option to share their voice towards things that affect them on a personal level, is the best way to improve the plan. As it was aforementioned, if students feel that they are a part of something big, they'll be more interactive with it and hold great importance to it.</p>
<p>Engaging students and the public in the Strategic Plan process is a good idea because students are the ones attending school. Not the Board of Education. Only the students that currently attend school know what it's like in the current school system, therefore they should have a say in the Strategic Plan process that affects their education. Students should have a say in what are pros and cons in the Strategic Plan, and should use their voice in order to improve and make changes to the strategic plan. No offense, but the Board of Education isn't affected by the</p>	<p>I think that it's great to expand into the eyes of the students because the broader the spectrum of results, the better they are in terms of diversity. Therefore you can incorporate more thought into the final statement. In the end it is for the students.</p>
	<p>I think the expanded efforts are giving students voice and helping us engage in our future. This affects us in allowing input from a variety of viewpoints that serve for a common goal.</p>

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<p>strategic plan, the students are. In order to create a successful and likable strategic plan, it is important to incorporate the ideas of students from all grade levels.</p>	<p>The expanded efforts are great. I get that you guys want to get everyone's input in. But when you have too much input many can get confused and may have more bias included.</p>
<p>Student involvement is a big part of educational success, if we were to engage more students in learning environments, than we would be able to send more kids out into the world to pursue their dreams.</p>	<p>One key things I saw in the plan was the increase of teacher-positions filled. This is important because a good teacher can play a tremendous role in a student's life.</p>
<p>The expanded efforts of the DOE to really engage and incorporate student voice has been one of the reasons why this Strategic Plan is getting so much attention. Everyone is hearing about it. This publicity is a way of knowing that the DOE is truly part of our community and the decisions are made with us and not behind closed doors.</p>	<p>Yes! Students and the community should be engaged in this Strategic Plan, as it is being created for US. We should be involved in this journey to improving our communities and education.</p>
<p>Engaging the community in the drafting of the strategic plan was extremely helpful. It allowed educators, students, community leaders, and many other people to take part and express what they believe would be beneficial for our youth. Incorporating these many ideas created what I believe is a well-rounded plan that covers many detailed aspects of education in Hawaii.</p>	<p>I think that these expanded values are very valuable. I fully agree and understand the impact of student centered goals as well as equity and excellence. However, my school has few Hawaiian culture/values connections and struggles to bring these values within our education on a regular basis. I think that including this within the expanded efforts will bring a lot more Hawaiian values within our public schools.</p>
<p>I am really excited about the expanded efforts to engage students and the public in the Strategic Plan process. I am excited because students and the public feel like they are being listened to, and if there are holes or mistakes made in the plan, all of us can be held accountable. The students and the public feel empowered by the change, because they have been waiting for this change for a long time. All of these voices that come together are a culmination of all of the thoughts that ran through their head since NCLB. Through creating our own curriculum and Strategic Plan, we are able to come together as a state to create a more promising future for Hawaii's students, for they are our future -- they will be adults one day, and they will be the ones who will take care of those who took care of them. If we take care of the students now, they will know how powerful their voice is when it comes to things like these in the future.</p>	<p>The way we've been engaged by the SP team is remarkable, they've gone above and beyond in contacting schools, and actually getting student input. The way it affects me and my peers is that it makes it relevant, it's put in terms that we can relate to, someone actually there saying things and explaining! For example, even though we read Shakespeare in English, we often need help understanding what he actually is trying to say because it's put in terms we don't see that often, so our teacher helps us. With this Strategic plan it's the same way, we didn't understand it from the get-go, but after having the team come and talk to us helped... A LOT!!!</p> <p>I believe any of the efforts gone into the details of this plan will be appreciated because with an explicit strategic plan comes higher chances of smoother application; The fact that students have a say in their education now should encourage them to take a stand for their futures later in life.</p>