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## Alliance for Native Hawaiian Education

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Ka Waihona o ka Na'auao  
Wai'anae, O'ahu

Aloha mai,

Kamaile Academy  
Wai'anae, O'ahu

Nā Lei Na'auao – Alliance for Native Hawaiian Education (NLN) was founded in 2000 by Native Hawaiian educators, parents and community members from throughout the Pacific archipelago. NLN's mission is to establish, implement, and continuously strengthen models of education throughout the Hawaiian islands and beyond, which are community-designed and –controlled and reflect, respect and embrace 'ōlelo Hawai'i, 'ike Hawai'i, and Hawaiian cultural values, philosophies and its practices.

Kanu o ka 'Āina  
Waimea, Hawai'i

KanuikaPono  
Anahola, Kaua'i

Currently, there are thirty-four public charter schools in the State of Hawai'i, seventeen of which are Hawaiian-Focused. Each NLN school is unique, rooted in its place and shaped by its community resources. Yet, all schools are united through a common practice of *EA-Education with Aloha®*, developed collectively over the past seventeen years. *EA-Education with Aloha®* balances culturally-driven approaches with the latest in educational technology. Grounded in the wisdom and values of our ancestors, *EA-Education with Aloha®* strives for an atmosphere of care and congeniality permeating throughout the entire learning 'ohana. In addition, curriculum, instruction and assessment are tailored to native learning styles and multiple-intelligence featuring interdisciplinary and interactive education, hands-on activities, project- and place-based learning and multi-age groupings.

Ke Ana La'ahana  
keaukaha, hawaii'i

Ke Kula Niihau 'o Kekaha  
Kekaha, Kaua'i

Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'opu'u  
Kea'au, Hawai'i

Ke Kula 'o Samuel M. Kamakau  
Kāne'ohe, O'ahu

Kua o ka Lā  
Pāhoa, Hawai'i

Aligning with worldwide Indigenous educational reform efforts, NLN is using the national charter school movement as a vehicle to provide viable choices in education at the community level. The success of *EA-Education with Aloha®* is an indicator that Hawaiians can design, implement and evaluate quality models of education and that public school children in Hawai'i, should be given an option to also choose Hawaiian-focused ways of education. Furthermore through public and private partnerships and sharing of resources, we can develop a parallel system of education that is culturally-driven, family-oriented and community-based.

Kualapu'u Elementary  
Kualapu'u, Molokai

Kula Aupuni Niihau A Kahelelani  
Aloha  
Makaweli, Kaua'i

Mālama Hōnua  
Waimānalo, O'ahu

Waimea middle  
Waimea, hawaii'i

We would like to support the efforts of the Sustainable Hawai'i Youth Initiative (SHYLI) to develop free resources for Hawai'i's public school educators to integrate into a Sustainability Resolution project, into its education curriculum. The project will positively engage community towards a collective sustainable future!

Thank you very much for your consideration and support!

Mahalo hou,

Keoluani P. L. P.