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I don't understand why everything in Hawai'i has to be so complicated. When I lived in Puerto Rico, families of students provided food for each class through a community effort where some families donated what they grew or made on their farm, and other families took turns volunteering. All elementary level art was done from recycled household stuff. Rarely did we have anything new.

In Jamaica, the people are too poor to afford the luxury that American mindsets demand. But the communities keep the school at the top of their priority list and work together to get what the schools need.

In Florida, it is a Republican State, and I have a *lot of bad* things to say about Florida. But, as with every Republican community, schools are top notch and do you want to know why? Because Democratic leaders want to suck as much taxes as they can from people, then apply for all of the free money from the Fed, and give it all away to ideas that either cost a million dollars to prove efficient, or just give it away to the next good idea that comes by. Regarding that tax money, in a Republican system, the community pays less taxes and gives more philanthropic contributions to its own community. Tax write offs document that behavior trend. <<<That is why their communities are so rich. But in a Democratic community, leaders capitalize on the phrase "They don't know" and continue to spin circles spending millions of dollars, going nowhere, in the name of economic survival. Nobody learns how to grow their own food, thy just take a day off of work to stand in the food bank line. The way our State has historically been led in the last century is the exact reason why morality and ambition in Hawai'i have become endangered behavioral species. Our legislative leadership created that society. For this reason, we need actual Hawaiian leadership that was mastered for living in an archipelago. The current system is based off of living on an industrial continent and neglects the residents for the purpose of appeasing tourism and military. What has the Legislative leadership done for the people since 1959? You can take this as a blow to your ego, or you can recognize that this has been a subconscious behavior for a long tme, as the Territory and Republic of Hawai'i knew that they were minorities and knew that they were mistreating both Kanaka Maoli and Migrant farmers - who were the majority of the population. This is what made the illegal creation of Statehood so important. This was why the Ku'e Petitions were hidden for 100 years. This is why the Voicie of the People is still suppressed in Hawai'i - because that was how legislature was able to shut the people up with a handout, while raking in that money through military and tourism. And the corrupt politicians throughout history, personally benefitted from that. Later, good people run for office and just like police officers, think they are there to make

change. But the good people are being threatened, coerced, and forced to conform to this system - without ever being told the history of why things are the way they are - and here we are today..... Trying to fix it for our children.

In Philadelphia, my high school is a public school, and the fundraisers that we had in our school hallway - ongoing, provided enough money to renovate the massive school, to build a telescope and observatory on top of the school, to build a new gymnasium annex, and our alumni just finished paying for the new creative media arts studio center that is currently being built.

Alumni from before my time established a school store - where students could buy all of their school supplies from at discount rates, where we could get our gym clothes, sports equipment for the school teams, and alumni merchandise. Students practice entrepreneurship in the school store, and 100% of the proceeds financed all things student-related: the upgrades we were committed to, props for our productions, supplies for our costlier classes, and material for our language department. We have annual fundraisers that operate worldwide, such as a Pelaton Fitness Team, who get sponsors for their distance workouts, and nature runs, where we record ourselves taking a 5k nature walk and share it on a platform. Sponsors - mostly other students, pay for that. It maintains our cohesiveness as students, as graduating classes, in school pride, and all of us live in separate places around the world while my high school celebrates being one of the #1 high schools in the nation since 1836. Are you telling me that it is impossible to do here in Hawai'i? There has to be some special kinds of corruption in our legislature and BOE, if this is impossible to do here. Perhaps it is also because 100% of all other states is not controlled by a single frame of mind. It seems like 100% of the people in Hawai'i are more worried about ego and privilege, than they are about how to get things done. I find that lackluster approach, acting confused, and trying to fit in with one another is a bigger priority here than actually solving problems and moving forward, I can help navigate professional through the steps, as I was very instrumental in many of the fundraisers that are ongoing today, that students benefit from in my school - long after I'm gone from it. It is really easy, once we put down the excuses and former political corruption that made things impossible.