

Non- academic Measure of Success

As a measure of credibility and integrity, the founding fathers of charter schools in Hawaii, wrote into the original Detailed Implementation Plan the requirement of an annual external audit of school finances. Over the years, the annual requirement has been validated and mandated by the Hawaii State Legislature as a major measure of operational success for Hawaii Charter schools.

It should be understood that charter schools in Hawaii have faced major resistance from inception and the annual state allocation of funds per student is approximately half of what the traditional schools receive and, charters must fund their facility independent off the Department of Education.

Consequently, it is imperative that our funding be managed correctly and funds used to their maximum benefit as we continue to offer a unique education, the **Kihei Charter School Experience**. As a charter school, we accept the public trust, thus, we have an obligation to do our best to provide an educational program that produces qualified, capable graduates worthy of the effort put forth by the Hawaii charter school movement.

Kihei Charter School has worked with an external auditor and they have been very thorough and fair in their analysis of our financial services. The most recent audit performed in late August was once again successful due to our internal controls.

We are very proud of our Board of Governance, the school Leadership Team, and the faculty and staff who work every day to raise the bar on a KCS education, while doing so with limited financial resources.

We are proud to be an industry leader in charter school finance and creative use of financial resources.

Cheryl Zarro and the KCS Leadership Team



Head of School Wisdom: Judge you success by what you had to give up in order to get it.