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## HOUSE CONCURRENT 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 2019-2020 school year, forty-seven percent of public-school  
10 students were considered economically challenged and 84,993  
11 students qualified for the Department's free and reduced-price  
12 lunch program; and

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14           WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic will likely increase the  
15 number of students considered economically challenged and has  
16 contributed to significant learning loss due to limited in-  
17 person instruction; and

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19           WHEREAS, community schools provide comprehensive programs  
20 and services to meet the unique needs of students and families,  
21 such as a lack of stable housing, inadequate medical and dental  
22 care, persistent hunger, trauma, and exposure to violence; and

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24           WHEREAS, according to a report from the Learning Policy  
25 Institute, the four key pillars of a community-schools approach  
26 to education are integrated student supports, expanded and  
27 enriched learning time and opportunities, active family  
28 engagement, and collaborative leadership; and



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1 WHEREAS, according to the national Coalition for Community  
2 Schools, best practice shows that having a dedicated, full-time  
3 Community School Coordinator who facilitates the alignment of  
4 school, family, and community resources is a core element of a  
5 successful community school; and

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7 WHEREAS, the community school strategy aligns with the  
8 Department of Education's Na Hopena Ao Framework, strengthening  
9 the sense of belonging, responsibility, excellence, aloha, total  
10 well-being; and

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12 WHEREAS, practices embodied in community schools promote  
13 conditions found in high-quality schools nationwide, especially  
14 with regard to overcoming out-of-school barriers to learning;  
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17 WHEREAS, research shows that community-school interventions  
18 can result in improvements to a variety of student outcomes,  
19 including attendance, academic achievement, and graduation  
20 rates; and

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22 WHEREAS, federal funding sources such as Title I, Part A,  
23 Full Service Community Schools, and the Nita M. Lowey 21st  
24 Century Community Learning Centers can be used to implement  
25 community schools through the Every Student Succeeds Act, under  
26 which the community-schools model of school support qualifies as  
27 an evidence-based strategy for assisting schools identified for  
28 comprehensive and targeted support and intervention; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Consolidated State Plan under the Every  
31 Student Succeeds Act includes community schools as a  
32 research-based strategy for school improvement that emphasizes  
33 high-quality teaching, culturally relevant curricula, wraparound  
34 student supports, positive disciplinary practices and  
35 restorative justice, parent and community engagement, and  
36 inclusive school leadership; now, therefore,

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38 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
39 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
40 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the Board of Education and  
41 Department of Education are urged to support and implement  
42 community schools as an equity strategy for increasing access to



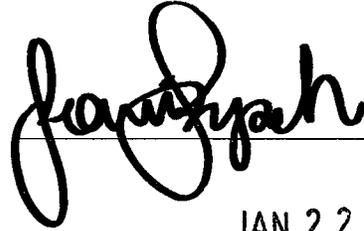
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1 a high-quality education and addressing COVID-19 learning loss;  
2 and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
4 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant  
5 Governor, Chairperson of the Board of Education, and  
6 Superintendent of Education.

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